

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“ *I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.* ”

~ Ps 22

“where all are welcome”

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Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm
Weekdays Mon-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am
Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, Church

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 4/29
8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 4/30
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 5/1
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Youth Choir
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 5/2
8:15 am | Mass
4:30 pm | Legion Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 5/3
8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 5/4
8 am | Confessions
10 am | Women's
Spirituality
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/28/2024

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †
11 am | Leonore & Fidel
Padilla †
5 pm | Doug Souders †

F 5/3 | Ayman Fatho †
Sat 5/4 | Stella Mae
Sobolewski †

Sunday, 5/5/2024

M 4/29 | Alfreda Perez †
Tu 4/30 | Sophia Ruiz (Ivg)
W 5/1 | Bob Prezkop †
Th 5/2 | Rudy & Linda Yusay †

7 am | Laura Arkfeld-Mohr †
9 am | Parishioners
11 am | Darel Williams †
5 pm | Regina Brewer †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 4/29	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 (St. Catherine of Siena)
Tuesday: 4/30	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: 5/1	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 5/2	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 (St. Athanasius)
Friday: 5/3	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14 (Ss. Philip and James)
Saturday: 5/4	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: 5/5	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b); 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for
March 2024

Actual: \$ 79,823*

Budget: \$ 78,352

* Realm

Online: \$ 46,009

Cash/Check: \$ 33,814

(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year

July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)

Construction Project

February 28, 2024

TOTAL COST: \$9,281,993**

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$8,866,117

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$ 415,876

TOTAL AMOUNT
AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$ 351,790

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$ 64,086

** Includes building permits not
previously included, change orders
and fluctuating costs of FF&E.



Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.”

Part of what the Acts of the Apostles offers us in a most profound way is a fairly chronological exposition on the origins of the Church, how the young band of disciples grew into a formidable group of believers, how they encountered and handled setbacks, and how their connection, and their witness to, the resurrected Christ and the endowment of the Holy Spirit sprinted them into a formidable force for positive change in their time. We know that their firm conviction in that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the uncompromisable belief that He had risen from the dead, and the enabling empowerment by the Holy Spirit emboldened the early believers to resolutely seek the salvation of the souls and the proselytization of the Christian faith in its early beginnings. If we want to imitate their effectiveness and consequently mirror their successes and faithfulness, we ought to attempt a meticulous deciphering of other factors. For example, what they did, or did not do, that worked in their favor as they made concerted efforts to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The First Reading at the Liturgy this weekend offers us a glimpse into the inner workings of the early Body of Christ revealing some of the things that made their witness fruitful even in the midst of persistently daunting challenges. Saul, who used to persecute the Church had just become Paul following his encounter with Jesus as he was going to Damascus in search of Christians to apprehend and bring to justice. When he returned to Jerusalem, he desired and attempted to mingle with the fellow believers there but met some resistance since he was famous for the wrong reasons and news of his recent conversion was still being treated with justifiable apprehension. It was at this point that Barnabas came to his aid, staking his own credibility by introducing Paul the new convert to the community in Jerusalem, offering for him a favorable recommendation and taking steps to ensure his personal security when the Hellenists made an attempt to unlife him. This same Barnabas would later go to Tarsus to fetch Paul and bring him to Antioch when he found a flourishing Church that was in need of Paul's talents (Acts 11:25-26) and accompanied Paul in his first missionary journey. By doing this, Paul brought to the fore the collaboration and concern for each other's welfare that flourished among the early believers. The action of Barnabas also suggests that the early Church practiced some kind of mentorship in the sharing of their faith experience. If we desire to re-enact the Apostolic success of the early Church, we must seek to be true branches of Jesus the Vine by staying connected to Him and loving one another (John 13:35). A believer who professes faith in Christ, and yet feels no concern for the wellbeing (spiritual, emotional and material) of others, is not worthy of the name Christian at all. The easiest way to go to heaven is to walk holding Jesus's hand on one side and that of your brethren on the other. That way you walk the stormy road to heaven balanced.

Our love for each other and the fruits of positive change that this mutual love bears in the world is what Jesus reminds us of in the Gospel passage at the Liturgy this weekend. Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Just as the branches that stay connected to the vine derive nutrients from the vine and so remain very likely to bear good fruits, so shall we bear fruits of love that will transform the world if we abide in Christ and learn the lesson of sacrificial love that He has taught us.

May God the Father continue to prune us with His Word so that, deriving spiritual strength from Christ the vine, we may bear good fruits that will last.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Congratulations Connor

Our Seminarian, Connor Companik, is being ordained a Deacon on **Sunday, May 26**, 9 am, at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral. He will be serving and preaching at our 5 pm Mass that same evening. Afterwards we are having a reception for him over at the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room. This will be a pot luck...watch your email for a link to the list of items for sign up!



