

# St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

## Sunday, April 23, 2023

**Dear Friends:** It took two things on the two disciples' part -- faith and a sincere and strong desire for God in their hearts. In faith, we believe that our desire for God is something that is hard-wired into every human person. This is how God made us. And we also believe that our desire for God is the most essential. Every other need pales in comparison to this one **NEED**. And yet, from experience, we know that often other needs wind up taking precedence. Other needs often get most of our attention and effort. In the moment, other needs can sometimes even seem a little more important. And so the desire for God gets sort of pushed into the background. And we, as well as others, suffer because of it. And so maybe today is all about trying to rekindle our passion for God to be united with the One who is Life, rekindle a fire within us to want to choose God before everything else, choose God in every situation. A "burning for God" was what all those early disciples of Jesus had in common. They were thirsting for more. And Jesus provided them with living water. It's not enough that our loving God wants us to recognize him, wants us to see his presence and action in the world, recognize him in every human face. Keep in mind, the increasing of our appetite for God will not come about exactly the same for each of us. But it will involve taking the time to just be, just rest, just ask the right questions, just keep wondering what this crazy thing called life is all about. Desire is one of the keys to a life of faith. It is more important than facts or knowledge or certainty. Desire is what keeps our feet moving along the path, keeps us from getting stagnant, lazy, or complacent. Desire is what keeps us searching for the only thing worth finding. Desire is what gives God the opportunity to open our eyes, enabling us to see what we need to see. **Blessings! Father Paul**



St. Benedict Sunday Mass  
**April 16, 2023 Collection**  
 Currency: \$ 28.08  
 Envelopes: \$ 555.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 583.08**  
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

**Sunday Mass Readers**  
 All are welcome to volunteer  
**April 23**  
 Aaron Cruz  
**April 30**  
 Michael Callejas  
**May 07**  
 Vanessa Baxter  
**May 14**  
 Clarebyll Mabanta  
**May 21**  
 Nancy McCormick  
**May 28**  
 Markensy Jacques

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

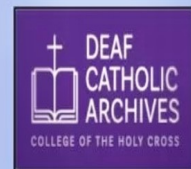


#### Theology of the Body

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 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**

Sunday, May 28  
 Palm 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  
 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**

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 [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**