

# St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

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Office Tel. (415) 566-5610 | Parish Office Hours: 10 AM – 1:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

December 8, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent

Bartholomew 5:1-9 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 | Luke 3:1-6



## Monday December 9th is Feast of Immaculate Conception

It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics

Join us for Mass at 12:10 PM

**December 8, 2024**

## **The Good News**

### **Excerpt from the Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6**

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and  
hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be  
made straight,

and the rough ways made  
smooth,

and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God.”



### **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.

### **PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

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. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

## **Liturgical Celebrations**

**Dec. 9 Monday 12:10 PM –**  
Feast of Immaculate Conception

**Dec. 24 Tuesday 4:15 PM –**  
Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve)  
The Nativity of the Lord

**Dec. 25 Wednesday 9:30; 11:30 AM**  
(Christmas Day)  
The Nativity of the Lord

**Jan. 1 Wednesday 12:10 PM –**  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, the Mother of God  
The Octave Day of Christmas

### **Today's Reflection:**

We all know who John the Baptist is: a prophet, a messenger, and one who prepares the way to the Lord by a message of repentance, salvation, and forgiveness. John's message was to repent for the way of the Lord and not just to repent, but to point people to God and his salvation for all through his son Jesus. Two weeks from now we focus on the first coming of Jesus as a baby born in Bethlehem, some 2,000 years ago. Today we focus on the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, in everyday life, in our relationships and encounters with others, as we try to be aware of the signs of God's presence.

Advent is a season to prepare for the birth of Jesus in our lives, and when he comes, we continue to await for signs of God's redemption. Let us hope that as we prepare for Christmas, we can recognize the presence of God, for we do not know if we are the one God comes to, disguised as someone else.

## Sacraments celebrated at St. John of God Church

Anointing of the Sick & Healing  
Baptism

Holy Communion

Reconciliation

Marriage (requires six months' advance preparation for in-church ceremony.)

## Sacramental Reconciliation

Come reconcile with God and experience His mercy and joy. No sin is new to Him. No wrongdoing too great. Approach the celebrant or call the office to make an appointment.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, or joining the Catholic Church, please call or send an email to the Parish Office. For more information on RCIA, please contact:

- Debbie Feliz 415-819-9093, [dafeliz50@gmail.com](mailto:dafeliz50@gmail.com)
- Paul Riofski 415-517-4647, [sjogmusic@aol.com](mailto:sjogmusic@aol.com)

## St. John of God Choir

Music Liturgy Group invites you to join. Any age is welcome. For details, please call the Music Director, Paul Riofski, (415) 517-4647.

Please pray:

- For those suffering from illness, infirmity, and the homebound, especially those we know and who have moved into care facilities.
- For the names and petitions written in the Book of the Sick.
- For couples that recently received the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- For candidates of RCIA.
- For the souls of the recently departed and for the repose of the souls of all deceased and their grieving families and friends, *especially, Kathleen Connolly and Michel Marty.*
- For peaceful transition of newly elected leaders in governments.

## Today's Readings –Second Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** — Jerusalem, God will show your splendor. (Bar 5:1-9)

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.)

**Second Reading** — Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (Phil 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Lk 3:1-6)

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## This Week's Readings, Saints, and Special Observances:

**09 Monday - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Gn 3:9-15,20 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Eph 1:3-6,11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

**10 Tuesday – Second Week of Advent** (Pope Saint Gregory III)  
Is 40:1-11 | Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 | Mt 18:12-14

**11 Wednesday - Second Week of Advent** (Pope Saint Damasus I)  
Is 40:25-31 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 | Mt 11:28-30

**12 Thursday - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | Ps Judith 13:18bcde, 19 | Lk 1:26-38

**13 Friday - Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
Is 48:17-19 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Mt 11:16-19

**14 Saturday – Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**15 Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a | Ps Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

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## Season to Share

Everything that we have is a gift and as Christians, we live a life of gratitude and appreciation of all that God has blessed us with. **This year we support those in need through St. Anthony's Ministry.**

### Acceptable donations (NO food):

- *Slightly used and clean* (or new) clothing for infants, children, teens, adults, blankets, scarves, winter hats (NO used pillows or used underwear).
- New or unused personal-size toiletries, personal care items.

Please bag your gifts and place them in the baskets at the base of the Advent Candles. **Due Sunday, December 14.**

All donations will be picked up by then, so those in need can have them before Christmas.



## Community News

### Welcome to St. John of God Church Community



A warm welcome to those who may be visiting with us. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this Community. Please join us for refreshments **after Sunday Mass.**

### About Fr. Tom Seagrave

The Archbishop Riordan High School has renamed its doorway in honor of our former pastor Tom Seagrave. The Riordan website has a page devoted this event which you can see at <https://www.riordanhs.org/about/news/fr-tom-seagrave-60-honored-in-entrance-naming>.

### 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.

### Mass Intentions This Week

(For prayer requests or to request Mass intentions, please call **415.566.5610** or visit the Parish Office.)

