

# St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

## Sunday, February 12, 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  
**February 05, 2023 Collection**  
 Currency: \$ 34.00  
 Envelopes: \$ 50.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 84.00**  
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**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](http://www.acdsf.info)  
 or contact Ed Hopfner: HopfnerE@SFArch.org



**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

### 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  
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  
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  
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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*

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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**