

St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

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

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

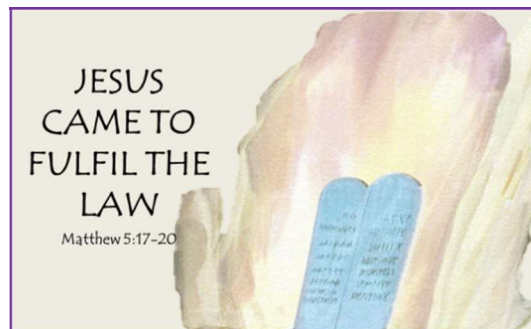
First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

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

Reconciliation / Confession (by appointment)

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times: 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM



February 15, 2026

Prayer Before Liturgy

Dear God, I am humbly in your presence. Please open my heart and my mind so that I may dwell in your Spirit in the midst of your assembly.

Jesus,

Let us grasp your teaching of the law.

Justice. Love. Compassion.

Let your law make us holy.

You showed us with your every breath

just what it means to be holy.

You are the wonder, the goal, the summit of the law.

Teach us.

Turn all of our law-keeping into love.

By: Anne Osdieck

Lent is coming soon!

> A liturgical ceremony for burning old palm leaves will be held Sunday, February 15 at 11:15 AM in the courtyard. The ashes will be used to trace the cross on foreheads during Mass on Wednesday, February 18.

> **Ash Wednesday Masses:** 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM.

> **Stations of the Cross** on all Fridays after Ash Wednesday, beginning February 20.



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 – No one does he command to act unjustly. (Sirach 15:15-20)

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading – God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory. (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Gospel – I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them. (Matthew 5:17-37)

Thoughts on the readings:

Today's Gospel, the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, highlights that Jesus fulfills rather than diminishes the moral law, *urging internal transformation over mere external compliance*. He reinforces the lasting authority of the Law and the Prophets, while clarifying its purpose: to foster genuine change within. By connecting actions like murder and adultery to inner attitudes such as anger and lust, Jesus stresses that *ethical conduct starts in the heart*. Sin is portrayed as a destructive force requiring mercy and divine help for true change. The Sermon on the Mount calls for righteousness beyond legalism, inviting believers to live by grace and sincere devotion to God.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a period to prepare for Easter by renewing commitments to *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*. The ashes symbolize both human mortality and Christ's victory over death. The readings on Ash Wednesday, which is the same every year, is from the Sermon on the Mount and emphasizes *practicing faith sincerely* rather than for appearances reminding us that God knows our intentions. Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. The meaning of Lent is deeper than any of the practices it entails. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know.

Sacraments Celebrated:

Anointing of the Sick & Healing
 Baptism
 Holy Communion
 Reconciliation
 Marriage / wedding (requires six months preparation ceremony.)
 Funerals / Celebration of Life

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.

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.

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

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	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Feb. 14 4:15 pm - Vigil		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Feb. 15 9:30 am 11:30 am	RIP – Jessie & Jose Felix Gomez	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Feb. 16 12:10 pm	RIP – Wayne Green	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Feb. 17 12:10 pm	RIP – Rosalie Manalo	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Feb. 18 12:10 pm	RIP – Lourdes Villanueva	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Feb. 19 12:10 pm	RIP – Patricia Fenn	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Feb. 20 12:10 pm	Eva & Ted Illegano - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Feb. 21 4:15 pm - Vigil	Jimmy Jimenez - Thanksgiving	Fr. Te Van Nguyen

The Celebrant or Priest may be subject to change based on varying circumstances. To request a Mass dedication for yourself or another individual, please contact the Parish Office to select an available date and time. You may reach us by phone at (415) 566-5610 or via email at stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and closed on Federal holidays.

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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.

Looking for a new primary care provider in the San Francisco Bay Area?



Bella Primary Care is a Catholic, nonprofit clinic providing primary care, women's health and crisis pregnancy services. Located in San Francisco, Bella offers life-affirming, comprehensive and personalized care to men, women and families. To make an appointment please visit www.bellapriarycare.org, call **(415) 775-1500** or email info@bellapriarycare.org to make an appointment.

Daily Readings of the Week, Special Observances, and Blessed Persons

16 Monday – Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (Bl. Joseph Allamano)
James 1:1-11 | Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live. | Mark 8:11-13

17 Tuesday – Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (St. Alexis Falconieri)
James 1:12-18 | Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19. Blessed the man you instruct, O Lord. | Mark 8:14-21

18 Ash Wednesday (St. Agatha Lin) Joel 2:12-18 | Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. | 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

19 Thursday After Ash Wednesday (Bl. Alvarez of Corova)
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19. A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. | Matthew 9:14-15

20 Friday After Ash Wednesday (St. Jacinta Marto)
Isaiah 58:1-9a | Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15. I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice. | Mark 7:31-37

21 Saturday After Ash Wednesday (St. Peter Damian)

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

22 Sunday – First Sunday of Lent (St. Margaret of Cortona)
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. | Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 | Matthew 4:1-11

General Intentions:

For the Church: that we may persistently seek greater holiness and never be satisfied with merely fulfilling the letter of the law.

For healing: that God will heal the sick, give hope to those preparing for surgery, comfort the parents of sick children, and strengthen all who care for the sick.

For all who struggle with anger: that God will give them the strength to direct it in productive ways and not allow it to become violent or self-destructive.

For the grace to let go of hurts and wounds: that God will free our minds and hearts from the pain of what others have done to us and help us forgive and pray for them.

For peace: that God will bring an end to violence in Ukraine, in workplaces, in our city streets, and within families and help all to find ways to resolve differences in life-giving ways.

For the intentions in the Book of the Sick.

For the recently deceased especially our long-time parishioners, **Mark Reedy and Margery Cunningham**, that God give them eternal peace and may their families find comfort in shared memories with loved ones.

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

Blessed Person - Bl. Joseph Allamano

Birth: 1851, Death: 1926
Beatified: Pope John Paul II

He was born on the 21st of January in 1851 at Castelnuovo d' Asti (now Castelnuovo Don Bosco) and died on the 16th of February 1926 in Turin (Italy).

He was a diocesan priest of the diocese of Turin and rector of the Shrine of Our Lady Consolata for forty years. Deeply in love with Mary under this title and open to the Spirit's promptings, he responded to the discerned will of God to form a group of priests and brothers called to share the Gospel in Africa.

As the Christian Community grew in number, it became evident that priests and brothers couldn't cater for the needs of women and children. From this realization the presence of Sisters in the Mission field was conceived. Joseph Allamano expressed this concern to the Pope Pius X during a visit to the Vatican.

In Memoriam**Margery Ann Cunningham**

December 22, 1927 – December 15, 2025



Margery Cunningham, a parishioner of more than 30 years, passed away one week short of her 98th birthday. A Sunset District resident with her husband Robert since 1953, Marge was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. While raising eight children, Marge received her master's degree in theology and subsequently taught religion for several years at Mercy High School, Burlingame.

Marge received her master's degree in marriage and family counseling and embarked on a 25-year career as a counselor and therapist. She served as a Sunday reader, committee member, and Lenten Soup Dinner server at St. John of God.

One of her great pleasures was exchanging ideas, recounting stories of her life, and sharing her accumulated wisdom and knowledge with her eight children, nineteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her warm and nurturing presence will be deeply missed while her loving spirit lives on.

Her Celebration of Life will be held at St. John of God Church on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11:00 am with a reception to follow.