

# St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

## Sunday, April 16, 2023

**Dear Friends:** Every year on this, the Second Sunday of Easter we hear the story of Thomas, the disciple who was not present when Jesus appeared to the others, and who had a really difficult time believing what his friends were telling him. And by placing ourselves in the place of Thomas in the story, we can examine our own faith --- how we believe and why we believe and what we believe. There is a lot of good stuff I could say about trust and stepping out into the unknown and the place of healthy doubt in a life of faith. But I would like you to consider yourself in another role today. I want you to think about Jesus in this story. And I want you to imagine yourself doing what he did. And what is that? What exactly did he do for Thomas? He helped someone believe who was having trouble doing so. He provided a kind of "evidence" to him, helped him embrace things he was having trouble embracing; He helped bring him TO faith, rather than PUSH him away. For us, what evidence do we give? First, as individuals. That is where we start. But just as importantly (maybe more) as a community. Do the way we live our lives draw people toward a life of faith or make them indifferent to it? Do people look toward us and see people on fire with all that is good --- people who live with a singular purpose, with a singular motive, in union with each other? In other words --- does the way we actually live our lives give others a clear picture of who we are --- what we value the most, what kind of world we are trying to bring about, what defines us as a people? And maybe more importantly, do our lives help others see who God is -----see his love and compassion and kindness and mercy? People are searching. Let us help them find what they are looking for. **Blessings! Father Paul +++++++**



St. Benedict Sunday Mass  
**April 09, 2023 Collection**  
 Currency: \$ 117.00  
 Envelopes: \$ 259.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 376.00**  
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

**Sunday Mass Readers**  
 All are welcome to volunteer  
**April 16**  
 Markensy Jacques  
**April 23**  
 Aaron Cruz  
**April 30**  
 Michael Callejas  
**May 07**  
 Vanessa Baxter  
**May 14**  
 Clarebyll Mabanta  
**May 21**  
 Nancy McCormick

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

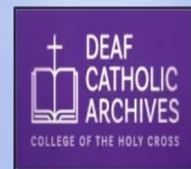


#### Theology of the Body

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

### CALENDAR 2023

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 Paul**

Sunday, April 30  
 4th Sunday of Easter  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Paul**

Sunday, May 07  
 Fifth Sunday of Sunday  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Ghislain**

Sunday, May 14  
 Sixth Sunday of Sunday  
 Mass at 10:30AM  
**Presider: Father Paul**

Sunday, May 21  
 Ascension Sunday  
 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  
 Carole Montaldo  
 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**