

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, November 20 2022

Dear Friends: The Prophets got mad at God at times. They got over it, and so will we.....a dear friend, a widower at a young age, confided in me recently. He went further: some people lost wives, husbands, and children this year. I can't imagine the depths of their suffering, but I sympathize with them. I became a widower at a young age (at 35 years), my deceased wife (at 30 years old) and I had no chance to have children in the normal sense. I was mad at God for taking the only real friend I had; the only one I lived with and could be close to through many dark and troubling years. She was always the same, day in and day out. She loved me unconditionally, and every morning she greeted me as though she hadn't seen me for years, although we slept on the same bed every night of the five years she was with me. It's hard to lose things, harder to lose what we love. **Yet, it was God who has given us things from the beginning.** I remember that there were hundreds of sunrises and sunsets that I spent with Sharon. She loved to walk with me anyplace we went. She loved to swim more than anything else. She was loyal and loving. But I am thankful to God for the few years God gave me to live with Sharon. She liked to watch football games and movies on television, and always sat next to me on the sofa. **Loss is hard, but sometimes it is only in loss that we realize what we've had, the greatness of the gift and how much it has contributed to our life.** It's easy to give thanks when everything goes well. It's easy to love when all is comfortable. It's the highest and best thanks and love when we can do it from a place of loss. Be thankful for what you have, and for what you had, even if it was only for a little while, for as a wise man said, **"Tis better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all."** So, this Thanksgiving let's be thankful indeed for all we have, and for all we've had. It is all evidence of the love and care of God our Father. **Wishing you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!**
Father Paul ++++++



St. Benedict Sunday Mass		
November 13, 2022 Collection		
Currency:	\$	76.00
Envelopes:	\$	234.00
TOTAL:	\$	310.00

Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts



REENTRY SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND FUND

ARE YOU A STUDENT ON PROBATION OR PAROLE?

You can receive financial support and mentorship.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Complete initial interview
- Complete an online application
- Provide probation/parole release letter
- Provide evidence of enrollment at an educational institution
- Live and/or attend school within the San Francisco Bay Area

**CONTACT JULIO ESCOBAR AT
 415-614-5572 OR ESCOBARJ@SFARCH.ORG**

Sunday Mass Readers
 All are welcome to volunteer

November 20
 Aaron Cruz

November 27
 Michael Callejas

December 04
 Vanessa Baxter

December 11
 Clarebyll Mabanta

December 18
 Nancy McCormick

December 24
 Markensy Jacques

CALENDAR 2022

Sunday, November 20
 Christ the King
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, November 27
 First Sunday of Advent
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, December 04
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, December 11
 Third Sunday of Advent
 Memorial Mass for Papa Baer
 at 10:30AM
President: Father Ghislain

Sunday, December 18
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, December 24
 Christmas Vigil
 Mass at 7:00PM
President: Father Ghislain

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEASED

Gerry Riippa
 Joyce Carolan
 Victor Lampe
 Mako Rova
 Mariya Yasumura
 Elizabeth Heurtin
 Bill Mortensen
Shanon Quinn Manini
 Francine Inami
 Atsuko Jurenes
 Marie Conroy—Salbi
 Barry Coen
 Sugako Berne
 Sumi Honami
 Jeanette Affolter
 James Travonich
 Donald Baer
 Maria Cristina Purdy
Joseph Byrne
 Betty Blue
 Elizabeth Mallorca
 Rena Riippa
 Carmen A Molina
 Norman K Wong
 Dick Carlen Sr.
 Jean RNC Cowan
 Brigid Byrne
 Patricia Cavagnaro
 Frankie Zaldivar, Sr

LIVING

Aldo Didero
 Jennie Lee Jordan
 Henry K Wong
 Nancy K Wong
 Frank Wong
 Neal Fancroft
 Donald Glickman
 Lucille McNulty
 Maureen McBride
 Wilda Kelleher
 Maria Garcia
 Reena Angeli Alejar
 Jose Ordonez
 Jane Lampe
 Palmgra Morrell
 Micaela Pablo
 Aida Seballos
 Donovan Mulligan
 Edward Passos, Jr.
 Winnie Cuevas
 Isabella Harris
 Robert & Diana Zunino
 Jose Ruiz
 Modesta Orque
Wilda Kelleher
 Maffy Gaya
 Sprouse Family
 Frankie Zaldivar, Jr
 Ernesto Ortega



**St. Benedict
 Parish at St.
 Francis Xavier
 Church**
 1801 Octavia
 Street
 San Francisco,
 CA 94109
 A Roman Catholic
 Ministry to the
 Deaf, Hard of Hear-
 ing and Japanese
 Communities and
 people of God in San
 Francisco, San
 Mateo and Marin
 Counties.

“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of age.” Matthew 28:20

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.



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Zirimenya, Pastor

Fr. Ghislain Bazikila, **Parochial Vicar**

Mary Ann Schmitz, **Admin. Assistant**

**Office Hours: 10AM - 2PM
 [TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS]**

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or Sorenson Video Relay Service.

PARISH MINISTRY & PROGRAMS

Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**Parish Council Meetings:
 Fourth Sundays of the month
 by Announcement**

St. Benedict Program

Food Baskets are usually given out on **Palm Sunday** and Sunday before Thanksgiving.

**Please remember
 St. Benedict Parish in
 your WILL and BEQUESTS**

**PROTECTING GOD'S
 CHILDREN**

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse. Please call our SF Archdiocesan Clergy Abuse Hotline:

Abuse Hotline:

415-614-5506

RR Code: 2487