

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, January 08, 2023

Dear Friends: Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home? To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "newborn king of the Jews" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "search diligently" for him there (2:8). What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel! On this day, when we celebrate the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus, let's follow their example on our own journey toward Jesus. When the way of discipleship seems too deep and the weather too sharp, picture the Magi trudging over miles and miles, determined to get to Jesus. When the lies of the devil or the allure of the world tries to rob you of your faith, picture the Magi guarding their treasures. When the road to holiness turns out to be longer than you thought it would be, or when it takes an unexpected turn, picture the Magi pressing on to Bethlehem to seek the Christ child. The Magi were "overjoyed" when they found the Lord (Matthew 2:10). Similarly, your perseverance will be rewarded with the deep-down joy that comes from knowing the overflowing love of Jesus. Surely this is a journey worth taking!

"Jesus, help me to persevere so that I can behold your glory!" © The Word Among Us

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St. Benedict Sunday Mass
January 01, 2023 Collection
 Currency: \$ 276.00
 Envelopes: \$ 1230.00
TOTAL: \$ 1506.00
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

Sunday Mass Readers
 All are welcome to volunteer
January 08
 Vanessa Baxter
January 15
 Clarebyll Mabanta
January 22
 Nancy McCormick
January 29
 Markensy Jacques
February 05
 Aaron Cruz
February 12
 Michael Callejas

Healing Retreat
for Adult Children of Divorce

MARCH 17-19, 2023
 Vallombrosa Retreat Center
 250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

Weekend retreat will include Holy Mass, opportunities for Confession and Adoration.

For more information / registration visit:
www.acdsf.info
 or contact Ed Hopfner: HopfnerE@SFArch.org



CALENDAR 2023
 Sunday, January 08
 The Epiphany of the Lord
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, January 15
 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Ghislain

Sunday, January 22
 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

Sunday, January 29
 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Ghislain

Sunday, February 05
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Ghislain

Sunday, February 12
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
President: Father Paul

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,
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 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, **Office Manager**

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

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Also, dial 711 For Relay Service 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:

415-614-5506

RR Code: 2487