

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 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday (from the Latin word for "rejoice")



March 15, 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 – David is anointed as king of Israel.
(1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading – Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gospel – The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see. (John 9:1-41)

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, and occurs exactly 21 days before Easter Sunday, marking the midpoint of Lent a day of joy and celebration amid the penitential season, named from the Latin Introit "Laetare Jerusalem" meaning "Rejoice, O Jerusalem."

Today's Gospel:

"The Gospel recounts the episode of the man blind from birth, to whom Jesus gives sight. He operates illumination on two levels: a physical level and a spiritual level: the blind person first receives the sight of the eyes and then is led to faith in the "Son of Man," that is, in Jesus. It is all a journey. ...

He takes a route that leads him to gradually discover the identity of the One who opened his eyes and to confess his faith in him. At first he considers him a prophet; then he recognizes him as one Who comes from God; finally he welcomes him as the Messiah and prostrates himself before him. ...

He is no longer a beggar marginalized by the community; he is no longer a slave to blindness and prejudice. His path of enlightenment is a metaphor for the path of liberation from sin to which we are called. ...

The healed blind man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and with those of the soul, is the image of every baptized person. ... But it is not enough to receive the light, one must become light. Each one of us is called to receive the divine light and manifest it with our whole life."

Pope Francis, Angelus, 4th Sun of Lent
March 22, 2020

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 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.

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.

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

16 Monday – Fourth Week of Lent (Blessed Robert Dalby) Isaiah 65:17-21 | Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. | John 4:43-54.

17 Tuesday – Fourth Week of Lent (St. Patrick, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland) Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 | Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. | John 5:1-16.

18 Wednesday – Fourth Week of Lent (St. Anselm of Lucca) Isaiah 49:8-15 | Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18. The Lord is gracious and merciful. | John 5:17-30.

19 Thursday – Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 | Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29. The son of David will live forever. | Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 | Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a.

20 Friday – Fourth Week of Lent (Bl. John of Parma) Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 | Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. | John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30.

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

22 Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45.

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.

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.

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.

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

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



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.

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.



Easter Flower

Offering envelopes are now available. We invite you to contribute towards the enhancement of the Liturgies with floral arrangements. Contributions may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones. **Please submit envelopes by April 5th. Thank you.**

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
- 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

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.

Gather some friends, neighbors, and family to fill up a box or basket with healthy non-perishable food items. All to be turned in by March 25th, Wednesday. Please call 415-972-1371 to arrange for drop-off.