Date & Mass Times	Dedicated Names
Sun. Dec. 8 09:30 am 11:30 am	Parishioners of St. John of God Church
Mon. Dec. 9 12:10 pm	Mary Peterson (special intention)
Tues. Dec. 10 12:10 pm	Daniel Illenberger (RIP)
Wed. Dec. 11 12:10 pm	
Thurs. Dec. 12 12:10 pm	Ana Maria Mendieta (special intention)
Fri. Dec. 13 12:10 pm	Frances Peterson (special intention)
Sat. Dec. 14 4:15 pm Vigil	



Gabriel Project Advent Giving Tree  
Help support women who are awaiting the birth of their unborn child and help support moms after their baby arrives with the help of the Gabriel Project ([sfarch.org/gabrielproject](http://sfarch.org/gabrielproject)). For more information go to [Gabriel Project Advent Giving Tree - Archdiocese of San Francisco](#).

#### Ways to Donate to SJOG Church:

1. Monetary offerings during Mass. Electronic transfer (convenient way to make a one-time or recurring donation) via:  
<https://www.sjog.net/donate>
2. Scan the QR image below with a mobile/smart phone.



Either #1 or #2 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).



To rent the Parish Hall please call the Parish Office at (415) 566-5610 or email [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net).

#### Retreat - Spanish Healing After Abortion on Nov 29 – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

<https://sfarch.org/project-rachel-retreat-offers-peace-to-women-wounded-by-abortion/>

#### In Memoriam - Kathleen Connolly Entered Eternal Life on October 28, 2024

Kathleen Connolly and her husband, Richard Hayes, were active parishioners of St. John of God Church from the early 1970's and into the 1990's. Kathleen was especially committed to expanding the role of women in the church and to grassroots organizing of all sorts. Kathleen and Richard were married at St. John of God Church in 1977 by Fr. Tom Burns. For many years Kathleen also did the St. John of God Sunday Bulletin. Richard plans to publish Kathleen's obituary by mid-December.

A mass in her memory will be held on:

**Sunday, December 15, 8:30-9:30 am**

St. Agnes Catholic Church

1025 Masonic Ave. (between Haight and Oak)

Per Rich, "This is the Mass that Kathleen and I have attended for the past twelve years. This will be the regular Catholic Mass for that Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) with a remembrance of Kathleen at the end. It will be followed by hospitality. All are welcome. If you would like to join us for the 8:30 am Mass on December 15, we will send the logistic and parking info, and other details.

We hope to have a *celebration of life* gathering for Kathleen early next year, on a Saturday afternoon. More details to follow.

As we enter this Holiday season please remember Kathleen in your prayers, your love for one another, and your work in the world."

With much gratitude,

Richard

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## Catholic Charities

Services you or someone you know in San Francisco may need:

**Aging Adult Case Management Services** (services to keep you safe at home; enhance aging process), call (415) 334-5555.

**Breaking Bread with Hope** (adults with disability in SF who is isolated or wants to engage with community), call (415) 452-3500.

We are not complete without you.

### Pastoral Staff:

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

### Administration Support:

- Secretary: Tracy Thompson
- Office Support: Marilu Illenberger and Caroline Forrester
- Finance Committee: Bill Becker, Susan Fox, Dave Freitas, and Bob Gajewski
- Bookkeeper: Jessica Flores
- Bulletin Editor: Marilu Illenberger
- Webmaster: Joe Humphreys
- Custodian: Phil Thurman

## St. John of God finance information for NOVEMBER 2024

For the current fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the parish FY2025 fiscal year budgeted expenses are \$226,000. This is an average monthly parish expense of \$18,333.

**For October and November 2024 , Total SJOG Income from (all sources) is \$34,407.**

**For October and November 2024, the Total Budgeted Expense is \$36,666.**

**For the months of October and November 2024, SJOG has a deficit (i.e., LOSS) of \$2,259.**

**During October and November 2024, the parish did not meet its income goal. Any donations you can make to the parish are very much appreciated and are tax deductible.**

In ten of the past 12 months, SJOG monthly expenses are more than the monthly income received by the parish from all sources.

**Thank you for your generosity. The parish needs monthly income of at least \$18,333 to timely pay all of its vendor bills and the monthly salary of our priests and lay staff.**

**You may make donations by placing cash or checks in the collection basket during Mass, by mailing checks to the office or by giving online at [www.sjog.net/donate](http://www.sjog.net/donate).**

**Note:** The two months (Oct. & Nov. 2024) income of \$34,407 from all sources includes two monthly payments to SJOG of \$4,974 per MONTH from the Archdiocese. These two Archdiocesan payments totaling \$9,948 partially pay the salaries of Father Kabipi and Father Te for hospital ministry masses and the sacraments for patients at UCSF hospital. The monthly budgeted expense includes all salaries of the priests and lay staff and an average monthly payment of \$1,700 for the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

**Note 2:** In June 2024, the Archdiocese gave SJOG a \$30,000 cash subsidy to help the parish pay its expenses. Even with the \$30,000 of income from the Archdiocese, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, SJOG had an operating deficit of \$2,008. (i.e., The parish had a net loss of \$2,008 for the 2024 Fiscal Year.)

The St. John of God Finance Committee will periodically provide a snapshot like the one above, so you are aware of the financial status of the parish.