***Pastor’s Corner:*  St. John of God 3/8**

The **Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God**, officially the **Hospitaller Order of the Brothers of Saint John of God** (abbreviated as **OH**), are a [Catholic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic) religious order founded in 1572. In [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_language) they are also known commonly as the **Fatebenefratelli**, meaning "Do-Good Brothers", and elsewhere as the "Brothers of Mercy", the "Merciful Brothers" and the "John of God Brothers". The order carries out a wide range of health and social service activities in 389 centers and services in 46 countries.

St [John of God](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_of_God), the founder of the order, was born 8 March 1495 at [Montemor-o-Novo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montemor-o-Novo) in Portugal. Twice he enlisted in the Spanish army against the French and later the Turks. After years of living a highly religious way of life in Spain resulting from a conversion experience, in 1535 he founded his first hospital at [Granada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Granada), where he served the sick and afflicted. After ten years spent in the exercise of charity, he died 8 March 1550 of pneumonia after he had plunged into a river to save a young man from drowning. He was [canonized](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canonized) by [Pope Alexander VIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Alexander_VIII) in 1690 and was declared the patron saint of the dying and of all hospitals by [Pope Leo XIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Leo_XIII) in 1898.

John of God's first companion, Antón Martín, O.H., was chosen to succeed him as [prior](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prior_(ecclesiastical)) general of the order. Thanks to the generosity of King [Philip II of Spain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_II_of_Spain), a hospital was founded at [Madrid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madrid), another at [Córdoba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%C3%B3rdoba,_Spain) and several others in various Spanish towns. [Pope Pius V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_V) approved the Order of the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572 under the [Rule of St. Augustine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rule_of_St._Augustine). The order spread rapidly into the other countries of Europe, and even into the distant colonies. For example, the Order provided staff to the [Fortress of Louisbourg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortress_of_Louisbourg) in [New France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_France) (now Canada) during the mid-1700s; one of their roles was the operation of the hospital.

In 1584, [Pope Gregory XIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gregory_XIII) called some of the Brothers to [Rome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) and gave them the Hospital of St. John Calybita, [Fatebenefratelli Hospital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatebenefratelli_Hospital" \o "Fatebenefratelli Hospital), located on an island in the [Tiber](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiber), which then became the [motherhouse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motherhouse) of the whole order. Brother Sebastiano Arias founded the Hospital of Our Lady at [Naples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naples) and the famous Hospital of Milan. Another Brother Hospitaller at this time was John Grande, O.H., who was [beatified](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatified) by [Pope Pius IX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_IX) in 1852. The first general of Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God was [Pedro Soriano](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedro_Soriano).

Fr. Jim

**Treasurers Report:**

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**Stations of the Cross:**

**During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday’s at 5:30 pm.**

**Religious Education Classes:**

**Religious Ed. Classes for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation will resume Sunday, March 17, 2024. Please contact the parish office for additional information or to register.**

**Daylight Savings Time Returns:**

Daylight Savings Time returns Sunday, March 10. Just a reminder that our Saturday Masses will continue at 4:30 pm.

***Remember in Your Prayers\****

***\*Prayers or Eucharist home visits can be requested in the white notebook located next to the hymnal bookcase.***

**Michele S. (Br. Charlie) 2/4 Health Concerns**

**Ray R. (Martha M.) 2/4 Health Concerns**

**Orlando C. (Gloria S.) 2/11 Health Concerns**

**James H. (Br. Charlie) 2/11 Health Concerns**

**Nancy B. 2/14 Knee Surgery**

**Dave S. (Peg L.) 2/14 Health Concerns**

**Sergio D. (Loreta & Pete) 2/19 God’s Blessings and Prayers**

**Brittany & Avery (Martha M.) 2/18 Health Concerns**

**Rubin C. (Sylvia C.) 2/25 For Successful Surgery & Recovery**

**Corina V. (Gloria S.) 3/3 Health Concerns**

**Tom N. (Nanawa Family) 3/3 Health Concerns**

**Irma W. (Nanawa Family) 3/3 Health Concerns**

**Jeneece A. (Nanawa Family) 3/3 Health Concerns**

**Matilda E. (Nanawa Family) 3/3 Health Concerns**

**Toby H. (Nanawa Family) 3/3 Health Concerns**

***The Fourth Sunday of Lent***

**Celebrant: Fr. Rogelio Martinez**

**Reading: Aimee**

**Order of the Mass: Page #134 in the Hymnal.**

**Entrance: You Are Near #590.**

**Penitential Rite/Kyrie #136**

**Readings:**

1. **2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23.**

**Psalm: 30 #30. *I Will Praise You, Lord.* I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me, I will praise you, Lord, for your mercy. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me: I will praise you, Lord.**

1. **Ephesians 2:4-10**
2. **John 3:14-21.**

**Homily**

**Profession of Faith #142**

**Preparation of the Altar: You Are Mine #627**

**Service Music:**

**Santus #161**

**Memorial Acclamation #162**

**Amen #163**

**Our Father (spoken)**

**Agnus Dei #165**

**Communion Music: On Eagles Wings #593.**

**Concluding Rite: #154**

**Parish Announcements**

**Final Blessing**

**Recessional: The Summons #687.**

**Readings for March 16 & 17: The Fifth Sunday of Lent.**

**Reader: Kathie**

1. **Jeremiah 31:31-34.**
2. **Hebrews 5:7-9.**
3. **John 12:20-33.**

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Tuesday – Friday: 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.**

**Saturday Eucharistic Liturgy: 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy: 10:30 am**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch (circa 107 AD) was the first to use the word Catholic (Greek word is c*atha holos)* meaning the “gathering of the whole” of the people. The ancient undivided Church adhered to the early Ecumenical Councils. There are several Catholic Churches in this tradition. The Assyrian Church of the East, and Oriental Orthodox left in the 5th Century and the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox separated in 1054. Others left later: Anglican (16th Century) and Old Catholic Churches (19th Century) but all are part of this Catholic tradition and believe there is a need for apostolic succession of bishops. We also share a common liturgical, sacramental, and theological tradition.**