

St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

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Parish Office Open: 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)

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy



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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.

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 the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Debbie Feliz at 415-819-9093, dafeliz50@gmail.com.

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 – All who believed were together and had all things in common. (Acts 2:42-47)

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading – God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Gospel – Thomas believes because he sees Jesus. (John 20:19-31)

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Gospel Reflection:

The Gospels describe Jesus appearing to his disciples in bodily form after his resurrection, though they often failed to recognize him until prompted. His resurrected body bore signs of crucifixion and seemed free of physical limitations, as he could enter locked rooms. He greeted his disciples with peace and the Holy Spirit, commissioning them to continue his work and linking forgiveness with the Spirit.

Thomas's story reflects the Christian call to believe without seeing, as all believers since the first witnesses have done. His doubt was understandable, given the extraordinary claim of Jesus' resurrection. Wanting proof, Thomas became a witness to Jesus truly being risen.

The foundation of our faith rests upon the testimony of the Church throughout history, beginning with Thomas and the original disciples. Through Baptism, individuals receive the Holy Spirit, as did the first followers of Jesus. We are considered among those who are "blessed," having believed without direct observation.

(Adapted from LPI Sunday)



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.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all participants in the annual CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Lenten Rice Bowl initiative. This year, we contributed a total of \$585.00, surpassing last year's achievement. CRS will allocate 75% of these funds to support their global programs, while the remaining 25% will assist individuals in need within the greater Bay Area. Thank you for your generous support!

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. April 11 4:15 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. April 12 9:30 am 11:30 am	<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> Dolores Kenny-Doyle (Healing) <i>Baptism</i> – Elise Nhu Mai Niekamp	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. April 13 12:10 pm	Andy Martin & Evelyn Martin - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. April 14 12:10 pm	1. James Clarke – RIP 2. Michelle & Ilana Yackle - Birthdays	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. April 15 12:10 pm	Frances Peterson – Personal Intentions	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. April 16 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. April 17 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. April 18 10:00 am 4:15 pm	Memorial Mass – Joan Lane People of the Parish	Fr. Greg Bonfiglio 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 Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, closed on Federal holidays and Holy days. This schedule is from April 13 to June 8.

Community News

Retirement: Paul Riofski

Congratulations to Paul on his retirement as Music Director. Although he is stepping back from the guitar, Paul will remain active in SJOG Parish in other roles. Wishing him happiness and fulfillment in his next chapter. **Thank you, Paul.**

Transition: Joe Humphreys

Due to health reasons, Joe Humphreys is closing the website in its current form. While it's disappointing to lose a long-standing resource, we appreciate how SJOG has served us for years. Bryan is developing a new website, and we look forward to what it will offer. **Thank you, Joe, for your steady presence and reliable work managing SJOG's technical needs for so long.**

New Webmaster: Bryan Anderson

Welcome Bryan Anderson, our new webmaster, who is creating the new SJOG website with a new address. Bryan also embraced his Catholic Faith this Easter Vigil—**two significant milestones!**

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

13 Monday of the Second Week of Easter (Pope Saint Martin I)
Acts 4:23-31 | Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9. Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord. | John 3:1-8.

14 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Lydwine)
Acts 4:32-37 | Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. | John 3:7b-15.

15 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Abbondio)
Acts 5:17-26 | Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. The Lord hears the cry of the poor. | John 3:16-21.

16 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Bernadette) Acts 5:27-33 | Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20. The Lord hears the cry of the poor. | John 3:31-36.

17 Friday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Stephen Harding)
Acts 5:34-42 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14. One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord. | John 6:1-15.

18 Saturday of the Second Week of Easter (St. Galdinus)
Saturday (Sunday) Vigil 4:30 p.m.

19 Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33 | Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. Lord, you will show us the path of life. | 1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35.

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Pope Leo at Prayer Vigil for Peace: Stop planning arms and death

During Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Vigil for Peace in the world, the Pope appeals to leaders of nations to stop and sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, "not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided!" He also insists that the Church will always advance in calling for peace "even when rejecting the logic of war may lead to misunderstanding and scorn," and will always instill "obedience to God rather than any human authority."

The Pope said that all brothers and sisters of every language, people and nation are one family that weeps, hopes and rises again, and thus, he again called on that family to embrace the appeal of his predecessor Pope, Saint John Paul II, to declare together, "No more war, a journey with no return; no more war, a vicious cycle of grief and violence."

Pope Leo concluded wishing that the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of His sacrifice of love on the Cross, be with all people, and inviting everyone to join him in reciting the prayer for peace below.

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, Jacob Campbell.
- 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.
- Web Administrator: Bryan Anderson
- Web Assistant Pro Tem: Joe Humphreys
- Custodian: Phil Thurman

**In Memoriam: (Mary) Joan Solari Lane
September 17, 1927 – March 4, 2026**

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00am at St. John of God Parish, 1290 5th Avenue, San Francisco. A reception will follow immediately in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a non-profit organization of your choice in memory of Joan. Further information is available in her formal obituary at www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/joan-lane-obituary?id=61068407.

Joan and her husband Ralph, a professor of sociology at USF, played a significant role in the early development of St. John of God. Ralph served as the parish greeter, distributing bulletins and welcoming each attendee at the entrance on 5th and Irving every Sunday. Joan coordinated a weekly senior drop-in lunch, now held in Collins Hall, for several years. Both were dedicated participants in the 9:30 Sunday Mass, actively supported parish fundraisers, and consistently attended annual events such as the Christmas party, parish picnics in Golden Gate Park, and other social gatherings.

Upon retirement, they relocated from their residence in the City—where they raised their children, Ralph and Margaret—to a condominium in Burlingame. They frequently spent time at the beach in Aptos and pursued boogie boarding as a recreational activity. Their family life included enjoying the company of six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Although no longer able to attend Mass regularly, they continued to support St. John of God through consistent contributions. Ralph passed away in 2007, and Joan remained in the Burlingame condo for approximately another decade, maintaining her tradition of sending offertory checks to St. John of God up until recent months. Paul Riofski, Music Director (Emeritus) of SJOG, recalls Joan's attendance at the 9:30 Mass in 2017 to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Joan and Ralph were co-founders of The Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition at the University of San Francisco. Joan's vision, dedication, and substantial contributions to education have established a lasting legacy at USF. She is recognized for her ongoing support of the Lane Center, which is committed to advancing engagement with Catholic social thought and Ignatian traditions within the university community. We convey our sincere condolences to her family and friends as we acknowledge her impact and commemorate her achievements.