

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)**

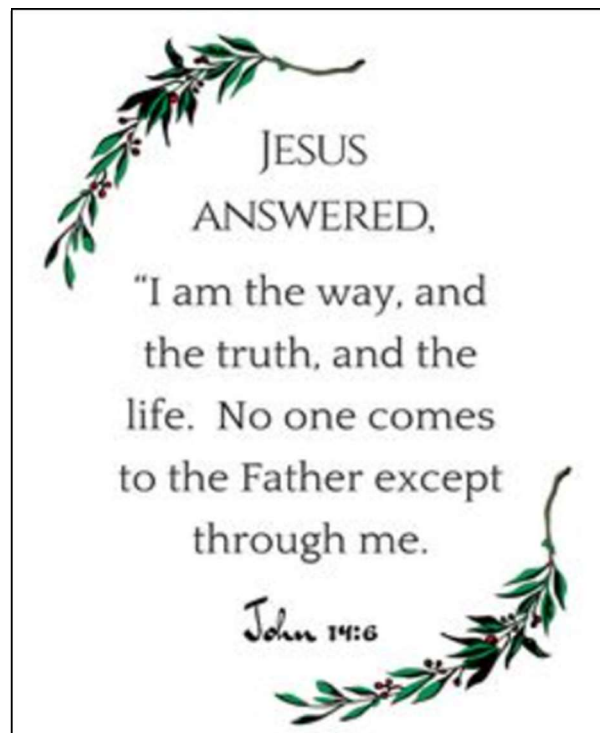
First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

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)

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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.

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 – They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.
(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.

Second Reading – You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own. (1 Peter 2:4-9)

Gospel – I am the way and the truth and the life. (John 14:1-12)

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Gospel Reflection:

1. The disciples did not know where Jesus was going and certainly did not want him to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with the people you love? How is human love either a reflection of divine love or else actually a participation in it?
2. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." What did Jesus tell his disciples (and us) in this reading to ensure that our hearts are not troubled, according to Pope Francis?

"Jesus is risen and lives precisely to be always by our side. We can thus say to him, "Jesus, I believe that you rose again and are beside me. I believe that you listen to me. I bring to you what upsets me, my troubles. ... "My Father's house has many rooms ... I am going there to prepare a place for you." ... he reserved a place in Heaven for us. He took our humanity upon himself to carry it beyond death, to a new place, to Heaven, so that we might also be where he is.

... God is in love with us; we are his children. ... We are in transit here. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever. ...

But how can we reach heaven? ... He says to us today: "I am the Way" ... to have a living relationship with him, to imitate him in love, to follow in his footsteps ... of service to others."

(by: Anne Osdieck from Pope Francis excerpt on his Angelus, 5th Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020)

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 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!

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.

Mass Intentions This Week

Date & Time	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrants
Sat. May 2 4:15 pm	Martin Maguire - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. May 3 9:30 am 11:30 am	Frances Peterson – Personal Intention Pilar Lim - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. May 4 12:10 pm	Pilar Lim - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. May 5 12:10 pm	Colleen Clarke - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. May 6 12:10 pm	Pilar Lim - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Thurs. May 7 12:10 pm	Pilar Lim - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Fri. May 8 12:10 pm	Pilar Lim - RIP	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Sat. May 9 4:15 pm	Pilar Lim and Stephen Lim – RIP	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 to 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.

**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**

4 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St. John Payne)

Acts 14:5-18 | Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16. Not to us, O Lord, but to your
name give the glory. | John 14:21-26.

5 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (Anna, Prophetess)

Acts 14:19-28 | Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21. Your friends make known,
O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. | John 14:27-31a.

6 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St. Dominic Savio)

Acts 15:1-6. | Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5. Let us go rejoicing to the
house of the Lord. | John 15:1-8.

7 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St. Rose Venerini)

Acts 15:7-21 | Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds
to all the nations. | John 15:9-11.

8 Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St. Maria Magdalen of Canossa)

Acts 15:22-31 | Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12. I will give you thanks among the
peoples, O Lord. | John 15:12-17.

9 Saturday (Sunday) Vigil 4:15 p.m. (St. Pachomius)

10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20. Let all the earth cry out
to God with joy. | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21.

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Blessed Person of the Week

St. Rosa Venerini

Founder, Venerini Sisters (1656–1728)

Rosa Venerini was born in Viterbo, Italy. Soon after entering a Dominican convent, her father's death forced her to leave to help care for her family. But by the time she felt free to pursue her vocation, she had given up thoughts of cloistered religious life. Instead, she had found a new calling—offering religious instruction to young girls. With support from her bishop and the collaboration of several associates, she started the first public school for girls in Italy. She perceived that by expanding opportunities for girls and young women, she might make the most effective contribution to the economic and moral uplift of society.

Opposition arose, but it quickly dissipated in the light of her success, and her schools spread to other cities. Though not recognized as a formal congregation until after her death, her so-called Religious Teachers became known as Venerini Sisters, operating under the motto "Educate to Liberate." In 1716 Pope Clement XI, along with several cardinals, made a personal visit to her school in Rome. After observing the instruction, he proclaimed: "Signora Rosa, with these schools you will sanctify Rome."

Tirelessly, she spent the rest of her life traveling throughout Italy to establish more schools. She died on May 7, 1728, and was canonized in 2006.

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Pray with the Pope

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amén.

Lord of creation,
You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread,
as a sign of Your love and providence.

Today we recognize with sorrow
that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger,
while so many goods are wasted at our tables.

Awaken in us a new awareness:
that we learn to thank for every food,
to consume simply,
to share with joy,
and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You,
destined for all, not just a few.

Good Father,
make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption
into a culture of solidarity.

May our communities promote concrete gestures:
awareness campaigns, food banks,
and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus,
broken bread for the life of the world,
give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity.
May no one be excluded from the common table,
and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread
not as an object of consumption,
but as a sign of communion and care.

Amen.

See next page for the answers to last week's word challenge.

Word Search

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| community | barrier | listen | trust |
| caring | Jesus | gates | love |
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| voice | cross | open | hear |
| accept | good | life | ears |