

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)

December 7, 2025



“Prepare the way of the Lord...” Matthew 3:3

December 8th Monday - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation

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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.

Liturgical Celebrations

Dec. 8 Monday 12:10 PM –
Feast of Immaculate Conception

Dec. 24 Wednesday 4:15 PM –
Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve)
The Nativity of the Lord

**Dec. 25 Thursday 9:30 and
11:30 AM (Christmas Day)**
The Nativity of the Lord

Jan. 1 Thursday 12:10 PM –
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
The Octave Day of Christmas

Reconciliation/Confession:

Come reconnect with God to experience mercy and joy and prepare for Christmas. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment or by speaking with the celebrant before or after Mass.

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 – He shall judge the poor with justice. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Psalm – *Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.*
(Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17)

Second Reading – Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you. (Romans 15:4-9)

Gospel – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
(Matthew 3:1-12)

Saint of today: St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello

Thoughts on today's Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

This week's and next week's Gospel readings focus on John the Baptist's role in Advent preparation.

Matthew depicts John as a prophetic figure calling for repentance, particularly from the Pharisees and Sadducees, echoing traditions like Elijah and possibly linked to groups such as the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees.

John's baptism of repentance anticipates Christian baptism, which he distinguishes from the coming Messiah's baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. He emphasizes his subordinate relationship to Jesus, whose ministry begins after being baptized by John.

We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives, to be ready for the Lord remains central to Advent, inviting us to prepare for Jesus' coming through our own repentance and witness.

(Adapted from LoyolaPress-Sunday Connection)

Dear Parishioners, My staff and I wish you and your families a meaningful Advent Season, preparing for the arrival of Jesus in your hearts and lives this Christmas. Every kind or small action taken to make a difference can mean something great to others.

Please read my letter on yellow sheet. I hope to see some action to help make a difference. Thank you! ***Yours in Christ, Fr. Kabipi***

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

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

Funerals

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

Bulletins can be found at <https://sjog.net>

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.

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Dec. 6 4:15 pm - Vigil	RIP – Marie Pienta	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Dec. 7 9:30 am 11:30 am	RIP – Joseph Olivencia Thanksgiving – Kristan Carado	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Dec. 8 12:10 pm	RIP – Mila Rodrigues	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Dec. 9 12:10 pm	RIP – Eileen Kyne	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Dec. 10 12:10 pm	RIP – Daniel Illenberger	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Dec. 11 12:10 pm	RIP – Alfonso Lanceta	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Dec. 12 12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Dec. 6 4:15 pm - Vigil		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.]

SJOG donation page. If you have questions, please send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

2025 Archbishop Annual Appeal

This is the *last month to donate to this year's AAA*. We hope to increase our contribution as compared to last year. Please help us help the Archbishop's projects to make Jesus known and loved. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others and enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith." Please consider this tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

Community News

Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers Concert

Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Carmelite Cristo Rey Monastery Chapel

721 Parker Ave., SF

FREE admission; donations gratefully received.

Share Joy This Christmas: Write Cards to Incarcerated Individuals

Calling volunteers to write heartfelt Christmas messages individuals incarcerated in San Francisco County Jails. Your words can bring hope.

Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 am

Location: Archdiocese of SF

1 Peter Yorke Way, SF, CA 94109

Free continental breakfast, lunch and parking will be provided.

Register online:

<http://www.sfarch.org/rjvolunteer>

Questions? Contact Julio Escobar at escobarj@sfarch.org or (415) 614-5572

Bulletins can be found at <https://sjoq.net>

Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons Second Week of Advent

08 Monday – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 | Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.](#) | Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 | Luke 1:26-38

09 Tuesday – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Isaiah 40:1-11 | Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [The Lord our God comes with power.](#) | Matthew 18:12-14

10 Wednesday – Blessed Mary Virgin of Loreto

Isaiah 40:25-31 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [O bless the Lord, my soul!](#) | Matthew 11:28-30

11 Thursday – St. Daniel the Stylite

Isaiah 41:13-20 | Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.](#) | Matthew 11:11-15

12 Friday – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:14-17 |

Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19 [You are the highest honor of our race.](#) | Luke 1:26-38

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

14 Sunday –Third Sunday of Advent (St. John of the Cross)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 | Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. [Lord, come and save us.](#) | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11

Blessed Person This Week St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

On the morning of December 9, 1531, an Indigenous Christian Juan Diego saw a young woman near Tepeyac hill who asked him in Nahuatl to have a church built at the site. After initial doubt from the bishop, further apparitions occurred where she identified herself as the Mother of God. She instructed Juan to collect roses, and when he presented them to the bishop, an image of the Lady appeared on his cloak.

The cult of Our Lady of Guadalupe began with her apparition, which symbolized the merging of Spanish and Indigenous peoples in Mexico. Depicted with dark skin and Indigenous features, she communicated compassion and solidarity to Juan Diego in his language. Her image, housed in a basilica in Mexico City, draws millions of pilgrims and represents a call for the Church to support the poor and preserve their culture.

"She came to accompany the American people on this hard road of poverty, exploitation, socio-economic and cultural colonialism. . . . The message is simple; it is tender: 'Am I not here? Am I not your mother?'"

-- Pope Francis, homily for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Filipino Ministry for the annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass.

Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Daly City

A reception and Christmas concert will follow after Mass

Holy Cross Cemetery - Christmas Remembrance Service

Saturday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m.

In All Saints Chapel

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. John Talesfore

Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi, Administrator/Pastor and Hospital Chaplain
- Rev. Te Van Nguyen, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain
- Liturgy Committee: Fr. Narcis Kabipi, Bob Gajewski, Paul Riofski, Lynette Castiglione
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Please help us beautify the Church with your donation to Christmas flowers and Advent candles. Every amount is greatly appreciated. Please use the Flower Offering red envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE MEANING

As we continue our journey of preparation this Advent season we light the second purple candle of our Advent Wreath and are invited to reflect on the peace that Christ brings into our lives.

The Prophet Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6 tells us that the coming Messiah will be called the “Prince of Peace” and of his peace there will be no end (Is. 9:7). *By his nativity, Christ reconciles our humanity with the divinity of our Triune God by becoming like us in all things but sin.* [We can get very caught up in the craziness of putting up Christmas decorations, office parties, buying gifts and worrying if our Amazon packages will arrive on time with the two-day shipping promised us.]

But Advent truly invites us to *remember the peace of the season*, the peace that the promised Messiah will bring to us, and the peace Christ brings in every aspect of our lives. This second week of Advent we take to heart Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God.”

Take a moment sometime this week to simply be in the presence of God, either in the church or in a quiet place at home and welcome the peace Christ offers us into your heart so that we can become peacemakers in the world.

By: Fr. Jonathan Nestico
