## St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf Sunday, March 12, 2023

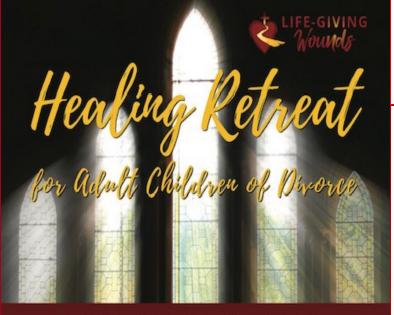
Dear Friends: Do you think of yourself as "helpless"? "Of course not," you might reply. "I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways." But this isn't the type of "helplessness" that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He's saying that Jesus didn't wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday's Gospel, doesn't it? The story of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That's why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there (John 4:6-7). She was helpless to explain her irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up (4:16-17). And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next (4:18). But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn't wait for her to get her act together. He didn't wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her. He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don't think of yourself as "helpless." He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today. "Jesus, I 



#### St. Benedict Sunday Mass March 05, 2023 Collection

Currency: \$ 71.00 Envelopes: \$ 15.00 T OTAL: \$ 86.00

Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts



### 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

March 12
Aaron Cruz

**March 19** Michael Callejas

March 26

Vanessa Baxter
April 02

Clarebyll Mabanta

April 09

Nancy McCormick

April 16

Markensy Jacques

#### **CALENDAR 2023**

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
Palm Sunday
Mass at 10:30AM
Presider: Father Ghislain

Sunday, April 09
Easter Sunday
Mass at 10:30AM
Presider: Father Paul

Sunday, April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 10:30AM

Presider: Father Ghislain

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

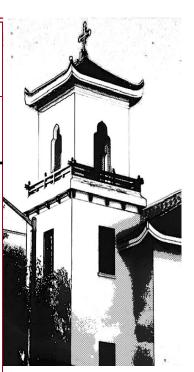
DECEASED

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

Email:stbenz1801@gmail.com Website:www.sfdeafcatholics.org 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