

# St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf

## March 21, 2021

**Dear Friends:** I am troubled. (John 12:27). Jesus was troubled? That's putting it mildly. The Greek word John used here means to be greatly distressed or in fear and dread. It's the same word used to describe the disciples' reaction to a deadly storm at sea (Matthew 14:26). It's the same kind of distress that King David felt as he wept over his slain son, Absalom (2 Samuel 19:1), and that Lot felt as he fled the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:16). So what troubled Jesus so much? The realization that his "hour" had come (John 12:23). After spending so much time preaching and teaching, healing people and driving out demons, Jesus had now arrived at the time for his passion. He knew that agonizing torture and a slow, lingering death awaited him, and the thought of it filled him with dread. Yet Jesus also knew that, as terrible as it would be, the cross was necessary if he was going to save us from sin. It wouldn't be easy, it wouldn't be pretty, but it was necessary. So rather than shrinking back, he placed himself in God's hands and trusted that his Father would see him through it. He loved us too much to walk away. We all face times when we feel troubled. It could be because we are witnessing a loved one suffering, or it could be as we face our own suffering. It's painful, it's challenging, but it's unavoidable. If that describes you today, know that you are not alone. Jesus has his arm around you and is holding you close. He knows what it's like to feel so distressed that you want to run away. And because he knows, he can comfort you and help you. Jesus endured the cross because he knew that his death would reveal the depths of God's love for us—and for you. Let that love surround you and sustain you today. "Lord, teach me to open my heart to your love. Jesus, I need you today." © The Word Among Us ++++++



St. Benedict Sunday Mass  
March 14, 2020 Mailed Collection  
 Currency: \$ 42.00  
 Envelopes: \$ 265.00  
**TOTAL: \$ 216.00**  
 Thank you very much for supporting with your gifts

**PLEASE COME JOIN US!**  
**All Sundays: Rosary from 9:45AM—10:15AM**  
**2nd Sundays: Bible Study from 12:30PM—1:30PM**  
**4th Sundays: Adoration from 12:30PM—1:00PM**

Lord Jesus, Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear. Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. **Amen. Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us. St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.**  
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**Sunday Mass Readers**  
 All are welcome to volunteer  
**March 21**  
 Michael Callejas  
**March 28**  
 Clarebyll Mabanta  
**April 04**  
 Michael Callejas  
**April 11**  
 Aaron Cruz  
**April 18**  
 Nancy McCormick  
**April 25**  
 Vanessa Baxter  
**May 02**  
 Markensy Jacques

**CALENDAR 2021**  
**Sunday, March 21**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, March 28**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, April 04**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, April 11**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, April 18**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, April 25**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**  


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**Sunday, May 02**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mass at 10:30AM**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## DECEASED

### Special Intentions

Gerry Riippa  
Joyce Carolan  
Armando Lacandazo  
William Gazzingan  
Mariya Yasumura  
Zeferina Gutierrez  
Bill Mortensen  
Ildefonso Manabat  
Francine Inami  
Atsuko Jurenes  
Marie Conroy—Salbi  
John Bollard  
Sugako Berne  
Sumi Honami  
Gerald Gregoire  
Saundra Schmelzlen  
Eddie Jauregui  
Maria Cristina Purdy  
Martha Perez  
Yook To Wong  
Elizabeth Mallorca  
Sergio Anibal Martinez  
Carmen A Molina  
Norman K Wong  
Adina Kriz  
Jesse Cordova  
Beth Paletta  
Patricia Cavagnaro  
Frankie Zaldivar, Sr

## LIVING

### Special Intentions

Aldo Didero  
Jennie Lee Jordan  
Henry K Wong  
Nancy K Wong  
Frank Wong  
Ramiro Mejia  
Peggy Mrozla  
Lucille McNulty  
Donald Baer  
Wilda Kelleher  
Maria Garcia  
Reena Angeli Alejar  
Jose Ordonez  
Jane Lampe  
Victor Lampe  
Micaela Pablo  
Steve Inami  
Donovan Mulligan  
Edward Passos, Jr.  
Winnie Cuevas  
Isabella Harris  
Robert Zunino  
Jose Ruiz  
Modesta Orque  
Anne Utter  
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 be-  
coming followers of Jesus Christ in the  
Roman Catholic Church. Programs are  
available for those who wish to be bap-  
tized, 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*  
Carole Montaldo, *Secretary*

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or Sorenson Video Relay Service.

**PARISH MINISTRY & PROGRAMS**  
Religious Education, Youth Min-  
istry and Rite of Christian Initia-  
tion 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**