

# St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

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**Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 12:10 PM** (followed by Holy Rosary)

**First Fridays** (following Mass): **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Vigil Mass Saturday 4:15 p.m.**

**Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**

**Reconciliation** (as requested or by appointment)

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension of the Lord

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**Readings / Special  
Observances of the Seventh  
Week of Easter:**

**18 Monday**

Acts 19:1-8 | Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd,  
6-7ab | Jn 16:29-33

**19 Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27 | Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 |  
Jn 15:9-17

**20 Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38 | Ps 68:29-30, 33-  
35a, 35bc-36ab | Jn 17:11b-19

**21 Thursday**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 | Ps 16:1-2a and  
5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 | Jn 17:20-26

**22 Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21 | Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
19-20ab | Jn 21:15-19

**23 Saturday - Mass in the  
Morning**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | Ps 11:4, 5  
and 7 | Jn 21:20-25

**23 Pentecost Sunday – Vigil Mass**

Genesis 11:1-9 | Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-28, 29, 30 | Romans 8:22-27 |  
John 7:37-39

**24 Pentecost Sunday – Mass  
During the Day**

Acts 2:1-11 | Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30,  
31, 34 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn

**Sacraments Celebrated:**

Anointing of the Sick & Healing

Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

Marriage / wedding (requires six  
months preparation ceremony.)

Funerals / Celebration of Life



**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 - As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up. Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm - God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9).

Second Reading - God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens. (Eph 1:17-23)

Gospel - The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Matthew 28:16-20)

**Thoughts on Today's Readings:**

Ascension Day should not be viewed solely as a historical event; the New Testament treats it as part of the overall Easter story. Early narratives suggest appearances were manifestations of the risen and ascended Christ. Later accounts separate the Resurrection and Ascension for reflection but still consider them aspects of one event. The timing of the Ascension varies across texts, and for centuries, the church did not mark it specifically on the fortieth day. Today, the fortieth day is observed out of convenience to highlight this element of Easter, though the calendar allows flexibility.

Today's Gospel by Matthew quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop where Jesus instructs the eleven disciples to baptize and teach all nations, expanding their mission beyond Israel. Jesus directs them to baptize in the name of the Trinity, a rare scriptural reference for Trinitarian baptism. The passage marks the beginning of the Church, as Jesus entrusts his followers to continue teaching and welcoming new disciples, assuring them he will remain "God with us" forever.

(Adapted from LP Sunday Connection and Reginald H. Fuller)

**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](mailto:dafeliz50@gmail.com) or call 415-819-9093.

**We Need Your Help:**

If you are interested in volunteering your time, talent, and/or treasure, please drop a note in the collection basket during Mass, in the Parish mailbox by the rectory door, call the Parish Office (415.566.5610) or send an email to [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

**Mass Intentions This Week**

Date & Time	Dedicated Intentions	Celebrants
<b>Sat. May 16</b> 4:15 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Sun. May 17</b> 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Janelle Labiaga – Personal Intention	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Mon. May 18</b> 12:10 pm	Judy Yackle - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Tues. May 5</b> 12:10 pm	Terry Multz - Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
<b>Wed. May 6</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Thurs. May 7</b> 12:10 pm		Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Fri. May 8</b> 12:10 pm	Austin Davies, Allie Mack, Marshall Davies – Personal Intentions	Fr. Narcis Kabipi
<b>Sat. May 9</b> 4:15 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen

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](mailto: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.

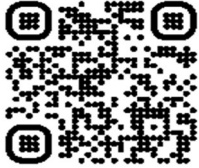
**Thank you to all our volunteers and donors, and to everyone that worship with us.**

In Christ,

Fr. Narcis Kabipi, Fr. Te Van Nguyen, and Parish Staff

## 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).

### Pastoral Staff:

- Rev. Narcis Kabipi, Administrator and Hospital Chaplain
- Rev. Te Van Nguyen, Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain
- Liturgy Committee: Fr. Narcis Kabipi, Bob Gajewski, Paul Riofski, Lynette Castiglione, Jacob Campbell.
- Pastoral Committee: Debbie Feliz, Lynette Castiglione, Chuck Witherell, Gilda Witherell
- Marriage Preparation: Susan Collins

### Administrative Staff:

- Finance Committee: Bob Gajewski, Dave Freitas, Bill Becker, Susan Fox
- Bookkeeper: Jessica Flores
- Bulletin Editor: Marilu I.
- Web Administrator: Bryan Anderson
- Web Assistant Pro Tem: Joe Humphreys
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Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of May and invites Catholics to pray that everyone might have food, as he highlights how millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger while so much food is wasted.

### Pray with the Pope Leo

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.