



## St. John of God Church

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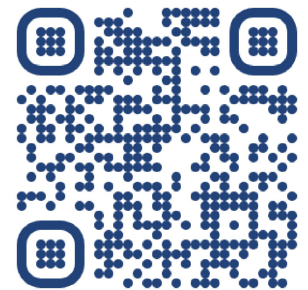
Dear Parishioners,

As we advance through the Advent Season, I wish each of you a joyful and blessed time of preparation as we remember the birth of Jesus. Each week, as we light the Advent candles, we're invited to reflect on the profound gifts Christ brings: the first candle shines with **hope** for Jesus' coming, the second calls us to **peace** as we recall Mary and Joseph's journey, the third invites **joy** as we anticipate His arrival, and the fourth celebrates the **love** God showed by sending us His Son.

Recently, one of our parishioners shared how St. John of God's spirit of welcome made them feel truly at home during a difficult moment in their life. This story is just one example of how our church's inclusive environment makes a real difference—reminding us that everyone who walks through our doors is embraced and supported, no matter where they come from or what they are facing.

But our weekly offertory collections continue to fall short of meeting our essential operating expenses, which is why I am reaching out to ask for your help. Once again we are counting on your generosity to help us bridge the gap by making an extra donation above and beyond your usual weekly offering to our 2025 Year-End Appeal. Your support will ensure that St. John of God continues to be a place where God's inclusive and affirming love is celebrated and all are welcome.

To donate by check, please write "2025 Year-End Appeal" on the memo line – this helps us separate these gifts from regular offerings. You can mail it to the office or drop it in a collection basket at Mass. You may also make your contribution online at [www.sjog.net/donate](http://www.sjog.net/donate) or by scanning the QR code to the right. Your donation may be tax deductible—feel free to reach out for details by calling our parish office at (415) 566-5610 or email [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net). We are happy to work with you to make giving easy.



Thank you for your attention and generosity. The "Year-End Appeal" will remain open throughout Advent and Christmas. Your gift, no matter the amount, helps us maintain our church as a welcoming home for all. Know that you are always in my prayers and remembered at Masses. I wish you and your families a warm and meaningful Advent and Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Kabipi".

Fr. Narcis Kabipi

PS Our schedule for the Christmas season is on the other side of this letter. Please join us if you are able. If you are unable to attend in person because you are home-bound, I invite you to call the parish office to request a visit. It would be my pleasure to bring communion to you!

## ***Christmas at St. John of God***

***Please join us at 1290 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122***



### ***The Nativity of the Lord***

**Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:15 PM**

**Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day Masses at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

### ***Feast of the Holy Family***

**Saturday, December 27 – Vigil Mass at 4:15 PM**

**Sunday, December 28 – Masses at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

### ***Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace***

**Thursday January 1, 2026 – Mass at 12:10 PM**

### ***Feast of the Epiphany\****

**Saturday, January 3 – Vigil Mass at 4:15 PM**

**Sunday, January 4, 2026 – One Morning Mass at 10:30 AM**

**\* Note: Just one morning Mass followed by reception in Collins Hall.**

### ***The Baptism of the Lord***

**Saturday, January 10 – Vigil Mass at 4:15 PM**

**Sunday, January 11 – Masses at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**

## **SJOG FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY: FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025**

**For the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 SJOG had a net operating loss of -\$31,966. SJOG has fewer parishioners and less annual income than in prior years. However, the operating costs of the parish remain the same and this year there was deferred maintenance for the chapel and hall that had to be done. This operating loss (deficit) was paid from the SJOG general checking and savings accounts, the Renovations Donations account and a subsidy from the Archdiocese.**

Starting in Jan 2025, SJOG is renting the parish hall three days per week to a non-profit for a “senior activities” program. To date in 2025, SJOG has received \$22,065 in hall rental income. This non-profit meets the Archdiocesan guidelines to rent the hall. We are doing what is allowed to raise income.

**During calendar year 2025 to date, SJOG has spent \$36,731 for necessary deferred maintenance on the chapel and the hall. The deferred maintenance includes:**

\$8,876 for dry rot and structural repair to the west wall of the parish hall (Heroes’ Windows wall);  
\$5,590 for new electrical wiring safety repairs for light fixtures in the chapel;  
\$7,500 to replace the old gutters on both sides of the parish hall with new large galvanized rain gutters;  
\$2,045 for repairs to the gas heat boiler for the chapel and rectory;  
\$12,720 for repairs & paint of the wood frames on the hall windows & the hall doors & the exterior stairs to the priest’s apartment & paint the stucco walls of the courtyard and west wall of the hall.

**On July 18, 2025 the Archdiocese gave SJOG a \$20,000 subsidy and requested that SJOG pay off the amount owed for the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). SJOG paid the Archdiocese \$6,2140 for the 2024 AAA assessment. After pay-off of the 2024 assessment, the net amount of the Archdiocesan subsidy to SJOG is \$14,850.**

**On June 28, 2024 the Archdiocese gave SJOG a \$30,000 subsidy and requested that SJOG pay off the amount owed for the 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). SJOG paid the Archdiocese \$15,150 for the 2023 AAA assessment. After pay-off of the 2023 assessment, the net amount of the Archdiocesan subsidy to SJOG is \$13,786. Without the \$30,000 subsidy in 2024, SJOG would have had a -\$16,868 net operating loss for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.**

**In the past four fiscal years, SJOG has had operating LOSSES totaling \$100,753. These operating Losses (deficit) have been paid from its SJOG savings and checking offertory accounts, the Renovations Donations account and Archdiocesan subsidies.**

**During the past five years, the Archdiocese has given SJOG three subsidies totaling \$75,000. The Archdiocese wants SJOG to continue as a parish and would like the parish members and friends to financially support SJOG.**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal [AAA] - The 2025 AAA assessment for SJOG is \$21,493. To date, SJOG has paid \$5,000 on the 2025 AAA. The Archdiocese expects SJOG to pay the AAA balance by Dec. 31, 2025.

