St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, January 08, 2023

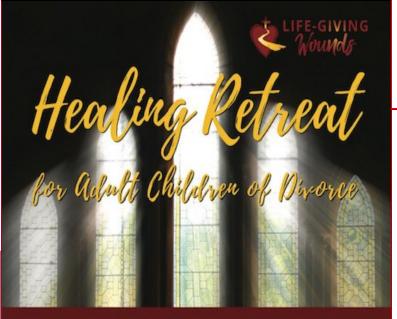
Dear Friends: Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe 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 quarding 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



St. Benedict Sunday Mass January 01, 2023 Collection

Currency: \$ 276.00 Envelopes: \$ 1230.00 T OTAL: \$ 1506.00

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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



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

CALENDAR 2023

Sunday, January 08
The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass at 10:30AM

Presider: Father Paul

Sunday, January 15
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 10:30AM
Provider: Fother Chicken

Presider: Father Ghislain

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

Presider: Father Paul

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

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

Presider: Father Ghislain

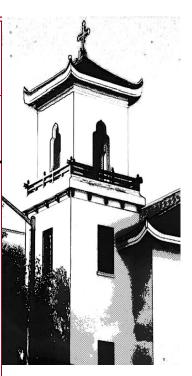
Sunday, February 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 10:30AM Presider: Father Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEASED LIVING

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

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 Gava **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 Hearing 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.

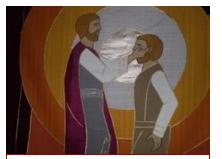
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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] TELEPHONE/ VP 415 - 567 - 9855 V/TTY 415-255-5837/5768 VP

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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