

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Dear Friends: Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes. Notice that this man was *born* blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable. Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us. Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see" (9:7). He could see his parents and the streets of Jerusalem—as well as the mockers who disputed his healing. Best of all, he saw Jesus! And although it took time, he came to recognize Jesus as the Lord and worshipped him (9:38). Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed *you* clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome *all* your darkness. **Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!**

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St. Benedict Sunday Mass
March 12, 2023 Collection
 Currency: \$ 99.00
 Envelopes: \$ 115.00
TOTAL: \$ 254.00
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11th Biennial ICDA-US Section Conference
 July 2 - 7, 2023
 Westin Boston Seaport District

Workshops

FaithStrong: Do Not Be Afraid

Presenters:
 Jeannine Adkins and
 Father Jeremy St. Martin

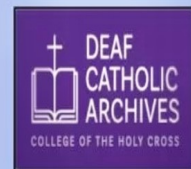


Theology of the Body

Presenters:
 Sue Gudenkauf and
 Deacon Billy Griffin

International Deaf Catholic Faith

Presenter:
 Father Min Seo Park



Deaf Catholic Archives

Presenters:
 Father Joe Bruce,
 Lisa Villa, and Lenora Robinson

Sunday Mass Readers

All are welcome to volunteer

March 19

Michael Callejas

March 26

Vanessa Baxter

April 02

Clarebyll Mabanta

April 09

Nancy McCormick

April 16

Markensy Jacques

April 23

Aaron Cruz

CALENDAR 2023

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 Paul

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

Sunday, April 23
 3rd Sunday of Easter
 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
 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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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:

Abuse Hotline:

415-614-5506

RR Code: 2487