

May 19, 2024

# **Pentecost Sunday**

" Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

~ Ps 104

#### 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.

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#### 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, 5/20 8:15am | Mass Tuesday, 5/21 8:15 am | Mass Wednesday, 5/22

8:15 am | Mass 5 pm | Finance Council

Thursday, 5/23

6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 5/24 8:15 am | Mass 4:30 pm | Legion Mary

8:15 am | Mass 5 pm | Confession Saturday, 5/25

8 am | Confession 11 am | Anointing Mass 5 pm | Mass

#### Mass Intentions—

#### Sunday, 5/19/2024

7 am | Chris Splees † 9 am | Darel Williams † 11 am | Ron Grabowski † 5 pm | Rita Rodrigoe †

M 5/20 | Carris Wertzberger † Tu 5/21 | Edward Alan Sobolewski (lvg) W 5/22 | Donna Branson †

Th 5/23 | Lloyd Klofanda †

F 5/24 | Paul Butler † Sat 5/25 | Parishioners

#### Sunday, 5/26/2024

7 am | Manuel Aguilar † 9 am | Margaret

Mastergeorge † 11 am | Biggs Family

5 pm | Jeanne Rogers †

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#### Liturgy & Administration

# **Scripture Readings**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5,

5/20 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

(Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 5/21 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7,

5/22 8-10, 11; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 5/23 15cd-20; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9,

5/24 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3, 8;

5/25 Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5,

5/26 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b);

Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 (*The Most Holy Trinity*)

# Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

**April 2024** 

Actual: \$ 71,074\*

Budget: \$ 78,352

\* Realm

Online: \$ 43,865

Cash/Check: \$ 27,208

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per

fiscal year

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

# Construction **Project**

March 2024

Current
Estimated
Construction

Costs: \$9,281,993\*\*

Donations/

Fundraising: (\$4,717,907)

Line of Credit/

Debt: (\$4,500,000)

Additional Funds

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

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

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## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

#### "BUT WHEN HE COMES, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HE WILL GUIDE YOU TO ALL TRUTH."

Happy Pentecost Sunday! Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church! The Feast of Pentecost comes ten days after the Ascension of our Lord, and fifty days after we celebrated His Resurrection at Easter. God the Father and the Son chose to send the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday in fulfillment of the promise made by the Son to His Disciples, in order to embolden, animate and empower them to witness to the Truth without fear. It was on the day that the Church, the Assembly of the new people of God, was birthed even though Jesus had long conceived and nourished it with His teaching while he ministered here on earth.

The Holy Spirit, who descended on the Disciples at Pentecost, is the Third Person in the Most Holy Trinity. He proceeds from the Father and the Son. He is distinct from the Father and the Son, yet He is what the Father is and what the Son is. Scriptural references abound that demonstrate the existence and activity of the Holy Spirit. In the second verse of the Book of Genesis, the Bible recounts that after God made the world which was a formless void, His Spirit (wind) hovered over the waters. When God was about to make man, He consulted with other distinct entities (Gen 1:26). The second account of creation recounts that it was with His Holy Spirit (the Breath of Life) that God animated man who, until then, was lifeless (Gen2:7). The Holy Spirit accompanied the redeemed people of Israel on their way from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the promised land in the form of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Ex 13:21-22).

When Israel possessed the promised land, God always sent the Holy Spirit to guide their judges and leaders. When their request to have a King so as to be like other nations was granted by God, Saul, the first monarch ordained for them by God, was so empowered by the Holy Spirit that he began to prophesy (1 Sam 10:10). When Saul committed the sin of disobedience, God took away His Spirit and allowed an evil spirit to torment the rejected monarch. This may have been the reason why David, who succeeded him, pleaded earnestly for God not to deprive him of the Holy Spirit when he sinned against God (Psalm 51:11). It was with the same Holy Spirit that all the true prophets were anointed and empowered to function.

In the New Testament, the incarnation itself happened by the power of the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:35). When Mary, who had conceived Jesus in her womb, met Elizabeth in the hill country of Judea, Elizabeth was full of the Holy Spirit as soon as Mary greeted her (Lk 1:41). It was the same Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus in the form of a dove after He was baptized by John in the River Jordan (Lk 3:22).

In His farewell speeches addressed to His disciples, Jesus promised them the Holy Spirit if they would love Him and keep His commandments (Jn 14:15-31). He added that the Spirit of truth would empower and teach them all truth (Jn 16:13). When He rose from the dead, He empowered His Apostles with the "breath" of the Holy Spirit to forgive sins in His name (Jn 20::23) and as He prepared to ascend into the heavenly realm, the Divine Redeemer instructed the Disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the advocate. The feast we celebrate this day is the consequence of their obedience to this Divine instruction, an indication that if we too are obedient to Christ and keep His law of love, He will send us the Holy Spirit again, not just to animate and empower us but to also renew us and the face of the earth.

May God's Holy Spirit find habitable space in us so that He can use the facility of heart as catalysts of love, forgiveness and peace in a world that yearns for renewal like the deer longs for running streams.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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#### **Current Events and More**

## Fire Destroys St. William Church

On May 1, a massive fire destroyed St. William Catholic Church in Cashion, AZ, near Avondale. The church, which serves 1,000 families, the parish hall, classrooms and foodbank are a complete loss. Officials are working hard to determine the cause of the fire.

The Diocese of Phoenix is collecting funds to help them get back on their feet. If you would like to help, please scan the QR code. 100% of these funds will support their greatest needs.



# **Another Reassignment**

Sr. Ruth will be leaving for the Phillipines on June 1 as a result of the new immigration policies affecting



priests and nuns holding R1 Visas. We are sad to see her go but are hopeful she can join us once again in the future.

