

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)

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, after 12:10 PM Mass, and 6:30 PM

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent



The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

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Prayer Before Liturgy

Jesus
take us to the
desert and stay with us.
Speak to our hearts about all
that matters.
Chase away everything that
does not.
Caress our hearts so they know
you better,
see you more clearly in the
suffering
of your children and your
planet.
Let us say to all who suffer,
“Your tears are my tears.
Your pain is my
pain.” *

* Pope Francis, Congo 2/1/23

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.



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 – The creation of our first parents, and their sin.
(Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7)

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading – Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19)

Gospel – Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Thoughts on the readings:

Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today's Gospel. In the course of our lives, we are all “led into the desert by the Spirit,” and we must struggle with the demons.

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. Ignoring our interdependence, we imagine that we can “go it alone,” and end up dividing ourselves into isolated units of races, classes, and genders, living as though we do not need the other. We may even reach the point of living as though we do not need the Other.

We struggle with the demon of power. We begin by setting ourselves above others, and often end with oppressing them, using our power in a cruel or unjust manner to keep others down.

We struggle with the demon of pride, imagining ourselves to be better than others, or the ‘top dog’ in our little world, or number one in the world. Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, “to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil.”

(By Gerald Darring)

The desert is not merely a place of deprivation; it is a place of decision. There, strengthened by grace, we learn whom we will worship and whom we will serve.

Suggested action: Identify one temptation that weakens you and ask Jesus for strength.

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 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 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. 21 4:15 pm - Vigil	Jimmy Jimenez - Thanksgiving	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Feb. 22 9:30 am 11:30 am	Hermina Sangalang - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Mon. Feb. 23 12:10 pm	Cali Doval	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Feb. 24 12:10 pm	Ian Mendez Clarke - Intentions	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Feb. 25 12:10 pm	RIP – Eluminado Sangalang	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Feb. 26 12:10 pm	Cora Intertas - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Feb. 27 12:10 pm	Auring Penner - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Feb. 28 11:00 am 4:15 pm - Vigil	Margery Cunningham – Celebration of Life Maxi Cruz - Thanksgiving	Guest Priest Fr. Narcis Kabipi

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. The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, closed on Federal holidays.

Training Session for Prospective Lectors (or as refresher for current Lectors):

When: Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 1329 7th Ave, San Francisco

Facilitators: Deacon Brian and Cindy Conway

RSVP: Cindy Conway at cconway42@aol.com

New - Nametag Ministry

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact one of the following parishioners 10–15 minutes prior to Mass:

Paul Riofski for the 4:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Muriel Scala for the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Bob Gajewski for the 11:30am Sunday Mass

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

23 Monday – First Week of Lent (St. Polycarp)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 | Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. | Matthew 25:31-46.

24 Tuesday – First Week of Lent (St. John Theristus)

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19. From all their distress God rescues the just. | Matthew 6:7-15

25 Wednesday – First Week of Lent (Bl. Maria Adeodata Pisani)

Jonah 3:1-10 | Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19. A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. | Luke 11:29-32

26 Thursday – First Week of Lent (St. Isabel of France)

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 | Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. | Matthew 7:7-12

27 Friday – First Week of Lent (St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Passionist)

Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand? | Matthew 5:20-26

28 Saturday After Ash Wednesday (St. Peter Damian)

March:

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

02 Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent (St. Angela of the Cross)

Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. | 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

Some General Intentions:

For the Church: that the Spirit will deepen our identity as daughters and sons of God, inspire us on our Lenten journey, and help us to live as faithful disciples.

For one another: that the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of Lent may bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives.

For all who are alienated from the Church: that God will touch their hearts and lead them to a renewal of faith and a reconnection with the community of faith.

For all who struggle with attraction to wealth, power, and control: that God will free their hearts and guide them to a life of faith and trust.

For all who are homebound: that they may experience God's presence in their prayer, in their family members, and in the visits from members of their faith community.

For greater respect for all human life: that we may honor God's gift of life, promote the dignity of each person, and work to end capital punishment

For the names and intentions in the Book of the Sick: that God will heal their physical and emotional wounds and illnesses.

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. 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.

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In Memoriam**Margery Ann Cunningham****December 22, 1927 – December 15, 2025****Celebration of Life on Saturday, February 28th, 11:00 AM**

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.