



*Easter Time*  
*May 11—May 17*  
*God Bless All Mothers!*

A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go!

**Parish Calendar**

Sat & Sun May 10/11 **Catholic Charities CYO**  
**Second Collection All Masses**  
**Celebrate Mothers Day!**  
 Sat May 17 5:30PM Mass / Pot Luck for  
 Divorced and Separated Catholics

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*Readings for the Week*

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

**Mass Intentions: May 9—15 (Fri.-Thurs.)**

Fri.	John Donohoe (Blessings)	12:10pm
Sat.	Paddy Langan (RIP)	4.15pm
Sun.	Mary & Natale Fiorantella	9:30am
Sun.	Gerald Rowley (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Henry Sonnett (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Mary Carlin (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Mary Carlin (RIP)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Ernesto Tuvilla (RIP)	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](http://www.sjog.net). To include someone, please contact Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto: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.

When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

The veneration and adoration of Mary is as old as the church itself. The earliest record of Mary's veneration probably comes from the Third Ecumenical Council at Ephesus in A.D. 431. There church fathers affirmed Mary as the Theotokos, or God-bearer. The title stuck, and today we refer to her as the "Mother of God".

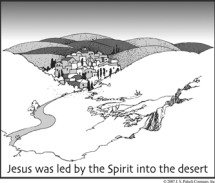
She has many faces and innumerable names, among them Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of Angels and the Light Cloud of Heavenly Rain. She is said to appear on occasion, mostly to children or others who are weak and disempowered. She is said, in some cases, to procure miracles. Some have even said that in the last days, Mary will lead the army of angels in the final battle against evil. So when we pray the rosary, or bow our heads during the creed, we are honoring our mother and the mother of our Lord. Although she is not God, she has earned our respect and devotion. ~USC

*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

Every rectory office has received a panicked phone call from a person who has been invited to serve as a godparent, or from someone newly engaged, who suddenly “needs to get confirmed.” While the lack of confirmation is not an obstacle for marriage, it is for godparenting. Many are surprised that the Church seems to be looking for a kind of sacramental “seal” on one’s baptism before the door opens fully to this ministry. Yet if you think about it, would you want someone to guide you to a place that he or she had not yet been? A godparent has to be someone who has “been there” and knows the way.

Although signet rings and wax seals have passed from use, our society depends on “seals of approval” ranging from certificates of quality to the familiar safety seals on medicines and foods. While Eucharist is the “seal” of the sacrament of baptism, there is a sense in which one’s Christian initiation is also incomplete without confirmation. Have you been confirmed?

Perhaps it’s time to inquire now, before you have to make that dreaded phone call!

### Prayer and Meditation

Hail holy Queen enthroned above, Hail, Queen of mercy and love! Our life, our sweetness here below, our hope in sorrow and in woe. Soothe with hope our misery. Turn then, most gracious advocate, toward us your eye compassionate. O gentle, loving, holy one, make us each day more like your Son. And when from death to life we’ve passed, show us your Son, our Lord, at last.

*Salve, salve, salve, Regina!*

### 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.

### Thank You for your generosity and compassionate outreach to the needy Palestinian Villagers!

With special thanks to

*Ken and Kathy Hoegger*

*Joe and Joy Cline*

*Robert and Margery Cunningham*

*Dorle Gross , Ethel Friedrichs and David Freitas.*

\$1,033 was collected!

Love and Gratitude, Martha Ayoub



### 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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