

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 at 6:30 PM](#)

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Prayer Before Liturgy

Dear Father in heaven,
I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you.

Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion. Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist.

Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

Lent at St. John of God Church

Stations of the Cross: Fridays after 12:30pm Mass and 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Stations of the Cross or by appointment.

Lenten Rice Bowls: Please pick up a bowl and help feed the hungry.

Holy Week Mass Schedule:

March 29 – Palm Sunday

April 2, 3, 4 – Triduum:

2nd – **Holy Thursday *** – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Chrism Mass 7:00 PM

3rd – **Good Friday** – The Lord's Passion 7:00 PM

4th – **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter 8:00pm

* **April 2 – Potluck Soup Supper**

5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Hall

April 5 – Easter Sunday

9:30 & 11:30 AM

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 – I will put my spirit in you that you may live. (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading – The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel – Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1-45)

Thoughts for today:

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, those preparing for Baptism participate in the third scrutiny, concluding the series of rituals designed to examine their lives and identify barriers to faith. This occasion calls upon God to support them as they embrace their new faith journey.

The Gospel reading from John narrates the story of Lazarus's resurrection, which illustrates both Jesus's humanity and his invitation to believe in his power: *"I am the resurrection and the life."* Jesus demonstrates deep compassion for Lazarus and his sisters, mourning alongside them after Lazarus's four-day death. Their grief reflects the universal human desire for life and highlights the limitations of medicine, as death remains unavoidable.

While perpetual biological life may not be desirable, there is a shared aspiration for renewed existence without suffering. In the context of contemporary uncertainty and technological advancement, many individuals continue to experience anxiety about the future. Questions regarding life and mortality endure, and before raising Lazarus, Jesus confronts Martha—and all followers—with his declaration: *"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live... Do you believe this?"*

Like the inquiry presented to Martha and Mary, believers are also invited to reflect on their conviction that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. When confronted by sin, fear, or selfishness, the request for liberation persists. With an awareness of the challenges faced by those growing in faith, prayers are offered that OCIA candidates may be set free through baptism at the Triduum and that ongoing support accompanies them throughout their spiritual development. (Anonymous)

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.

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 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. 21 4:15 pm - Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sun. Mar. 22 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Stanley Martin – RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Mar. 23 12:10 pm	Lourdes Togonon – RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Mar. 24 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Mar. 25 12:10 pm	Tina Morse – RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. Mar. 26 12:10 pm	Matthew Multz – Birthday	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. Mar. 27 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. Mar. 28 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 also reach us by phone at (415) 566-5610 or by email at stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. Leave a call back #. 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

Community News

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.



Your donations help our brothers and sisters through grants to these agencies: USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, and around the world.

Bulletins can be found at <https://sjog.net>

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

23 Monday – Fifth Week of Lent (St. Rebecca Ar-Rayès)

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. | John 8:1-11.

24 Tuesday – Fifth Week of Lent (St. Oscar Romero, Martyr)

Numbers 21:4-9 | Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21. O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you. | John 8:21-30.

25 Wednesday – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (St. Lucy Filippini)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 | Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. | Hebrews 10:4-10 | Luke 1:26-38.

26 Thursday – Fifth Week of Lent (St. Castulus)

Genesis 17:3-9 | Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. The Lord remembers his covenant forever. | John 8:51-59.

27 Friday – Fifth Week of Lent (St. Rupert)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice. | John 10:31-42.

28 Saturday – Fifth Week of Lent (St. Venturino of Bergamo) (Sunday) Vigil 4:30 p.m.

29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

At the Procession with Palms – Gospel – Matthew 21:1-11

At the Mass - Reading I – Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? | Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Blessed Person of the Week - St. Oscar Romero, Martyr

In El Salvador, marked by inequality and unrest, Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez (b.1917) trained as a carpenter before deciding at 13 to pursue priesthood. After seminary and ordination in Rome in 1942, Romero returned home to serve as parish priest, seminary rector, and auxiliary bishop amid escalating national violence. As the poor organized against their conditions, Romero became **Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977**, chosen for his perceived conservative and uncontroversial stance.

Three weeks after Bishop Romero's installation, his friend Fr. Rutilio Grande was assassinated along with two others. The bodies lay in state at the cathedral. Romero reflected that he must follow a similar path, which awakened his resolve to pursue the holiness he had long sought. Fr. Rutilio was one of many unjustly killed in El Salvador, where disappearances and violence against peasants, clergy, and church workers were common. The once-quiet Archbishop spoke out against both the right-wing government and left-wing guerillas, including criticizing the U.S. for supplying weapons. His homilies, listing weekly abuses, became the country's most listened-to radio program. During a challenging period in his archdiocese, Archbishop Romero urged faithfulness and called for unity between rich and poor, advocating inner reform rather than armed conflict. He openly addressed soldiers, many of whom were baptized Christians, urging them to follow their conscience and stop repression. On **March 24, 1980**, after giving a homily at a priests' retreat, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. His sacrifice became a symbol of hope for his people, and **in 2018, Pope Francis declared him a saint.**



Easter Flower

Offering envelopes are now available. We invite you to contribute towards the enhancement of the Liturgies with *palm leaves (for Palm Sunday), and floral arrangements plus a new Paschal candle (for Easter).* Contributions may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones. **If possible, 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

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

Rosary Prayer for International Day of the Unborn

Wednesday, March 24 @ 1:00 pm

<https://sfarch.org/event/rosary-for-unborn-child> (via Zoom)

Please register to receive the webinar link.

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.