

## 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 19, 2026

## Third Sunday of Easter



Brooklyn Museum

April 19, 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.

### 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](mailto: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 2:14, 22-33)

**Psalm** 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. God will show us the path of life.

**Second Reading** – You were saved by Christ's sacrifice. (1 Peter 1:17-21)

**Gospel** – Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35)

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### Gospel Reflection:

Usually, Sundays in Easter Season Cycle A feature readings from John's Gospel, but this week's is from Luke. Like last week, today's passage describes how the first disciples came to believe in Jesus' resurrection and how the Church community was formed.

Today's Gospel shows that Jesus' friends walked and talked with him without recognizing him at first, only later realizing his identity. The early community recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread, just as we do in the Eucharist. The two disciples left Jerusalem in confusion after Jesus' crucifixion, struggling to understand and move forward from what had happened.

Jesus meets two men, but they mistake him for a stranger. He asks about their discussion and invites them to share their thoughts on recent events. After listening, Jesus provides his perspective using Jewish Scripture. This encounter serves as a model for our Liturgy of the Word, where we connect our experiences to Scripture and gather to engage with God's Word.

The disciples invite Jesus to stay, and during a meal of breaking bread, they recognize him. In the Eucharist, we also break bread and find Jesus among us. Like the disciples who shared their story in Jerusalem, we are called to share our experience of Jesus with others after the Eucharistic gathering.

(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.

**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.

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.stjohnofgod-sf.org/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).

**Mass Intentions This Week**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Dedicated Intentions</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
<b>Sat. April 18</b> 4:15 pm	Jim Garcia – RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Sun. April 19</b> 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Mon. April 20</b> 12:10 pm	Milagros Rodrigues - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Tues. April 21</b> 12:10 pm	Natalia Smith – Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Wed. April 22</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Thurs. April 23</b> 12:10 pm	Arcadio Meneses – RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Fri. April 24</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Sat. April 25</b> 4:15 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi

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 number.

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 only for April 13 to June 8.

## Community News

The new St. John of God website has launched. Please take a peek at [www.stjohnofgod-sf.org](http://www.stjohnofgod-sf.org).

To assist everyone the transition both the former website ([www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net)) and the new site will run simultaneously, until all enhancements are in place.

Thank you to the collaboration of Bryan Anderson, our new webmaster, and Joe Humphreys, our longtime webmaster for the sjog.net. Cheers to both men!

### Retirement: Paul Riofski

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



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### Bella Vision Gala

**Saturday May 9, 2026**

6:00pm – Reception begins

7:00pm – Dinner & Programming

**Attire: Formal**

**Location: The Westin St. Francis**

335 Powell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RSVP by April 24th**

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

**20 Monday of the Third Week of Easter** (St. Agnes of Montepulciano) Acts 6:8-15 | Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! | John 6:22-29.

**21 Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter** (St. Anselm) Acts 7:51—8:1a | Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. | John 6:30-35.

**22 Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter** (Bl. Maria Gabriella Sagheddu) Acts 8:1b-8 | Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. | John 6:35-40.

**23 Thursday of the Third Week of Easter** (St. Giles of Assisi) Acts 8:26-40 | Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. | John 6:51.

**24 Friday of the Third Week of Easter** (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen) Acts 9:1-20 | Psalm 117:1bc, 2. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. | John 6:52-59.

**25 Saturday Daytime - Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
**Saturday (Sunday) Vigil 4:30 p.m.**

**26 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10.

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## Blessed Person of the Week: Saint Mark, Evangelist

Patron of: notaries, Venice, Barristers

Birth: 1st Century, Death: April 25, 68 AD

Most details about St. Mark, author of the Second Gospel, come from the New Testament and early Christian traditions, identifying him as 'John Mark' from Acts.

He joined Paul and Barnabas's first mission but left early, which caused friction with Paul. Later, Paul reconciled with Mark and found him valuable for ministry.

Mark was closely associated with St. Peter, often seen as his interpreter, and may have referred to himself in Mark 14:51-52. Though not one of the twelve apostles, Mark lived in Alexandria, died a martyr, and his Gospel (written around 60-70 A.D.) was based on Peter's teachings. He is considered the founder of the Church of Alexandria, though early sources do not confirm this. In 828, his relics were moved to Venice, where they are kept today. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion, and he is depicted holding his Gospel or as a bishop.

**Pastoral Staff:**

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**Peace Prayer by Pope Leo XIV:**

Dear friends, peace be with you all! It is the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of his sacrifice of love on the cross. For this reason, we raise our prayer to him:

Lord Jesus,  
you conquered death without weapons or violence:  
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.  
Grant us your peace,  
as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,  
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.  
Send forth your Spirit,  
the breath that gives life and reconciles,  
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.  
Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother,  
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,  
firm in the faith that you would rise again.  
May the madness of war cease  
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still  
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.  
Hear us, Lord of life!