

# St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community

Since 1967

Welcome



The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Romans 16:25-27

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## Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

At other times: Please call the office.

## MASS TIMES

### At Church:

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Monday – Friday: 12:10 PM

(followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on first Fridays)

**Holy Days: As announced**

### At UCSF Medical Center:

Sunday: 12:10 PM, Moffitt Room 1015.

## Preparation for Christmas

### Reconciliation Services

**Dec. 21 Thursday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Dec. 24** - Sunday (Advent), 10:30 AM

**Dec. 24** - Sunday (Eve of Christmas), 6:00 PM

**Dec. 25** - Monday (Christmas Day), 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

December 24, 2023

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

“Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”



## OUR MISSION

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 University of California San Francisco Medical Center to help meet Jesus Christ through our actions, charity, transparency, social justice, and inclusiveness.



***To our beloved Parishioners and friends of SJOG,***

*May the spirit of this holy season fill your hearts with peace and hope. Best wishes to you and those you love for a blessed Christmas and a new year with renewed spirit. Your presence and participation are deeply appreciated. Thank you!*

### Pastoral Staff:

**Fr. Narcis Kabipi**, Administrator and Hospital Chaplain

**Fr. Te Van Nguyen**, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain

## Faith Formation

Religious Education for Youth  
(grades K-9):  
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism,  
Confirmation, Holy Communion,  
or membership in the Catholic  
Church, please contact the  
Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick  
Baptism  
Reconciliation  
Holy Communion  
Marriage (*at St. John of God  
Church; requires six months  
advance notice*)

## Fellowship / Hospitality

Sundays after Mass 9:30 and  
11:30 (*meet in the hall for  
refreshments*)  
**Welcome** parishioners, visitors,  
and new neighbors. If you are  
interested in volunteering your time  
or talents, please call the Parish  
Office.

## SJOG Choir

The Music Liturgy Group invites  
you to join the choir. All are  
welcome, regardless of age or  
experience. For more details,  
please call Paul Riofski at (415)  
517-4647.

## Administration Support:

- Parish Admin Assistant: Tracy Thompson
- Parish Custodian: Phil Thurman
- Pastoral Council: Lynette Castiglione, Debbie Feliz, Chuck Witherell, Gilda Witherell
- Liturgy: Lynette Castiglione, Bob Gajewski
- Music: Paul Riofski
- Finance Council: Bill Becker, Susan Fox, Dave Freitas, Bob Gajewski
- Webmaster: Joe Humphreys

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" (**2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (**Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**).

**Second Reading** — To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ (**Rom 16:25-27**).

**Gospel** — "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." (**Lk 1:26-38**).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### 25 Mon: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 52:7-10 | Ps 96:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

### 26 Tues: Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 | Mt 10:17-22

### 27 Wed: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4 | Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### 28 Thurs: Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 | Mt 2:13-18

### 29 Fri: The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11 | Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 | Lk 2:22-35

### 30 Sat: The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17 | Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 | Lk 2:36-40

**31 Sun: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | Col 3:12-21 | Lk 2:22-40

## Ways to Give:

- + Monetary offerings during Mass
- + Automatic donations via the website at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net) (requires signup; if you need help in this, we can assist)
- + Extra gifts on special days (Christmas, Easter, birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones, blessings, get well)

## MASS INTENTIONS - Please pray:

- For the special intentions of our parishioners and their families.
- For the sick, homebound, and deceased, especially for those we know and have moved into care facilities.
- For the recently deceased and their grieving families and friends.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

**St. John of God** (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.



## THANK YOU SO MUCH...

to those that have participated in the **2023 Archbishop Annual Appeal**. Your generosity is one way to share blessings in life and to help support pastoral and social ministries. God bless you!

--> We still have time until December 31st to receive your contributions to the Annual Appeal. Any amount will be appreciated. Thank you!