

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

Tel. 415.566.5610 | Email: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net | Website: <https://sjog.net>

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

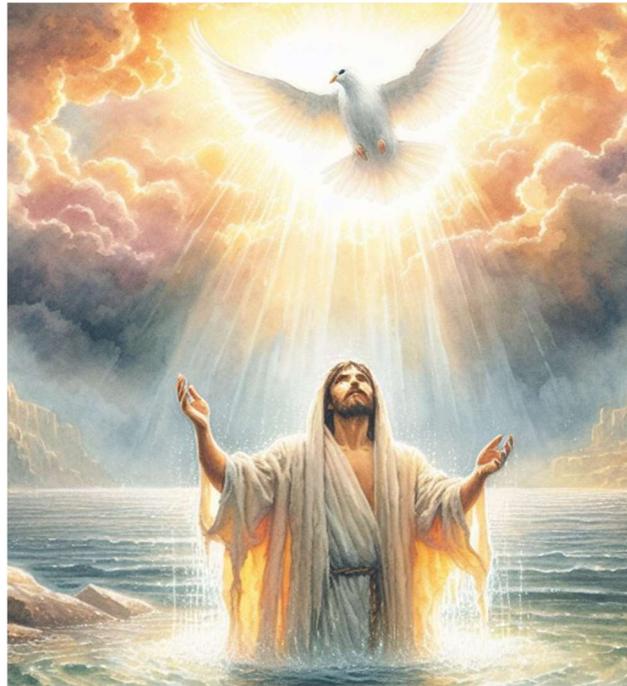
First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

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

Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

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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.

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 – Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading – God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:34-38)

Gospel – After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him. (Matthew 3:13-17)

Sacraments

- Anointing of the Sick & Healing
- Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Reconciliation
- Marriage/weddings (requires six months preparation for in-church ceremony.)
- Funerals

Reconciliation/Confession:

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

Thoughts on today's Gospel:

This Sunday marks the transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. Today's observance represents a culmination of the Christmas period. Prior to Jesus' birth, angels announced his identity to Mary and Joseph. At the Nativity, both the shepherds and the Magi acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. During his baptism, Jesus affirmed his role as God's son and commenced his mission.

The baptism of Jesus is described in Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Only Matthew includes a dialogue between Jesus and John and has the heavenly voice, "This is my beloved son . . ." speak to others rather than directly to Jesus. The baptisms performed by John the Baptist symbolize repentance, and Jesus participates to identify with sinners despite being sinless. In Matthew, John highlights that his baptism differs from the Messiah's, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus's baptism marks the start of his mission, just as Christian Baptism initiates believers' roles as Christians. (Summed from LPI.)

At one of his weekly General Audiences Pope Francis explained that our Baptism "is the point of departure of a journey of conversion that lasts our whole life." His lit candle signifies the light of Christ that enlightens every person. How can you receive "the light of faith" for your brothers and sisters? In other words, how can you be a light for someone in darkness?

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.

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.

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.

Community News

Welcome to St. John of God Church



A warm welcome to those who may be visiting with us. Please join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass.

The Creed: Ladder of Faith

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Jan. 10 4:15 pm - Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sun. Jan. 11 9:30 am 11:30 am	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord People of the Parish RIP – Peter Callen	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Jan. 12 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Jan. 13 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Jan. 14 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Jan. 15 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Jan. 16 12:10 pm	National Religious Freedom Day	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Jan. 17 4:15 pm - Vigil		Fr. Te Van Nguyen

The Celebrant/Priest is subject to change, depending on circumstances. If you wish to dedicate a Mass for someone or for yourself, please visit the Parish Office to select available date and time or call (415) 566-5610 or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. The Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am-1pm; closed on Federal holidays.

with Dr. Sean Innerst

This year we commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the opening of the Council of Nicaea where the Creed was born. Discover the Creed as a spiritual ladder, guiding believers step-by-step toward deeper faith, transformation, and union with God.

An online course on the Creed for six(6) Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, starting January 6, 2026. Join live and interact with the professor, Dr. Sean Innerst. Registered participants have access to the classroom webpage, class recordings, and access to reading materials.

