

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

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



The Transfiguration of Jesus

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:1-9

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Prayer Before Liturgy

O Christ,
give us a glimpse.
Let us find you shining

in sliver echoes from the moon,
in geese streaking for home,
in the evening sky,
in the spider's
intricate
web.

In
workers, coffee growers,
climate crisis workers,
crossing guards,
and homeless
folks.

Let no one and no place
ever be hidden from
the glow of your
Godly, earthly
presence.

Let us find your glory
in all things.

(Anonymous from liturgy.slu.edu)

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 call of Abraham, the father of God's people.
(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.

Second Reading – God has saved us and called us to be holy.
(2 Timothy 1:8b-10)

Gospel – Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9)

Thoughts on the readings:

The three apostles, Peter, James, and John, were in anguish when they heard about Jesus' upcoming death. Jesus takes them up the mountain with him. In the Bible, the mountain always has a special significance: it is the elevated place where heaven and earth touch each other; where Moses and the prophets had the extraordinary experience of encountering God. At times because of moments of darkness do we need to go up the mountain too?

We often face difficult times, uncertainty, and challenging questions about life, death, and suffering. On our faith journey, we may struggle with the challenges of selflessness and love. To move forward, we need a broader perspective—seeking insight that allows us to see life's deeper meaning and find hope, inspired by the example of the Risen One and the promise of renewal. We cannot remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own. Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life. Going up the mountain does not mean forgetting reality.

The Transfiguration inspires hope, reminding believers that adversity can reveal divine glory and that the promise of resurrection extends to all who follow Christ. Believers are called to let Christ's light transform them, inspiring hope and service in all aspects of life. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.

(Summarized by Anne Osdieck from Pope Francis Angelus, Feb 28, 2021)

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 First 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)

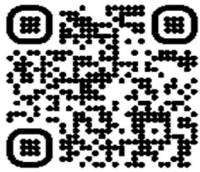
Dear God, Through the intercession of St John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that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

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Feb. 28 4:15 pm - Vigil	Maxi Cruz - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sun. Mar. 1 9:30 am 11:30 am	Grace Brummel - Healing Salim & Accad Family - Thanksgiving	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kipi
Mon. Mar. 2 12:10 pm	Yvette Labiaga – Personal Intention	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Mar. 3 12:10 pm	Veneice Rodrigues - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Mar. 4 12:10 pm	Eden & Nemila Family - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Mar. 5 12:10 pm	Ramona Carrion - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Mar. 6 12:10 pm	Jessie Gomez - Thanksgiving	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Mar. 7 4:15 pm - Vigil	Poor Souls of the Purgatory	Fr. Narcis Kabipi

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 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.

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

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.

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

March 2 Monday – Second Week of Lent (St. Angela of the Cross) Daniel 9:4b-10 | Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13. Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins. | Luke 6:36-38.

3 Tuesday – Second Week of Lent (St. Katharine Drexel) Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 | Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23. To the upright I will show the saving power of God. | Matthew 23:1-12.

4 Wednesday – Second Week of Lent (St. Casimir) Jeremiah 18:18-20 | Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16. Save me, O Lord, in your kindness. | Matthew 20:17-28.

5 Thursday – Second Week of Lent (St. John Joseph of the Cross) Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. | Luke 16:19-31.

6 Friday – Second Week of Lent (St. Colette) Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21. Remember the marvels the Lord has done. | Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.

7 Saturday – Second Week of Lent (Sts. Perpetua and Felicity)

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

8 Sunday –Third Sunday of Lent (St. John of God)

Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. | Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42.

General Intentions:

For the Church: that we may be transfigured more and more into the image and likeness of Christ.

For the grace to listen: that we may hear the voice of Christ in prayer, in events, and in relationships so that we may respond more fully to God's invitation.

For courage: that we, like Abraham, may go forth from all that is familiar to new places into which God leads us and be a blessing to others.

For Candidates for full communion with the Church: that God will lead them to a deeper awareness of the New Life within them and help them to be renewed by their Lenten observance.

For all the descendants of Abraham, for Jews, Muslims, and

Christians: that we may honor all that we share in common and work together to overcome the evil that ensnares human hearts.

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

For all souls in purgatory: that Eternal rest grant unto them by our loving God and let perpetual light shine upon them.

For the gift of peace: that God will turn hearts from violence and open new pathways for dialogue with Iran, Russia, and Ukraine so that all may experience peace.

In Memoriam
Mark Robert Reedy
1956 – February 2026

Celebration of Life on Saturday March 15th at 11:30 AM Mass



Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi,
Administrator 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:

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

Mark Reedy passed away peacefully with family and friends by his side. Mark was a graduate of Jesuit High School, obtained his Geology degree from UC Davis and Law degree from University of San Francisco(USF). Mark was put on this earth to help people and that is exactly what he did his entire life. Truly, a "man for others."

Mark made a lasting difference through decades of volunteer work, from supporting Central American immigrants and assisting seniors impacted by fraud to teaching ESL and tennis. He participated in numerous sanctuary and immigrant support organizations, including leadership roles with the South Bay Sanctuary Covenant and St. John of God parish.

Mark participated in trips to El Salvador, advocacy at the School of the Americas, and humanitarian efforts along the US-Mexico border. He generously supported the Katherine and George Alexander Community Law Center, mentoring law students and helping low-income clients.

Passionate about environmental preservation, he contributed to restoration projects and groups like the Sierra Club. Mark also led teams providing meals for the unhoused in San Francisco. His deep compassion, friendships, and commitment to service left a profound impact on all who knew him.