

St. John of God Catholic Church

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

1290 – 5th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Monday-Tuesday-Thursday (closed Federal Holidays)

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Sunday Mass: (Saturday) Vigil 4:15 PM, Sunday: 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

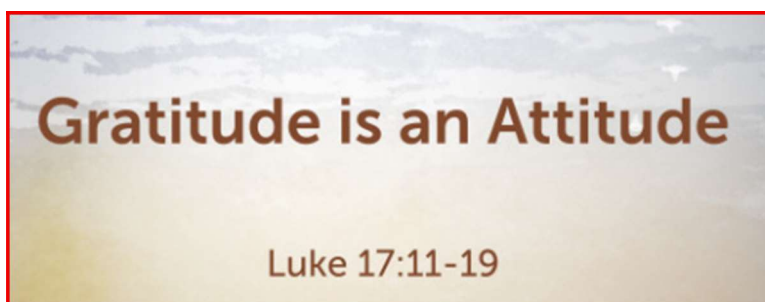
Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday 12:10 PM (followed by Holy Rosary)

First Friday: Benediction Service (after 12:10 PM Mass)

Sacramental Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:17-18

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.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick & Healing
Baptism

Holy Communion

Marriage (requires six months

Advance preparation for in-church ceremony.)

Reconciliation

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



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.

Background Today's Readings

Today's readings tells us of two leprosy cures.

In the First Reading a leper, Naaman—a Samaritan and foreigner—is healed by Elisha the prophet. Naaman returned to Elisha to give thanks.

In the Gospel we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, *only one former leper is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus*. Extolling God in a loud voice, this one comes back to Jesus. He drops to the ground giving thanks. The other nine? The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, *the Samaritan found salvation*; has eyes to see what this healing means—healing of the body and soul. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Citing Pope Francis, "Like those lepers, we too need healing, each one of us. We need to be healed of our lack of confidence in ourselves, in life, in the future; we need to be healed of our fears and the vices that enslave us, of our introversion, our addictions and our attachment to games, money, television, mobile phones, to what other people think."

Partially adapted from LPI-Catholic Resources and SLU-The Sunday Website

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, or joining the Catholic Church. Please call or send an email to the Parish Office. For more information *, please contact Debbie Feliz at 415-819-9093 dafeliz50@gmail.com or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 sjogmusic@aol.com.
* See the last page of this bulletin for more information.

Welcome to St. John of God Church



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 9:30 or 11:30 Mass.

Reminder: Please help keep our church clean. No food or drinks, except water. Thank you.

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.sjog.net/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.

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading – Naaman returned to the man of God and acknowledged the Lord. (2 Kings 5:14-17)

Psalm – *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.* (Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4)

Second Reading – If we persevere we shall also reign with Christ. (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

Gospel – Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks. (Luke 17:11-19)

Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

13 Monday – (St. Edward the Confessor) Romans 1:1-7 | Ps: 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 *The Lord has made known his salvation.* | Luke 11:29-32

14 Tuesday – (St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr) Romans 1:16-25 | Ps: 19:2-3, 4-5 *The heavens proclaim the glory of God.* | Luke 11:37-41

15 Wednesday – **Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Romans 2:1-11 | Ps: 62:2-3, 6-7, *Lord, you give back to everyone according to his works.* | Luke 11:42-46

16 Thursday – (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Apostle of the Sacred Heart) Romans 3:21-30 | Ps: 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab *With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.* | Luke 11:47-54

17 Friday – **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr** Romans 4:1-8 | Ps: 32:1b-2, 5, 11 *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.* | Luke 12:1-7

18 Saturday – **Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist, Physician, Patron of Artists**

18 Saturday – **Vigil**

19 Sunday – **Twenty-ninth in Ordinary Time** (Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs) Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

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.

2025 Archbishop Annual Appeal

We have entered the fourth quarter and still have some time left (but not for long) to meet our goal to this cause before the end of December 2025. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others and enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith." Please consider this tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

Community News

Crime Survivors Retreat – Faith, Healing and Empowerment November 1, 2025 Saturday 8:00 PM - 4:00 PM

For more information: [Crime Survivors Retreat - Faith, Healing and Empowerment Retreat, Saturday, November 1, 2025 - Archdiocese of San Francisco](#).



To rent the Hall, please call the Parish Office at (415) 566-5610 or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

37th Annual Respect Life Essay Contest

Theme: Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person. For all students in grades K-12 in the Archdiocese of SF. Essays are due by Friday, January 23, 2026.

For more information:
<https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>

Some intentions we pray:

- For the Church: that we may be a people filled with gratitude for all the blessings and gifts which we receive each day.
- For the grace to begin again: that we may grasp the opportunities to start anew when God opens new doors and opportunities in our lives.
- For insight: that we may see each person as a child of God and never judge them because of their race, religious background, education, or social standing.
- For all who are ill, particularly those with long term diseases: that they may know the renewing and comforting touch of God.
- For the souls of the recently departed, and for the repose of the souls of all deceased and their grieving families and friends.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrants
Sat. Oct. 11 1:00 pm 4:15 pm Vigil	Baptism People of this Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Oct 12 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of this Parish People of this Parish	Fr. Narcis Kabipi Fr. Narcis Kabipi
Mon. Oct 13 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Oct 14 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Oct. 15 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Thurs. Oct. 16 12:10 pm		
Fri. Oct. 17 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sat. Oct. 18 4:15 pm Vigil	Colleen Clarke - RIP	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Oct 19 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of this Parish People of this Parish	Fr. Dan Nascimento

If you wish to dedicate a Mass for a loved one, please visit the Parish Office to designate an available Mass date and time or send an email to stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net.

Pastoral Staff:

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

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- Finance Committee: Susan Fox, Bob Gajewski, Bill Becker, Dave Freitas
- Bookkeeper: Jessica Flores
- Bulletin Editor: Marilu I.
- Webmaster: Joe Humphreys

Thank you for worshipping with us.
We are not complete without you.

Upcoming Second Collection:

Oct 18-19 World Mission Sunday.

Proverbs 11:25 "Whoever confers benefits will be amply enriched, and whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Thank you for helping us in our ministries and for helping our sisters and brothers in Christ through the programs that we participate in with the Archdiocese of San Francisco. *Fr. Narcis Kabipi*