Serra Club Visit

The Serra Club of the East Valley is part of Serra International, the Catholic Church's lay apostolate supporting vocations. Their mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service and to support priests in their sacred ministry, to encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church, and to assist members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.



Representatives will be available after Masses the weekend of **May 4 and 5** to provide information to parishioners who have an interest in or feel called to support our priests and religious in special ways. We are also accepting members and meet twice monthly.

For more information, stop by the Serra Club table after Mass. Their website is at www.serraeastvalley.org.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Mike "Pops" Capra, Michael Magliola, Rita Rodrigoe** and **M.J. Hill** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In May, Adoration will be on **Friday, May 3** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord.



You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKbjk>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

Women's Spirituality

Join us for fellowship and refreshments at Women's Spirituality on **Saturday, May 4** from 10 am to 11:30 am in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1).

"Christ in Our Neighborhood"

Looking for a way to grow in your love for God and connect with others? *Christ in Our Neighborhood* is for you! Imagine small group sessions coming together for an hour a week to reflect on the Sunday scriptures. All materials provided. Come to the information meeting on **Thursday, May 2** at 6 pm in Annex 2, or call Joyce Coronel at **602.354.2025**.

St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

Next weekend, after the 9 am Sunday Mass, members of the parish community will be gathering for the monthly Welcoming Sunday for fellowship and some refreshments. Meet our priests, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, Staff and other parishioners. Join us for fellowship and refreshments. It's always a lot of fun and we hope you will stop by after Mass!

Vocations

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus."

Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers, sisters and priests. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at **602.354.2004** or dphx.org/vocations.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, April 28

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
EPIC

Tuesday, April 30

JAM (last)
Journey of Faith (last)

Sunday, May 5

Liturgy of the Word with Children
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VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024
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New Parishioners

- Lauren Jara
Fernando Leon
Elizabeth Myskowski
Adriana Rojas
Matthew Stepp



SJB Dad's Club Car Raffle

The St. John Bosco School Dad's Club is raffling off a 2021 Kia Seltos and want to give you a chance to win it! Tickets are \$200 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on Friday, May 3 with proceeds being used for campus improvements (ie. security fencing, shade structures over the playgrounds, updated playground equipment, etc.). Go here to purchase tickets https://sjb.formstack.com/forms/st_john_bosco_catholic_school_car_raffle Thank you for your support and good luck!



Pancake Breakfast

Troop 77 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, April 28 after the 7 am and 9 am Masses. \$6 donation requested. All proceeds help fund the St. Benedict Scout Troop events and outings. Join us!

Get Back on Track

Feeling the stress of life's changes? Struggling with behavior problems? Having relationship issues? Coping with the loss of a loved one?

Catholic Charities Community Services is here to support you. The trained counseling staff provides understanding, compassionate support to strengthen families and assist those in crisis. They help set goals, overcome barriers, access resources, and help people better understand themselves, their abilities and their potential. Fees are on a sliding scale. For more information call 602.749.4405.

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

On April 28, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. She is the patron saint of mothers, physicians and unborn children. Her life exemplified selflessness, compassion, and dedication to both her family and her medical profession. As a mother, she chose to preserve the life of her unborn child even when faced with a life-threatening condition. Her unwavering faith and commitment to life continue to inspire many.

Remember that April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Announcements:

- Thank you to all the Brothers and parishioners who attended the Rosary last Wednesday, April 24.
- Remember to help on the Annual Golf Tournament schedule for Saturday, June 1.

Events:

- Monthly Council Meeting on **Thursday, May 9**, at 7 pm in the Annex 1 Conference Room.
- The Knights of Columbus State Raffle is ongoing until **Sunday, May 12, 2024**.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul

A continued 'Happy Easter' to all! Alleluia! Thank you so much for your generosity. This week we are in need of some food items:



- Refried Beans
- Enchilada Sauce
- Salsa
- Taco Shells
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Baking Mixes
- Flour

In March, we assisted 66 households with \$6,136 in financial help, and 152 bags of groceries. We are grateful for your support through Realm and the 5th Sunday collection donations.

If you are in need St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

Catholic Home Missions Collection

This weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities



need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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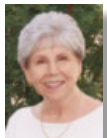
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

We kindly request your support of our beloved St. John Bosco Catholic School. All funds raised will go toward updating our outdoor facilities. Please consider sponsoring our upcoming Birdies Fore Bosco Golf Tournament. Visit our website at <https://sjbosco.org/golf> for more information.

Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.
Principal
480.219.4848



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DINNER SPONSOR - \$3,000

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