

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)

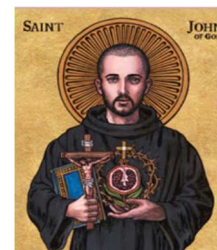
Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, after 12:10 PM Mass, and 6:30 PM

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent



The Samaritan Woman at the Well



Today - Feast Day of Saint John of God

March 8, 2026



Prayer Before Liturgy

Lord,
when
you declare to
a woman at the well
everything about her life,
we think of our own lives as
well.

You know each
of our ins and outs too,
when we sit and when we
stand.

when we
yearn for light, love, beauty
and peace, for
worship of you in Spirit and
truth.

Still, often we remain dry!

Come, Lord Jesus,
quench our thirst
for life within
your
living water.

(by Anne Osdieck at liturgy.slu.edu)

Sacraments Celebrated:

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

Marriage / wedding (requires six
months preparation ceremony.)

Funerals / Celebration of Life

March 15, Fourth Sunday of
Lent, **CHANGE IN MASS TIMES**

Only one Mass at 10:30 AM

Please see page 5 for more
details.

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 – God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.
(Exodus 17:3-7)

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading – Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
(Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel – The water I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:5-42)

Today's Gospel: Over the next three Sundays, readings shift from Matthew to John's Gospel, which is woven across the liturgical cycle.

Today's passage recounts Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman—a notable break from his era's social norms due to gender and religious divisions. Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason he should not talk to her. This interaction highlights the historical tensions between Jews and Samaritans and anticipates worship beyond traditional boundaries. He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

The encounter centers on the promise of "living water." The woman, an outcast for her history, initially misunderstands but later recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After their exchange, the woman becomes a disciple, sharing her experience with her community, leading many to believe in Jesus. The story demonstrates: personal conversion because Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman even when he knows her grave sin, social change through evangelism to her community, and Jesus' lesson to his disciples about God's boundless mercy and the inclusive nature of faith.

Per Pope Francis: "Every encounter with Jesus leads to a change in a person's life. Generated to new life through Baptism, we too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us."

(Partially adapted from LPI-Sunday Connection)

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.

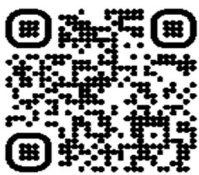
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Holy Communion, or joining the Catholic Church. Please call or send an email to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Debbie Feliz at 415-819-9093, dafeliz50@gmail.com or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 sjogmusic@aol.com.

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.

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. Mar. 7 4:15 pm - Vigil	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Mar. 8 9:30 am 11:30 am	Alexandra Hood – Birthday People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Mar. 9 12:10 pm	Gilda Azcona - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Mar. 10 12:10 pm	Alfredo Padilla - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Mar. 11 12:10 pm	Celestina Mich - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Mar. 12 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Mar. 13 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Mar. 14 4:15 pm - Vigil	People of the Parish	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. 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

Special Observances and Blessed Persons Third Week of Lent

9 Monday – St. Catherine of Bologna

10 Tuesday – St. John Ogilvie

11 Wednesday – St. Teresa Margaret Redi

12 Thursday – St. Maximilian

13 Friday – St. Agnellus of Pisa

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

15 Sunday –Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Mass (No 9:30 nor 11:30 Mass)

Community News

Sunset Deanery Lenten Penance Service

Where: Saint Cecilia Church

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: 6:15pm (after 5:30pm Mass)

For more information please visit stcecilia@stcecilia.com

Easter Basket Food Drive By Catholic Charities

Share your blessings this Easter

Deadline: March 25th, Wednesday

For more details, please see page 6 of this bulletin.



Please continue to drop your coins or dollar bills into the 'rice bowls.' A good way to introduce almsgiving to the young. If you misplaced your bowl or need more bowls, we still have quite a few bowls awaiting for pick up.

Blessed Person This Week

St. John of God, Founder of Fatebenefratelli, Patron of Brothers Hospitaller

From a young age, John was guided by strong impulses, striving to follow the Holy Spirit rather than his own desires. At eight, inspired by a priest's tales of adventure, he ran away from home, eventually being adopted by an estate manager after falling ill. John worked as a shepherd until 27, then joined the Spanish army to escape pressure to marry, where he led a reckless life before a near-death experience prompted him to reform.

