

## 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)

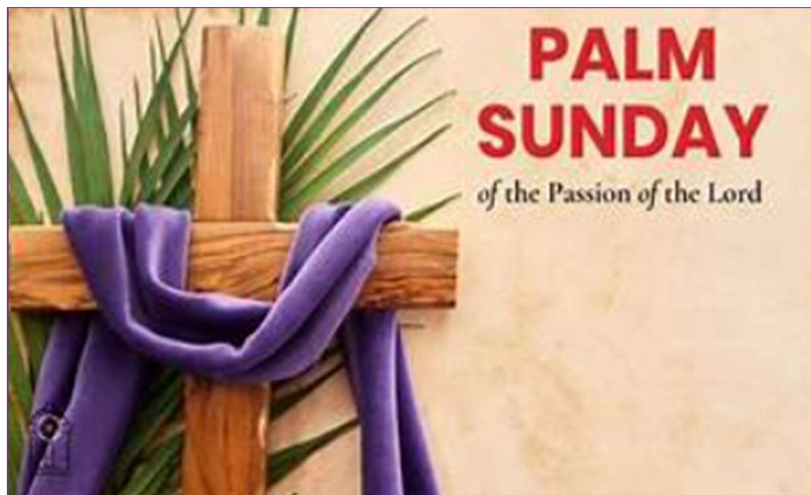
**Daily Mass:** Monday – Friday 12:10 p.m. **(Holy Rosary after Mass)**

**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 (upon request or by appointment)

## March 28 (Vigil) and March 29, 2026



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

*"The whole city was shaken and asked, "who is this?"*

Matthew 21:10

March 29, 2026



### 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.

### 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** – My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Isaiah 50:4-7)

**Psalm** 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading** – Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him. (Philippians 2:6-11)

**Gospel** – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:14-27:66)

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### Lent at St. John of God Church

**Stations of the Cross:** After the Good Friday Service.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Upon request or by appointment.

Triduum - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm**

(\* April 2 – Potluck Soup Supper 5:45 – 6:45 PM at the Hall)

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday – The Lord's Passion 7:00 PM**

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

**April 5 – Easter Sunday**

**9:30 am, 11:30 am**

**Gospel Reflection:** Holy Week marks the journey with Jesus through his Passion and Resurrection, beginning with the palm procession commemorating his entrance into Jerusalem. The full account of Jesus' Passion is proclaimed during these days, especially significant in communities celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation.

Palm Sunday highlights the contrast central to Holy Week: Jesus is celebrated as a king upon entering Jerusalem but soon faces betrayal and suffering. He begins as a hero and ends as an object of ridicule. This is why this Sunday is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday."

The two Gospel readings (in the palm procession and in Liturgy) emphasize this shift—from triumph in the procession with palm branches to the Passion where Jesus endures mockery and pain. Isaiah's "Suffering Servant" prophecy mirrors this journey, showing that true greatness is found in humility and steadfast love.

Palm Sunday's liturgy reminds us that real glory is not in worldly acclaim, but in unwavering compassion and humility. Each of us, including Jesus, is designed to love and be loved, to empty ourselves of any bad habit or out-of-control urge that pushes us toward pride.

Today's liturgy encourages us to accept suffering and follow Christ's example. We pray for unity with him in suffering and hope to share in his resurrection and new life. By remaining true to the God of Love who lives within us, we become ourselves, how God wants us to be.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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
<b>Sat. Mar. 28</b> 4:15 pm - Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b> 9:30 am 11:30 am	Kristan Carado – Birthday People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Mon. Mar. 30</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Tues. Mar. 31</b> 12:10 pm	Lela Jean-Mary (Thanksgiving)	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Wed. April 1</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Thurs. April 2</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper and Chrism Mass</b>	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Fri. April 3</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday – The Lord's Passion</b>	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Sat. April 4</b> 8:00 pm	<b>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter</b> <b>OCIA – Bryan Anderson</b>	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Sun. April 5</b> 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Josephine Ahearn-Bui (Baptism) People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi 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](mailto: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



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.

**Please bring your rice bowls on Thursday, April 2.**

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

### 30 Monday of Holy Week (Bl. Amadeus IX of Savoy)

Isaiah 42:1-7 | Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14. The Lord is my light and my salvation. | John 12:1-11.

### 31 Tuesday of Holy Week (St. Benjamin)

Isaiah 49:1-6 | Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17. I will sing of your salvation. | John 13:21-33, 36-38.

### April 1 Wednesday of Holy Week (St. Hugh of Grenoble)

Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34. Lord, in your great love, answer me. | Matthew 26:14-25.

### Triduum:

### 2 Holy Thursday-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 | Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ. | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. | John 13:1-15.

**3 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion** Isaiah 52:13—53:12 | Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. | Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9. | John 18:1—19:42.

### 4 Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

**Reading 1:** Genesis 1:1—2:2. | Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Reading II:** Genesis 22:1-18. | Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Reading III:** Exodus 14:15—15:1. | Psalm: Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

**Reading IV:** Isaiah 54:5-14. | Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Reading V:** Isaiah 55:1-11. | Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

### 5 The Resurrection of the Lord — The Mass of Easter Day

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. | Colossians 3:1-4. | John 20:1-9.

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### 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 Rioski, 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

## March 29: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule: 9:30 and 11:30

### April 2: Holy Thursday

5:30 – 6:30 pm Potluck Soup Supper in the Hall



A gathering over a simple meal of soup, bread and butter will precede the 7:00 p.m. liturgy. To participate please bring soup and bread that can serve at least 10 adults and bring a serving soup spoon. (No meat restriction on this day.)

### Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word, washing of the feet, procession to the Blessed Sacrament in the Library. The Altar of Repose will remain open until the last person leaves.

**Please bring your Rice Bowls.**

### April 3: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) > No Mass <

**7:00 PM** Good Friday Service includes Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The Altar of Repose will be open at 6:00 PM for private prayer time.

### April 4 Saturday: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter 8:00 PM

Reception in the Hall after the Vigil Mass

We rejoice the resurrected Christ and warmly receive a new member to the Catholic Church, **Bryan Anderson**.

### April 5 Sunday: Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord 9:30 and 11:30 AM

**Announcement from our Music Director  
Paul Riofski**

**Dear friends,**

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve these past 26 years as your Music Director. Upon reflection and various considerations, I have decided to retire from this role, and will complete my service Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Gino and I will continue to be active members of the parish community. I will be taking a sabbatical leave from attending the weekend liturgies for an extended period, during which I will continue to serve as a volunteer on the liturgy community and in adult faith formation.

During my tenure, it has been my joy to minister with six pastors, so many talented musicians and singers, along with the lay leadership and the entire faith community. All of our musicians and choir have agreed to continue their ministry, and I trust they will receive your full support. Please know that you will all be in my prayers.

**In Christ's peace,**

*Paul Riofski*