

## **St. John of God Catholic Church**

Serving the UCSF Medical Center Community Since 1967

1290 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday-Tuesday-Thursday (closed Federal Holidays)

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Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 12:10 p.m. (followed by Holy Rosary)

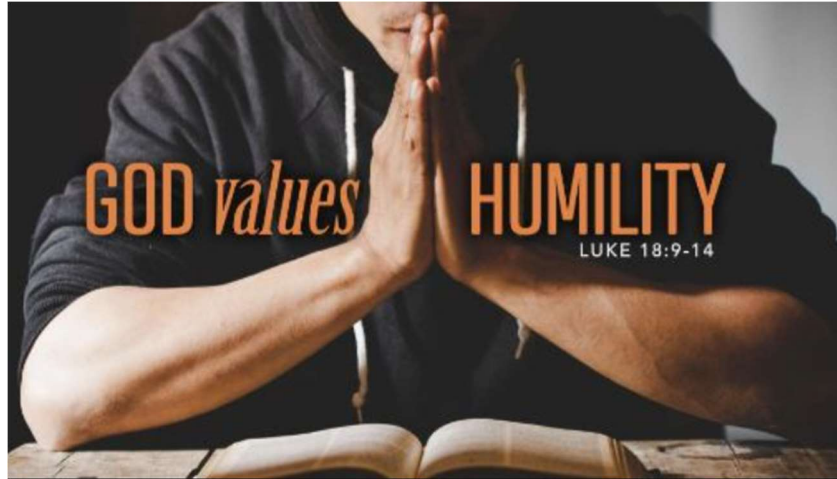
First Friday: Benediction Service (after Mass)

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation (as requested or by appointment)

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### Prayer Before Liturgy

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

Reconciliation

Marriage/weddings (requires six months preparation for in-church ceremony.)

Funerals

### An Invitation

Come reconcile with our Compassionate loving God and experience His mercy and joy. No sin is new to Him. Ask the celebrant or call the Parish Office to make an 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.

### Today's Readings:

First Reading – The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.  
(Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18)

Psalm—[The Lord hears the cry of the poor.](#) (Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23)

Second Reading – From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me. (Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

Gospel – The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.  
(Luke 18:9-14)

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In the second parable found in Luke 18, Jesus addresses the crucial importance of one's attitude in prayer. Through a vivid contrast between the prayers of a Pharisee and a tax collector, Jesus imparts a lesson to his disciples on the necessity of humility before God. The Pharisee, who would have been regarded as an exemplary figure of faith in Jesus' time, belonged to a respected sect within Judaism. This group was known for teaching an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses, providing a foundation for Jewish piety. By all outward appearances, the Pharisee seemed the natural model for prayer and religious devotion.

However, Jesus turns expectations upside down by presenting the tax collector—often despised as a collaborator with the Roman authorities and someone who profited by collecting more than the required taxes—as the true example of faith. In Luke 18:13, the tax collector prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," which contrasts sharply with the Pharisee's self-congratulatory prayer in verse 11. Despite the negative reputation of tax collectors, Jesus highlights the humility in the tax collector's prayer, suggesting this posture as the ideal for all who seek to be his disciples.

The parable serves as a reminder that when we approach God in prayer, we must recognize our dependence on Him. If our hearts are filled with pride and self-sufficiency, there is little room left for God's grace to enter and transform us. Jesus' teaching calls us to pray with humility, acknowledging our need for God and remaining open to His grace in our lives.

Are we seeking to impress others or genuinely opening our hearts to God? Practicing humility can transform our spiritual lives and relationships.

(Partially adapted from LoyolaPress-Sunday Connection)

**OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and/or 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](mailto:dafeliz50@gmail.com) or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 [sjogmusic@aol.com](mailto:sjogmusic@aol.com).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net).