Register here: [The Creed: Ladder of Faith - Archdiocese of San Francisco](https://www.sfarch.org/creed-course/) or visit www.sfarch.org/creed-course/

The Winter Men and Women's Retreats at St. Ignatius Parish

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9 am- 3 pm, Fromm Hall (lunch included)

650 Parker Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118 | 415.422.2188 | Office hours: 9-4pm Mon-Fri. info@stignatiussf.org

Men's Retreat - John Fitzgibbons, S.J. will be the guide.

Women's Retreat - Catherine Kelly will lead retreatants.

Cost is \$25 (cash, check, or online). Lunch included. Please note "2026 Retreat" in the "Leave a Comment" section if paying online or in the memo section if paying by check. Cash or check may be dropped off at the Parish Office, any time before January 24.

Office hours: 9-4pm Mon-Fri.

Tel: 415.422.2188

Register by January 21.

Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons

12 Monday – First Week in Ordinary Time (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys) 1 Samuel 1:1-8 | Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise. | Mark 1:14-20

13 Tuesday – First Week in Ordinary Time (St. Hilary of Poitiers) 1 Samuel 1:9-20 | 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior. | Mark 1:21-28

14 Wednesday – First Week in Ordinary Time (St. Felix of Nola, Priest) 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 | Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. | Mark 1:29-39

15 Thursday – First Week in Ordinary Time (St. Arnold Jansen) 1 Samuel 4:1-11 | Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy. | Mark 1:40-45

16 Friday – First Week in Ordinary Time (St. Joseph Vaz) [**National Religious Freedom Day**] 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a | Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. | Mark 2:1-12

Jan. 17 (Saturday) Sunday Vigil 4:30 p.m. (St.)

Jan. 18 Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 | Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 | John 1:29-34

Blessed Person This Week - St. Joseph Vaz

Apostle of Sri Lanka (1651–1711)

Joseph Vaz, born in Portuguese Goa to a Catholic Brahmin family, became a priest in 1676. In late 17th-century Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Dutch authorities enforced anti-Catholic laws, banning worship and closing churches. The Catholic community, lacking clergy and facing penalties, held secret services in private homes and remote locations.

Joseph Vaz, moved by the situation, disguised himself as a laborer to enter Sri Lanka and began secret ministry work with Catholics despite constant danger. He later moved to Kandy, where religious tolerance allowed him to work more openly. Other Goan priests joined, living in poverty and blending in with the local poor.

In addition to spiritual work, Vaz and his companions set up clinics and treated the sick during epidemics, helping everyone regardless of faith. Vaz also read Buddhist texts and conversed with local leaders, encouraging understanding between religions. His compassionate actions earned community trust and fostered harmony.

Joseph Vaz declined Pope Clement XI's offer of bishop hood and died in Kandy on January 16, 1711. He established a strong Catholic community and was canonized by Pope Francis during his 2015 visit to Sri Lanka, honored for his service and interfaith goodwill.

"Let it be known to all that I sell and offer myself as a perpetual slave of the Virgin Mother of God. This I do through a free, spontaneous and perfect act of devotion which in law is known as an irrevocable act among the living."

St. Joseph Vaz (Narrative summarized from Give Us This Day)

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
- Pastoral Committee: Debbie Feliz, Lynette Castiglione, Chuck Witherell, Gilda Witherell
- OCIA: Debbie Feliz, Paul Riofski
- Marriage Preparation: Susan Collins

Administrative Staff:

- Finance Committee: Susan Fox, Bob Gajewski, Bill Becker, Dave Freitas
- Bookkeeper: Jessica Flores
- Bulletin Editor: Marilu I.
- Webmaster: Joe Humphreys
- Custodian: Phil Thurman

May the Lord's light guide your path this New Year 2026, filling your days with peace, joy, and unwavering faith.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We extend our sincere appreciation for your ongoing contributions of time-talent-treasure to St. John of God Church and Parish. Your participation in the Liturgies and other areas are highly valued by our community. Together, we remain dedicated to supporting one another wherever assistance is required.

As we enter the New Year 2026, may we continue to be guided in our mission to make Christ known and loved through our ministries and collective efforts.

Wishing blessings to you and your families,

Fr. Narcis Kabipi and Fr. Te Van Nguyen