Dear Friends: Embracing Gentiles, reaching out to them in friendship and in faith caused much conflict in the early Church. Some Jews could not wrap their heads around it and refused to get on board with welcoming them into the community. And yet, that was precisely what they were called to do --- proclaim Jesus to the whole world, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus was a Jew — that much was true — but he came for all, died for all, and loves all. In the Second Reading from Revelation, John has a vision in which, “. . . a great multitude, . . . from every nation, race, people, and tongue . . . stood before the throne and before the Lamb.” This is not an accident. The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of Moses and David and Solomon, was the God of all. He wasn’t one God among many. He created all. He cares for all. He draws all to himself. And he loves all — no exceptions. So, who don’t we love? Who is that person or persons about which you think (and sometimes say) . . . . This person isn’t a believer, therefore . . . .This person is of a different race, therefore . . . .This person is of a different political party, therefore . . . This person is too old or too young, therefore . . . This person is uneducated or unsophisticated, therefore . . . .This person is of a different “class”, therefore . . . This person is a non-Christian, therefore . . . We are kidding ourselves if we think that God is alive and at work in only a few — if we think that God’s true “sheep” are the people who are like us — people who think like us, act like us, vote like us, worship like us, and maybe even look like us. The truth is that God’s grace is being offered everywhere, to everyone, from every corner of the earth and in every life situation and experience. And many who might not explicitly embrace and articulate exactly what we believe or think are doing God’s work as well or better than many of us (who profess to love the Lord and strive to serve him). It’s safe to say that all people of good will who strive to be kind and loving and generous and compassionate and forgiving are, in a very real sense, listening to God’s voice whether they know it or not. Every person has something to offer. Everyone has God-given dignity. Every single person is capable of great good. Everyone is absolutely precious in God’s eyes. Not just a few. Not just certain groups or certain faiths or people who profess certain ideologies or belief-systems. Everyone is precious to God. Everyone. Who don’t we like? You know what? It’s okay to answer. God doesn’t expect us to “like” everyone. But who do we love? That’s the real question. And there is only one acceptable answer to that question. May we pray for the courage and wisdom to respond in the only way people of true and authentic faith can. In Christ Our Hope, Father Paul

Sunday Mass Readers
All are welcome to volunteer
May 03
George Sing
May 10
Michael Callejas
May 17
Aaron Cruz
May 24
Nancy McCormick
May 3
Vanessa Baxter
May 10
Markensy Jacques

CALENDAR 2020

Sunday, May 03
Mass at 10:30AM
4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10
Mass at 10:30AM
5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17
Mass at 10:30AM
6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 24
Mass at 10:30AM
The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 31
Mass at 10:30AM
Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 07
Mass at 10:30AM
The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 14
Mass at 10:30AM
Corpus Christi
St. Benedict Parish at St. Francis Xavier Church
1801 Octavia Street
San Francisco, CA 94109


“Come to me, all of you who are labored and you will find rest.”
Mark 11:28

Mass in American Sign Language at St. Benedict Parish at St. Francis Xavier Church,
Sunday at 10:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation
January 1: Mass at 10:30AM
August 15: Mass at 7:00PM
November 1: Mass at 7:00PM
December 25: Mass at 10:30AM

Sacrament of Baptism
One or two baptism classes are required. Contact the Pastor at least two months for appointment.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry
Ages 4 to High School on Sundays at Saint Benedict after the Liturgy of the Word

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
By arrangement with the Pastoral Team for those who may be interested in becoming followers of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Church. Programs are available for those who wish to be baptized, to receive First Holy Communion, to be confirmed and to learn more about the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation service during Advent and Lent. Appointment with the Pastor every First Saturday of the month at 3:00PM whenever needed.

Sacrament of Marriage
Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements (Archdiocesan regulations).

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
Please contact the Pastor immediately whenever needed.

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PARISH MINISTRY & PROGRAMS
Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

St. Benedict Program
Food Baskets are usually given out on Palm Sunday and Sunday before Thanksgiving.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:
Fourth Sundays of the month by Announcement

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