

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 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)

November 2, 2025

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)



"...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Note: Daylight Savings Time this weekend. Fall back!

Bulletins can be found at <https://sjog.net>

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 – As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. (Wisdom 3:1-9)

Psalm– *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.* (Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6)

Second Reading – Justified by his Blood, we will be saved through Christ from the wrath. (Romans 5:5-11)

Gospel – Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day. (John 6:37-40)

Thoughts on the Gospel Reading

On the Feast of All Souls, prayers are offered for individuals who have passed away. Today's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed honors everlasting life and acknowledges grief when loved ones pass away. The day invites us to unite in prayer, celebrate hope, and remember that relationships with the departed endure. Prayers for souls in purgatory are believed to help prepare them for eternal life with God.

[Hope does not disappoint. I carry the promise of St. Paul with me to the cemetery. It is a tradition for the Benedictine community to process from the funeral to the final resting place. We move through the church corridor, out the back door, and down a stone path. A few birds chirp. Wind rustles the branches of a nearby tree. Otherwise, the natural world grows quiet. Perhaps it, too, feels the magnitude of this moment, the weight of burying a beloved. One of the monks starts singing as we near the burial site, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . ." The ancient hymn reminds me: We are forever an Easter people.]

As we grieve those who have died, may we find some solace in the Easter truth—hope does not disappoint. *Death does not have the final say.* It never will. Jesus ensured this fate when he suffered, died, and then rose to new life. The Son of God paved the way for people to enter the glory of the Kingdom of God when their time on earth ends.

(Summarized from Give Us This Day by Jessie Bazan, a theologian, spiritual writer, and oblate of Saint Benedict's Monastery.)

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 or Paul Riofski at 415-517-647 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.

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

Join us in remembering our beloved family and friends that were called home to the Lord this past year.

Mary Calica
Ann Castiglione
Ken Grady
Ed Malcolm
Mike Marty
Stephanie Mischak Lyons
Rose O'Leary

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

For these intentions we pray:

- For the Church: that we may grow in our confidence that whether we live or die, we belong to God.
- For all who have died, particularly family and friends who have died during this last year: that Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, may welcome them into God's presence and peace forever.
- For all who minister to those approaching death and to those grieving the death of a loved one: that the Spirit will work through them to bring hope, consolation, and peace.
- For those who are dying alone: that God will send an angel to strengthen and console them.
- For all names and intentions in the Book of the Sick: that their faith, hope and trust in God them strength and eace.

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.

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. 2nd, 5pm-7pm

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

Shelter Meal Volunteering

Sat., November 8, 10:30-3:30 pm

Help prepare wholesome meals, for unhoused people, in a large institutional kitchen located on the USF campus. We meet on the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month. You do not need to be an experienced cook.

Kitchen duties vary. To volunteer or for general questions, please contact Tiffany Kearney at takearney705@aol.com

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>

Mass intentions this week

Date & Time	Intentions	Celebrant
Sat. Nov. 1 4:15 pm Vigil	Fr. Te Van Nguyen – Thanksgiving	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sun. Nov. 2 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Mon. Nov. 3 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Tues. Nov. 4 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Wed. Nov. 5 12:10 pm		Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Thurs. Nov. 6 12:10 pm	Baptism – Edoardo Matus	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Fri. Nov. 7 12:10 pm	Janelle Labiaga – Birthday	Fr. Te Van Nguyen
Sat. Nov. 8 4:15 pm Vigil	People of the Parish	Fr. Te Van Nguyen

Liturgical Feasts:

All Souls Day, November 2

Historical records indicate that as early as the 2nd century, Christians engaged in prayer and celebrated the Eucharist for the deceased. Initially, such prayers were held on the third day after burial and then annually on the anniversary. Over time, observances expanded to include the seventh and thirtieth days following death. Commemoration of the deceased on November 2 became an established practice in 998, when Abbot Odilo of Cluny (994-1048) mandated it throughout his monasteries. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV authorized priests to celebrate multiple Masses on this day. The liturgy for this occasion offers several Masses, each emphasizing the Paschal Mystery and Christ's victory over sin and death.

All Saints Day, November 1

By the late 2nd century, saints were already venerated, beginning with martyrs and apostles. After Rome's persecutions, other Christians known for their exemplary lives received similar honor, starting with Martin of Tours, the first non-martyr saint. Around the year 1000, stricter canonization processes requiring evidence of miracles were established due to uncontrolled "saint making" and relic trading. The Solemnity of All Saints originated in the East in the 4th century, observed on various dates before settling on 1 November in Rome by the 9th century. This celebration, near the end of the liturgical year, invites reflection on those who have entered Heaven.

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 Jan. 23, 2026. For more information: <https://sfarch.org/essay-contest/>

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Weekly Readings, Special Observances, Blessed Persons Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

03 Monday – (St. Martin de Porres) Romans 11:29-36 | Ps: [Lord, in your great love, answer me.](#) | Luke 14:12-14

04 Tuesday – **Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
Romans 12:5-16ab | Ps: [In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.](#) | Luke 14:15-24

05 Wednesday – (St. Elizabeth) Romans 13:8-10 | Ps: [Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.](#) | Luke 14:25-33

06 Thursday – (St. Leonard) Romans 14:7-12 | Ps: [I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.](#) | Luke 15:1-10

07 Friday – (St. Hyacinth Castaneda) Romans 15:14-21 | Ps: [The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.](#) | Luke 16:1-8

8 Saturday – **Vigil**

9 Sunday – **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!](#) | 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 | John 2:13-22

For information on saints and angels please check [Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) (<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>).