

St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Dear Friends: Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this? Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them. Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was "deeply troubled" (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times. The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve. If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you. "Jesus, thank you for never abandoning me, in good times and in bad." © The Word Among US ++++++



St. Benedict Sunday Mass
March 19, 2023 Collection
 Currency: \$ 63.00
 Envelopes: \$ 40.00
TOTAL: \$ 103.00
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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

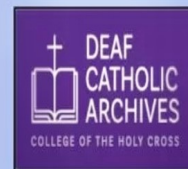


Theology of the Body

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 26
 Vanessa Baxter
April 02
 Clarebyll Mabanta
April 09
 Nancy McCormick
April 16
 Markensy Jacques
April 23
 Aaron Cruz
April 30
 Michael Callejas

CALENDAR 2023

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

Sunday, April 30
 4th Sunday of Easter
 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
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