He returned home, but his change in behavior alienated his comrades, leading them to trick him into abandoning his post. After narrowly escaping execution and being discharged, he returned to shepherding. Hearing of another war drew him away, but after its end, he discovered his parents had died. As a shepherd, John reflected on his purpose, later deciding at 38 to travel to Africa to help Christian captives. Instead, he assisted an exiled noble family, nursing them through illness despite harsh conditions, which challenged his faith. Following advice, he returned to Spain when the family received pardons.

Back in Spain, John did manual labor by day and read spiritual books by night, eventually becoming a book peddler to share his joy of reading. A vision led him to Granada, where, following a powerful sermon on repentance, he dramatically gave away his belongings. His actions were misunderstood as madness, and he was institutionalized but later moved to better conditions after guidance from John of Avila.

John began caring for other patients and, upon release, resolved to start a hospital for the poor. He became known for his tireless charity, urging others to "Do good to yourselves! For the love of God, Brothers, do good!"



Do you receive the Catholic San Francisco magazine that is printed 6 to 8 times a year? Or weekly Catholic SF E-Newsletter version? To receive the print version or weekly e-newsletter visit [Catholic SF - Archdiocese of San Francisco](http://www.sfarch.org/catholic-sf)

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There are more news announced than what are in the parish bulletins. You will not want to miss out.

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.bellaprimcare.org, call (415) 775-1500 or email info@bellaprimcare.org.

In Memoriam

Mark Robert Reedy

1956 – February 2026

Celebration of Life on Sunday March 15th at 10:30 AM Mass,

Followed by Reception at the Hall



Mark Reedy, 69, passed away peacefully in the presence of his loved ones. After graduating from Jesuit High School (Sacramento), he earned a Geology degree from UC Davis and a Law degree from USF. Mark devoted much of his life to service, volunteering for decades with organizations such as the South Bay Sanctuary Covenant and St. John of God Parish to assist immigrants, seniors, and those with limited income. His commitment extended to frequent trips to El Salvador, advocacy and humanitarian work on the US-Mexico border, and mentoring law students at the Alexander Community Law Center. Deeply passionate about the environment, he supported local conservation efforts and organized meal programs for San Francisco's unhoused community. Through his compassion and dedication, Mark built lasting friendships and made a profound difference in the lives of many.

From Mark's friends at SJOG: Mark's dedicated volunteerism touched countless lives. He collaborated with Central Americans, helped seniors fight consumer fraud, taught ESL and tennis, engaged in ballroom dancing, and was active in Cursillo and men's groups. He supported immigrant sanctuary efforts, led the South Bay Sanctuary Covenant, assisted resettlement, and provided legal aid and food support. Mark traveled to El Salvador 15 times, participated in desert water drops near Tucson, protested at the School of the Americas, and supported the Alexander Community Law Center, teaching law students and aiding low-income clients. His passion for hiking fueled environmental projects in Yosemite and support for local conservation groups. Mark also led teams serving meals to the unhoused at Hamilton House and Raphael House, with an annual rooftop barbecue as a highlight. He cherished lifelong friendships and will be deeply missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 11am at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sacramento.

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:

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

Catholic Charities
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EASTER BASKET FOOD DRIVE

Acts of Faith. Meals of Hope.

This Easter season, help ensure **no one goes hungry.**
Your generosity can bring nourishment, dignity, and hope to **individuals, seniors, and families** served by **Catholic Charities.**

♥ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Fill an **Easter basket** with healthy, non-perishable food items
- Invite friends, **colleagues, or classmates** to join you
- **Drop off your donations** by the deadline

Every basket makes a difference.

🏠 PROGRAMS IN NEED

- Mission & Bayview Access Points
- Homelessness & Housing Prevention
- Edith Witt Senior & Family Housing

🍷 MOST NEEDED ITEMS

(Unopened, non-expired, health conscious options)

- ✓ Nut butter
- ✓ Canned fruit (in juice)
- ✓ Low-sodium soups
- ✓ Low-sodium canned vegetables or beans
- ✓ Canned tuna or **salmon** (in water)
- ✓ Brown rice
- ✓ Whole-grain pasta
- ✓ Whole grain, low-sugar cereals
- ✓ Olive or canola oil

📅 IMPORTANT DETAILS

Donation Deadline: **MARCH 25, 2026**
To coordinate a drop-off:
Darlene Wilson
Volunteer Manager
✉ volunteer@catholiccharitiessf.org
☎ 415-972-1371

✦ SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS THIS EASTER

Together, we can turn compassion into action—
one basket, one meal,
one family at a time.