

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, February 05, 2023

Dear Friends: How are our good deeds like a shining light? And why do they bring glory to God? A key to understanding Jesus' words lies in today's first reading from Isaiah. The reading describes what have come to be called the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, giving to the poor (Isaiah 58:7, 10). By performing these works, we imitate our heavenly Father, whose mercy knows no bounds. So when people see these "good deeds" (Matthew 5:16), they see how God loves them: with generosity, mercy, and faithfulness. We believe that God himself reaches out to people through our actions. He is helping us display a "family likeness" to him, and it points anyone who sees us back to him. In a broader way, our works of mercy can also contribute toward the kind of society that reflects God's priorities. How? The mercy we show people changes our own hearts. We see other people as beloved children of God, and that affects the way we act. And people notice. When, for instance, we sacrifice a night out so that we can give time or money to the needy, our corner of the world begins to look a little more like God's kingdom. When his generosity starts to overcome our selfishness or materialism, we help the people around us see that something different, something better, is possible. And, as Isaiah says, our "light shall break forth like the dawn" (58:8). What concrete ways can God show his mercy through you? Start at your parish. It likely has programs to serve the poor or reach out to those in need. Maybe you could work at a homeless shelter or even start an outreach like serving lunches at a soup kitchen. Get involved, and let the light of God's likeness shine forth. "Father, I want my actions to glorify you!"

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St. Benedict Sunday Mass
January 29, 2023 Collection
 Currency: \$ 34.00
 Envelopes: \$ 50.00
TOTAL: \$ 84.00
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

Sunday Mass Readers
 All are welcome to volunteer
February 05
 Aaron Cruz
February 12
 Michael Callejas
February 19
 Vanessa Baxter
February 22
 Clarebyll Mabanta
February 26
 Nancy McCormick
March 05
 Markensy Jacques

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, 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

Sunday, February 19
 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 10:30AM
Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, February 22
 Ash Wednesday
 Mass at 7:00PM
Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, February 26
 1st Sunday of Lent
 Mass at 10:30AM
Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, March 05
 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Mass at 10:30AM
Presider: 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
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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
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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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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