

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 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



“I am the gate for the sheep.”

John 10:7

April 26, 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.

Show us the path that will lead to the fullness of life and live in confidence that God will guide us along our journey. 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. For details, please contact Debbie Feliz at dafeliz50@gmail.com or call 415-819-9093.

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 – Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people. (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading – You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

Gospel – Jesus is the gate for his sheep. (John 10:1-10)

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Gospel Reflection:

This fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, featuring Gospel readings about Jesus as the Good Shepherd from John 10. Positioned between stories of healing and resurrection, today's reading follows controversy with the Pharisees, whom Jesus addresses in his allegory. In John's Gospel, the Pharisees are depicted as ineffective leaders, contrasted with Jesus who is both shepherd and gate, guiding followers to abundant life.

The sheep recognize and follow only their own shepherd, illustrating familiarity and trust within the relationship. At night, shepherds gather sheep in a fold for protection, and each shepherd leads his own flock out in the morning. The passage encourages reflection on Christian leadership, emphasizing faithfulness to Jesus and strong relationships within the community. Leaders are called to follow Jesus' example by being trustworthy shepherds to their followers.

(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.

Community News

The new St. John of God website has launched. Please take a peek at www.stjohnofgod-sf.org.

To assist everyone in the transition from the former website (www.sjog.net) to the new website site both websites will run simultaneously, until all enhancements are final in www.stjohnofgod-sf.org.

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Date & Time	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. April 25 4:15 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sun. April 26 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish John & Christine Narvaez – Wedding Anniversary	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Mon. April 27 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. April 28 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. April 29 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Thurs. April 30 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Fri. May 1 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. May 2 4:15 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi



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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

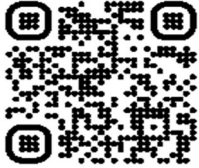
RSVP by April 24th

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 number.

The Parish Office is open **Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm**. This temporary schedule is from April 13 to June 8. Closed on Holidays.

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.

Franciscan Jubilee Year 2026 SF Pilgrimage Walk & Care for Creation Mass

When: Saturday, May 9th

Where: Prayer & Procession
begin at Washington Square Park
- 666 Filbert Street, Across from
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Schedule:

10:00 am Opening prayer
10:30 am Procession to National
Shrine (0.3 mile)

**At National Shrine of St. Francis
of Assisi:**

11:15 am Talk by Fr. Bobby Barbato
12:15 pm Mass (reception to follow)

**Gather in praise and
thanksgiving to renew our
relationships with God, the
Earth, and one another.**

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

27 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St. Zita) Acts 11:1-18 | Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4. Athirst is my soul for the living God. | John 10:11-18.

28 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St. Peter Chanel) Acts 11:19-26 | Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7. All you nations, praise the Lord. | John 10:22-30.

29 Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 12:24-13:5a. | Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8. O God, let all the nations praise you! | John 12:44-50.

30 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St. Pius V, Pope) Acts 13:13-25 | Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. | John 13:16-20.

May 1 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St Joseph the Worker, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Acts 13:26-33 | Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. | John 14:1-6.

May 2 Saturday Daytime - Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday (Sunday) Vigil 4:30 p.m.

May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12.

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Blessed Person of the Week

St Joseph the Worker, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The special characteristic of Joseph is hiddenness, remaining in the background. No word of his is recorded in the Gospels. He is not mentioned after the finding of Christ in the Temple. Probably by the time Jesus began his public life, at the wedding in Cana, Joseph had already passed to the next life, although we do not know exactly when or where he died. And the place of his burial remains a mystery.

Like many fathers, Joseph taught Jesus his trade as a craftsman, earning him the title "the son of the carpenter" in the Gospels. St Joseph's life highlights the dignity of work as a way to serve others and fulfill God's plan. He approached his labor with faith and virtue, using it to support his family, not for personal gain. Joseph honored the Sabbath and recognized the value of humble tasks, a respect for work evident in biblical tradition.

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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!

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