During October 2025, SJOG did the Week-End mass attendance count. During Oct., the average total week-end attendance at the Sat; 4:15pm mass AND the 9:30am & 11:30am Sunday masses is 62 persons. If we count some individuals who live alone as a “family”, currently there are approx. 40 families that attend mass at SJOG at least once a month.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. However, for this fiscal year, the parish needs an additional \$40,000 of donations to break even. This Dec. and Jan. 2026, we will hold a fundraising appeal.**

Many of you make offertory and other donations to SJOG electronically via VANCO. Vanco is an easy way to donate to the parish without having to write checks. You can go to the SJOG website at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net) and get parish news and find out about Vanco. We have a QR code you can use to donate via Vanco.

**Please see the reverse side for additional financial information and a chart with a summary of SJOG financial results for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and the prior five fiscal years.**

**SJOG FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY: FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025**

**SJOG Bank Account Balances as of Jan 1, 2025, June 30, 2025, Dec. 1, 2025**

Checking	\$53,970	\$28,479	\$36,913
Renovation Donations (restricted)	\$48,080	\$33,574	\$13,309
Savings	\$29,100	\$19,101	\$19,102
Bunda (restricted)	\$33,468	\$11,063	\$25,275

During Fiscal Year July 2024 to June 30, 2025, (FY2025), SJOG total expenses (including AAA payments and Maintenance & Repairs) were \$209,771. Money was withdrawn from the Checking, the Savings and the Renovations Donations account to pay FY2025 expenses.

During FY 2025, average monthly expenses were \$17,481. Today, the SJOG Savings balance is \$19,102. This current balance is one month of the average monthly expenses. This is a very low amount of reserve.

Summary Results for fiscal years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020						
	FYE6/30/25	FYE6/30/24	FYE 6/30/23	FYE 6/30/22	FYE 6/30/21	FYE 6/30/20
NET income	\$177,805	\$216,198	\$183,669	\$228,105	\$254,726	\$241,458
NET expense	\$209,771	218,207	\$218,315	\$260,237	\$247,272	\$250,728
Net reported <b>LOSS/GAIN</b>	<b>(\$31,966)</b>	<b>(\$2,009)</b>	<b>(\$34,646)</b>	<b>(\$32,132)</b>	\$7,454	<b>(\$9,270)</b>
SJOG Bank Account Balances for fiscal years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020						
SJOG CHECKING	\$28,479	\$43,096	\$21,826	\$55,521	\$87,268	\$63,226
SJOG SAVINGS	\$19,101	\$14,099	\$24,097	\$24,095	\$24,092	\$24,090
SJOG Sanctuary* (restricted)	\$200	\$275	\$2,088	\$4,672	\$200	\$2,717
SJOG Renovation Fund (restricted)	\$33,574	\$46,040	\$51,283	\$51,283	\$51,283	\$46,901
SJOG Diocese of Bunda (restricted)	\$11,063	\$8,194	\$16,386	\$16,907	\$3,066	\$14,161
Fundraising and Other Donations						
Year-End Appeal	\$30,014	\$47,637	\$29,385	No Year-end Appeal	\$22,398	\$25,836
Archdiocesan Subsidy	\$20,000	\$30,000			\$25,000	
NOTES						
Sanctuary/ CAR funds are raised for Immigrant support & advocacy. Seeking additional volunteers.						
Renovation Donations are bequests to the parish that are restricted for new roof and captial repairs for chapel and the the hall. During 2025 calendar year, \$36,731 paid for capital repairs. On Dec. 1, 2025, the balance in the Renovations Fund is \$13,309.						
On July 18, 2025, the Archdiocese gave the parish a \$20,000 subsidy and requested that SJOG to payoff the 2024 assessmont. SJOG paid \$6,214 to the Archdiocese as final payment of the 2024 assessment.						
On June 28, 2024, the Archdiocese gave the parish a \$30,000 subsidy and requested that SJOG to pay off the 2023 assessment. SJOG paid \$15,150 to the Archdiocese for the 2023 assessment.						
In June 2022, the Archdiocese took charge of the contract with UCSF for payment of the Catholic hospital chaplain assigned to UCSF <i>and who lives or works at SJOG</i> . This resulted in an ongoing \$8,940 annual loss of income for the parish.						

**ALL persons are welcome to pray and or attend mass and sacraments at St. John of God. Please invite friends to join SJOG Catholic parish. For SJOG to successfully continue as a parish, we need to increase the number of people who actively participate at SJOG. If you have ideas on how to grow the parish or increase mass attendance, please contact Father Kabipi.**

This report prepared by Dave Freitas and the other members of the Finance Committee. If you have any questions about the parish finances or this report, please talk to Father Kabipi or contact any member of the Finance Committee. The report date is Dec. 15, 2025.