

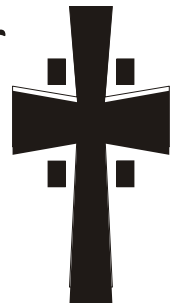
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St. Benedict Parish – Newsletter

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1st Sunday of Lent (B)



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1. ***Suspension of Masses:*** This parish (St. Benedict Church and Mass Centre) has suspended all public Sunday and weekday masses because of the pandemic.
2. ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday:***
During the period when masses are suspended, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Parishioners can pray in the Church privately and adore the Blessed Sacrament.
3. ***Arrangement for Receiving the Holy Communion:***
According to the latest pastoral guidelines of the Diocese, the parish will have the following arrangement for receiving the Holy Communion: **Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:30. Weekday Monday to Saturday 7:15 am.**

Before receiving the Holy Communion, the faithful should make proper preparations, that is, to attend the online Mass or adore the Blessed Sacrament. Except for the elderly and sick members, fasting communion is required. The faithful must observe epidemic prevention measures, including keeping social distance, and should not continue to gather in the Church after receiving the Holy Communion.

4. ***Stations of the Cross in Chinese:*** During Lenten period, Stations of the Cross in Chinese will be held on every **Friday** at **7:15 am**.
5. ***Online Formation in Chinese:*** The Sunday Three Minutes Chapter 702, “Lent: Holy Ash Liturgy”; Fr. Edward Yu’s spiritual talks on the Book of Revelation and five-minute online prayer (Sunday Gospel verses and homily) have been uploaded and can be heard on the parish webpage, Facebook and YouTube.
6. ***Spiritual Talks “The Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross”:*** Fr. Edward Yu has specially re-recorded the “The Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross” and uploaded to the parish webpage, Facebook and YouTube. The faithful can meditate and reflect on the passion of Christ during Lenten period.
7. ***Donation Receipt:*** The Church will send out the annual donation receipts in April. If you have changed your address, please notify the parish office before March 15. If you wish to make your offerings through direct bank debit, please contact the office for the relevant form.
8. ***Act of Charity:*** In view of the seriousness of the pandemic, our Church has not been able to organize activities for needy families and groups. However, we are still eager to share something with them during the Lunar New Year, hoping to

relieve them from the severe impact of the pandemic. The parish is now looking for supermarket gift vouchers, which will be distributed to needy families in the district through the parish Social Concern Group and Caritas Shatin. Please hand over the gift vouchers to the parish office before February 28.

9. ***Fund-raising for Council of the Laity:*** Because of the pandemic, it was not possible to collect donations at Mass for the HK Central Council of Catholic Laity this year. The fund-raising this year will be in a different way. Please refer to the Chancery Notice from the Diocesan Office for details.

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