## 2025 Archbishop Annual Appeal

We are in 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

## For these intentions we pray:

- *For the Church:* that we may recognize our need for God and resist relying upon our own efforts to justify ourselves.
- *For the grace of humility:* that we may come before God honestly, surrendering our pride, and recognizing the limits of strengths and abilities.
- *For all who are in need; for the poor, the homeless, the widow, the orphan and those on the margins of society:* that God will open our eyes and hearts to their needs and their presence in our communities For the souls of the recently departed, and for the repose of the souls of all deceased and their grieving families and friends.
- *For the gift of peace and an end to violence:* that God will turn hearts from violence, inspire leaders to start new initiatives and give courage to all who are working for peace.
- *For all immigrants and refugees:* that they may find new homes and enrich these places with their gifts and talents.

### 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.

## Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons

### Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

**27 Monday** – (St. Frumentius) Romans 8:12-17 | Ps: [Our God is the God of salvation.](#) | Luke 13:10-17

**28 Tuesday** – **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
Ephesians 2:19-22 | Ps: [Their message goes out through all the earth.](#) | Luke 6:12-16

**29 Wednesday** – (St. Narcissus) Romans 8:26-30 | Ps: [My hope, O Lord, is in your mercy.](#) | Luke 13:22-30

**30 Thursday** – (St. Alphonsus Rodriguez) Romans 8:31b-39 | Ps: [Save me, O Lord, in your mercy.](#) | Luke 13:31-35

**31 Friday** – (St. Wolfgang) Romans 9:1-5 | Ps: [Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.](#) | Luke 14:1-6

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**November 1 Saturday** (Solemnity of All Saints) – **Vigil**

**2 Sunday** – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

**(All Souls)** Wisdom 3:1-9 | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.](#) | Romans 5:5-11 | John 6:37-40

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**

**Nov 1, 2025 Sat., 8:00am-4:00pm**

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

### **Requiem at St. Ignatius Church**

(650 Parker Ave., SF)

**Sunday Nov. 2 at 5pm**

Submit the names of your beloved faithful departed at

[St. Ignatius Parish - San Francisco, CA](#) ([www.stignatiussf.org](http://www.stignatiussf.org))

Requiem is a solemn chant (penned by Bob Chilcott) for the repose of the dead.

### **Walking With Our Immigrant Neighbors: A Catholic Call to Faithful Action in Uncertain Times**

What: A talk and discussion with Ana Grande to honor the feast of Saint Frances Cabrini.

When: Thursday, Nov. 13, 6:30-8 pm

Where: St Agnes Church on 1025 Masonic Ave, SF

RSVP: <https://saintagnessf.org/islc-events>

### **37<sup>th</sup> 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 Jan. 23, 2026. For more information: <https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>

## **Mass intentions this week**

| <b>Date &amp; Time</b>                    | <b>Intentions</b>                                                         | <b>Celebrants</b>                      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. Oct. 25</b><br>4:15 pm Vigil      | Wayne Green - RIP                                                         | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |
| <b>Sun. Oct 26</b><br>9:30 am<br>11:30 am | Austin Davies & Allie Mak – Birthing of Child<br>Ron Rodrigues - Birthday | Fr. Te Van Nguyen<br>Fr. Te Van Nguyen |
| <b>Mon. Oct 27</b><br>12:10 pm            | Lourdes Villanueva - Birthday                                             | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |
| <b>Tues. Oct 28</b><br>12:10 pm           | 1. Madelyn Smith – RIP<br>2. Jessie Nelson - RIP                          | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |
| <b>Wed. Oct. 29</b><br>12:10 pm           | Frances Peterson - Birthday                                               | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |
| <b>Thurs. Oct. 30</b><br>12:10 pm         |                                                                           | No Priest                              |
| <b>Fri. Oct. 31</b><br>12:10 pm           | Bryan Fulks – RIP<br>Darrin McWilliams - Birthday                         | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |
| <b>Sat. Nov. 1</b><br>4:15 pm Vigil       | Fr. Te Van Nguyen - Thanksgiving                                          | Fr. Te Van Nguyen                      |

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](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net) to make arrangements.

#### **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

#### **Administrative Staff:**

- Finance Committee: Susan Fox, Bob Gajewski, Bill Becker, Dave Freitas
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- Bulletin Editor: Marilu I.
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