

St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

1290 – 5th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday-Tuesday-Thursday (closed Federal Holidays)

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Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 12:10 p.m. (followed by Holy Rosary)

First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

Weekend Mass: (Saturday) Sunday Vigil 4:15 p.m., Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

November 23, 2025

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Jesus as King and Savior in his crucifixion

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day
(see Mass time change, page 2)



Prayer Before Liturgy

Dear Father in heaven, I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you. Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion.

Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

The Mission of St. John of God Church

Following the dedication of Saint John of God to healthcare workers caring for the poor and the sick, we walk the same path to minister to patients and their families, hospital staff and faculty in the UC San Francisco Medical Center to help meet Jesus Christ through our actions, charity, transparency, social justice, and inclusiveness.

Today's Readings:

First Reading – David is anointed king. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

Psalms – [Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.](#)

(Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5)

Second Reading – He transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

(Colossians 1:12-20)

Gospel – Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

(Luke 23:35-43)

Background on today's Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

Today marks the end of the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel reveals Jesus as King and Savior in his crucifixion. *Luke's Gospel is full of reversals:* the poor are blessed, sinners are saved, and God's Kingdom is present among us. The inscription above Jesus on the cross, meant as mockery, actually declares a profound truth. While many doubted, one thief recognized Jesus as Messiah and was saved. Jesus' kingship is unexpected and often hidden, but faith allows us to see him as our true King and Savior.

(Adapted from LoyolaPress-Sunday Connection)

ATTENTION: Special prayers and Mass Time Change

November 23rd, Sunday, 11:15 a.m. – Please join us at the courtyard for a prayer service as we burn all pages of prayers in the Book of the Sick, symbolizing the raising of all written prayers to our Loving Father.

November 27th, Thursday - Thanksgiving Day – Mass at 10:00 a.m. with festive music. **There will be no 12:10 p.m. Mass this day.**

A Prayer for Thanksgiving: Loving God, we turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts. For each gift: we are grateful, we are blessed, we are opened to the abundance of your love. May this day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us. We praise you. We rejoice in you. We give you thanks. Amen.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

Marriage/weddings (requires six months preparation for in-church ceremony.)

Funerals

An Invitation

Come reconcile with our Compassionate loving God and experience His mercy and joy. No sin is new to Him. Ask the celebrant or call the Parish Office to make an appointment.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion, or joining the Catholic Church. Please call or send an email to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Debbie Feliz at 415-819-9093, dafeliz50@gmail.com or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 sjogmusic@aol.com.

Welcome to St. John of God Church



Welcome to those who may be visiting with us. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community. Please join us for refreshments after Sunday 9:30 or 11:30 Mass.

Ways to Donate to SJOG Church

1. Monetary offerings during Mass.
2. Electronic transfer (convenient way to make a one-time or recurring donation) via:
<https://www.sjog.net/donate>.
3. Scan the QR image below with a mobile/smart phone.



Either #2 or #3 will open the Vanco SJOG donation page. If you have questions, please send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

2025 Archbishop Annual Appeal

We are nearing the end of this year and hoping to bring closer to shore our goal for the Annual Appeal. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others

November is dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory for their release into Heaven. We continue to remember and pray for our beloved family and friends that were called home to the Lord this past year.

Mary Calica
Ann Castiglione
Ken Grady
Ed Malcolm
Mike Marty
Stephanie Mischak Lyons
Rose O'Leary

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

For these intentions we pray:

- For the Church: that we may continue the ministry of Jesus in offering forgiveness and accepting suffering in being disciples each day.
- For grace to forgive: that the Holy Spirit will move us to forgive all who have injured us and help us show concern and compassion for them.
- For healing of our nation: that God will heal the divisions within our nation and guide us toward greater respect for one another and a renewed commitment to our common values.
- For all who struggle with life's demands, particularly the poor, the homebound, and those with mental illness: that God will sustain them and touch the hearts of many to be compassionate friends.
- For all who are approaching death: that they may entrust themselves into God's loving embrace, be healed of their brokenness, and freed from their sinfulness.
- For Peace: that God will bring peace to all areas impacted by war and violence, protect people from storms and the cold, and open avenues of dialogue between opposing parties.
- For all who will be traveling this week: that God will guide them safely on their journeys and that their visits with family and friends will strengthen and renew them.

and enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith.” Please consider this tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

Community News

Winter Clothing Drive by St. Vincent de Paul Society of SF Friday, Dec. 5th, 9am-3pm

Colder months have begun and shelter guests are in need of warm clothing. Most needed items are: jackets, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, women’s leggings, beanies, gloves, scarves, men’s shoes (size 7-13).

Questions: volunteers@svdp-sf.org

Christmas Fair at Saint Anne of the Sunset Parish

Sunday, Nov 30th | 9am–3pm
Moriarty Hall, St. Anne Church,
1371 Funston Ave.



Join our sister Parish for a joyful day of crafts, gifts, and swap meet treasures, from handmade wreaths and knitted hats to toys, treats, trading cards, and more. Plus, snap a family Christmas card photo while you are here!

37th Annual Respect Life Essay Contest

Theme: Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person. For all students in grades K-12 in the Archdiocese of SF. Essays are due by Jan. 23, 2026. For details:

<https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Nov. 22 4:15 pm - Vigil	RIP – Arcadio Meneses, Sr.	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sun. Nov. 23 9:30 am 11:30 am	RIP – Michelle Koike RIP – Tim Palmer	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Nov. 24 12:10 pm	RIP – Joe Marceline	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Nov. 25 12:10 pm	RIP – Frank Cotta	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Nov. 26 12:10 pm	RIP – Regina Ramos	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Nov. 27 12:10 pm	RIP – Lourdes Togonon	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Nov. 28 12:10 pm	RIP – Celestina Milch	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Nov. 29 4:15 pm - Vigil	RIP – Diane Ploucher	Fr. Te Van Nguyen

[If you wish to dedicate a Mass for a loved one or for yourself, please visit the Parish Office to select available date and time, call or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. The Office is open Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 10am-1pm, except Federal holidays.]

The St. John of God Prayer (by Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave)

Dear God, Through the intercession of St John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of Christ’s love. Amen.

Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi, Administrator/Pastor and Hospital Chaplain
- Rev. Te Van Nguyen, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain
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Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

24 Monday – Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 | Ps: [Glory and praise forever](#). Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 | Luke 21:1-4

25 Tuesday – (St. Catherine of Alexandria) Daniel 2:31-45 | Ps: [Give glory and eternal praise to him](#). | Luke 21:5-11

26 Wednesday – (St. Leonard of Port Maurice) Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 | Ps: [Give glory and eternal praise to him](#). | Luke 21:12-19

27 Thursday – Thanksgiving Day (St. Virgilius of Salzburg, Bishop) Sirach 50:22-24 | Ps: [I will praise your name for ever, Lord](#). | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Luke 17:11-19

28 Friday – (St. Catherine Labouré) Daniel 7:2-14 | Ps: [Give glory and eternal praise to him!](#) | Luke 21:29-33

29 (Saturday) Sunday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

30 Sunday – First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord](#). | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:37-44

Blessed Person This Week

St. Catherine Labouré (Feast Day: November 28)

St. Catherine Labouré was born in France on May 2, 1806, the ninth of eleven children. After her mother's death when she was nine, Catherine became known for her devotion and sense of responsibility. She experienced a dream guiding her toward caring for the sick and later joined the Daughters of Charity in 1830. That year, Catherine reported two apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave her *a mission to create the Miraculous Medal*. Initially met with skepticism, her visions led to the production of medals that spread rapidly. Catherine spent forty years caring for the elderly and infirm. She died on December 31, 1876, and her body was found incorrupt upon exhumation in 1933. *Beatified in 1933 by Pope Pius XI, and canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII*, St. Catherine is depicted with the Daughters of Charity habit and the Miraculous Medal and is patron saint of the elderly, the sick, and the Miraculous Medal.

