

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Dear Friends: What would our world be like if everyone lived out the teachings that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel? It would be a world where people work out their differences peacefully. Where husbands and wives are always faithful to one another. Where no one tells a lie or engages in dishonest deals. Such a world might seem impossible, but this is the world that God has always intended for his people. It's the kingdom that Jesus announced was "at hand" at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:2). It's the kingdom that he ushered in by his death and resurrection. If it seems hidden in some ways, that's because it's still under construction! We won't experience it fully until Jesus comes again. But that doesn't mean we can't at least begin to experience God's kingdom today. In fact, God is calling us to *build* the kingdom. How? We can begin by taking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint for our lives. He calls us to pray and not worry about our daily needs. To care for the poor. To forgive as God has forgiven us. To love our enemies. To turn the other cheek. When we do these things, we make God's kingdom visible. Because Jesus' teachings can be challenging, we might try to make excuses for ourselves or think that only the saints can obey them. But the more we try to live out Jesus' words, the more his Spirit fills our efforts with his divine grace—and the more we come to realize that it doesn't depend only on us, but also on God's power within us. Today at Mass, ask the Lord how you might bring God's kingdom to the places where you live and work. Rely on his teachings to guide you and the Spirit to empower you. Above all, stay alert, because opportunities to build the kingdom of God will surely come your way! "Jesus, may your kingdom come through me and all your people!" © The Word Among ++++++



St. Benedict Sunday Mass
February 19, 2023 Collection
 Currency: \$ 33.25
 Envelopes: \$ 115.00
TOTAL: \$ 148.25
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

Sunday Mass Readers
 All are welcome to volunteer
February 26
 Nancy McCormick
March 05
 Markensy Jacques
March 12
 Aaron Cruz
March 19
 Michael Callejas
March 26
 Vanessa Baxter
April 02
 Clarebyll Mabanta

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 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

Sunday, March 12
 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Mass at 10:30AM
 Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, March 19
 4th Sunday of Lent
 Mass at 10:30AM
 Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, March 26
 5th Sunday of Lent
 Mass at 10:30AM
 Presider: Father Paul

Sunday, April 02
 Pentecost Sunday
 Mass at 10:30AM
 Presider: 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,
 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, **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