



Easter Time
May 4— May 11
Hail Mary, Full of Grace!

Parish Calendar

Sun May 4 YRE First Communion..... 9:30AM
 Mon May 6 Finance Committee (K).....7:00PM
 Sat& Sun May 10/11 **Catholic Charities CYO**
Second Collection All Masses
Celebrate Mothers Day!

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36,
 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
 Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

Mass Intentions: May 2—8 (Fri.-Thurs.)

Fri.	Don Mahoney (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Anthony Rodriguez (RIP)	4.15pm
Sun.	Yves Larrouy (RIP)	9:30am
Sun.	Ernesto Tuvilla (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Pellanda/Busso Family (Living)	12:10pm
Tues.	Mary Moylan (Thanksgiving)	12:10pm
Wed.	Mary Ann McGovern (Healing)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Mary McGlynn (Blessings)	12:10pm

Please pray for the sick of the parish and our extended family:

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Pat Hoffman, Conor Gavney, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Dalia Becerra, Jerry O'Leary, Charlotte O'Callaghan, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly, Baby Donovan Loreto de Guzman, and all our members who reside in assisted living and care facilities.



This list and additional requests for prayer may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on our parish website at www.sjog.net. To include someone, please contact Judy Laxen at judithfl@aol.com; 415-203-6338.

Mass to Celebrate Our Graduates

On Sunday, June 1, St. John of God will celebrate and bless all graduates from Nursery School to Doctorates.

If you, a family member or good friend will be a graduate and would like to be acknowledged, please leave a message (name of graduate and school) on 415-556-5610 (office) and be present at the Mass so we as a community can share in your success.

BELIEVING

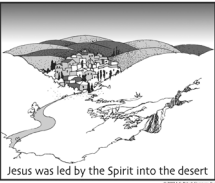
New birth, new life, good news! These themes run throughout today's scripture readings. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the joyful early days of the newly born church, when members devoted themselves to instruction, the communal life, the breaking of bread, and the prayers. The passage from Peter's first letter echoes that joy, and assures those who now believe though they never saw Jesus that their faith will lead to their salvation. But amid all the joy, the Gospel reading calls us to sober reality. Not everyone can believe so easily. Even an apostle can doubt this astonishing news of the Resurrection. Across the centuries, Jesus reaches forward to touch us today: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The Saint John of God Prayer

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

Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave



TREASURE OF OUR TRADITION

One of the great Easter traditions is "mystagogy," an ancient word meaning "reflection on the mysteries." It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the

faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you've had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you've been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you've said "I do" to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God's abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called "neophytes," meaning "newly planted." The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

Prayer and Meditation

Everything that is, is given by the God of love. All is grace. Light and water, shelter and food, work and free time, children, parents and grandparents, birth and death - it is all given to us. Why? So that we can say gracias, thanks: to God, thanks to each other, thanks to all and everyone!

Bring a Friend ~ ALL ARE WELCOME !



At St. John of God, we follow the example of our Patron Saint who opened his doors to all in need. We ask that all who come to seek God's Grace honor Universal Diversity when we come together to worship as a community. A special time is during the prayers of the faithful : We all meet each other with compassion and respect.

If you have a desire to join a community of wonderful friends who accept all, **PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

Mass and Potluck for Divorced or Separated Catholics at St. John of God on Saturday, May 17, at 5:30 PM

Many divorced and separated Catholics have felt excluded from the Sacraments and every other part of life in the Church. Nothing could be further from the truth! Jesus welcomes us ALL! For more than 40 years, Father Al Grosskopf, a Jesuit from St. Ignatius parish, has brought a message of hope and God's love to Catholics in the Bay Area who walk on this very challenging path.

Fr. Al will celebrate Mass at St. John of God especially for the divorced and separated immediately following our usual 4:15 Mass. Even if you're not a regular churchgoer, even if it's been years, come and receive God's loving care.

There'll be a potluck supper in Collins Hall right afterwards and Fr. Al will be joining us to answer questions for any who have them. If you can, please bring something to share, and if you can't do that, we want to see you anyway! Call Chuck or Gilda Witherell with questions or to RSVP to our meal, at 415-385-6225.

A Mother's Day Prayer

My heart is filled with thanks for you, my loving mother. On Mother's Day and every day I ask God to watch over you. Thank you God for choosing you to be my mother. Heartfelt joy is how I feel when I think of you. Everything I am is because of what you have taught me. Rejoice to the Lord, for He has given me you! Amen.



Mission Statement

We, the Church of St. John of God are a prophetic and inclusive Catholic Community where Jesus Christ is recognized and embraced as the Way, the Truth and the Light. It is where Jesus Christ is made present by the power of the Spirit and the sacramentality of our lives. It is where we assist each other in growing in the grace of God and our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

We are committed both in principle and action to world peace and social justice.

We are committed to live by the principles of charity, transparency, justice and inclusiveness that spring from the heart of the Gospel and to call and challenge the Universal Church to do the same.

We have a unique relationship with U.C.S.F. Medical Center/Benioff Children's Hospital.

We are committed to minister in the spirit of St. John of God, our patron saint, to the sick in the hospital and to their families, the staff, faculty and students of the university.

Mass is offered at the hospital on Sundays at 11:30 AM in Moffitt Room 1015, and broadcast on Channel 24.

Our priest-chaplains visit the sick, and volunteer Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to the patients and their families on most weekdays and weekends.

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