Please come and wish her the best on **Sunday**, **May 26** after the 9 am Mass when we will have a farewell reception in her honor.

# **Adoration Survey Results**

We thank all those who participated in the survey we sent out for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. The results showed that a total of 132 parishioners responded to the survey.



45 voted for Adoration every Friday from 9am-6pm, 11 votes for Adoration on the First Friday and first Saturday of the month from 9am to 9am, 47 votes for first Friday of the month from 9am-6pm, and 32 votes for 24/7 Adoration. The results for the first Friday and every Friday were quite close. Fr. James will consult with the Parish Council to decide on how to move ahead. Any change to the current Adoration will be implemented when the weather cools down in the Fall.

# **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 Meet & Greet 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!

# **Anointing Mass**

The next St. Benedict Anointing Mass will be on Saturday, May 25 at 11 am in the church. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. Please RSVP with the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 300.

# **Memorial Day Holiday**

Monday, May 27, is the Memorial Day holiday and the parish office will be closed. Morning Mass will still be celebrated at 8:15 am. If you have an emergency requiring one of our priests, please call the emergency line at 480.961.1610 ext. 317.

# Father's Day Choir

Calling all dads to be part of our Dad's Choir for the 9 am Mass on Father's Day. Rehearsals will be in the church on Saturday mornings 8 to 9:30 am on **June 1**, **8 and 15**. Come on guys, show your kids how it's done. Other instruments welcome. For more details, contact Phil Arkfeld **parkfeld@stbenedict.org**, or **480.961.1610 ext 311**.

# Women's Spirituality

The Women's Spirituality group will be taking a summer break for the months of June, July, August and September. Meetings will resume on **Saturday**, **October 5**, **2024**. Have a blessed summer!

#### Faith Formation and More

# Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, May 19

Liturgy of the Word with Children (last)

## **OCIA** Registration

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children - used to be RCIA) is a process for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Come to our meetings with someone who has never been baptized or who has been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition. Registration for the 2024 sessions is ongoing. Call the parish office to register at 480.961.1610 ext. 300. Sessions begin in August.

### **Summertime Office Hours**

The parish office hours change during the summer to accommodate the warmer temperatures, the smaller number of parishioners remaining in the area during the heat, etc. Here is the schedule:

June	Mon-Thurs	9 am to 5 pm
	Fri	9 am to Noon
July	Mon-Thurs Fri	9 am to 5 pm Closed
	П	Closed
Aug	Mon-Thurs	9 am to 5 pm
	Fri	9 am to Noon

#### Retrouvaille

Retrouville is for struggling couples. This program presents the opportunity to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille Progams in Phoenix is on June 13-15, and October 11-13. To register call 602.254.6723. For a confidential inquiry, email 4001@helpourmarriage.org.

# 2024 Teen Summer Bible Sharing & Social

Attention: High School Students! Join us as we get together on Sundays for a combination of Scripture reflection and informal fun! Don't miss out on this great



opportunity to get to know more about The Word of God and meet our fellow Catholic teens before the school year. Incoming Freshman are welcome to join! Save the dates of June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Annex 1 Conference Room. Come to one or come to all! Bring a Bible and a friend. Facilitated by Dewayne Byrnes and Nolan Pollio. For more information email *srdelia@stbenedict.org*.

#### **Summertime Resources for Parents**

Please see, listed below, a few Catholic internet resources to explore this summer:

- catholicmoms.com
- strongcatholicdad.com
- catholicicing.com (fun kid's crafts and tons of things to do)
- *catholic-kids.com* (prayers, how to say the Rosary, Bible quiz)

# **Get Ready for Bingo Night**

The next Bingo Night is scheduled for **Friday**, **July 12** from 6 - 8 pm at the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. There will be lots of BINGO, fellowship, pizza, baked goods and over 100 prizes! Fun for all ages!

We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, or maybe you received a gift that's not your style, donate them for BINGO prizes! Please email *events@stbenedict.org* with questions or prize donations.



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#### Ministries & More –

# **Knights of Columbus**

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 49th day (50th day when inclusive counting is used) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of the Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31), but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

#### **Announcements**

- Congratulations to the new elected officers of Fr. Bob Binta Council. They will take over their new positions on July 1, 2024.
- Congratulations to SJB class of 2024. We wish you the best in your journey.

#### **Events**

- Annual State Convention from May 17-19 in Tucson
- Monthly 4th Degree meeting May 23 in Annex 1
- Priest appreciation Dinner May 24 at SS Simon & Jude
- Pray the Rosary May 29 at 7 pm in the Chapel

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 480.748.1449

grandknight@kofc12246.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you so much for your generosity to our onsite pantry. This week we are in need of some food items:

- eek we are in
- Spaghetti Sauce
- White Rice
- Ramen
- Canned Chicken
- Hearty Soups
- Cereal
- Juice

In April, we assisted 66 households with \$5,800 in financial help, and 93 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**.

# Position Openings at St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco Catholic School is hiring talented people to fill two positions:

- Instructional Assistant
- Preschool Instructional Assistant

If you are interested or know of any individuals who would like to join our team, go to <a href="https://catholicschoolsphx.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx">https://catholicschoolsphx.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx</a> for more details and/or to apply. For more information, contact Principal Jamie Bescak at <a href="mailto:jbescak@sjbosco.org">jbescak@sjbosco.org</a>

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# A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Last week the St. John Bosco Class of 2024 celebrated a final all-school Mass with their fellow Bulldogs and concluded with a most reverent Consecration to Blessed Mary. It was an incredibly moving and fitting end to their time at SJB. Following the ceremony, the entire student body gathered in the courtyard to enthusiastically applauded the eighth graders as they exited the school gates for the last time for our annual "Clap-Out" tradition.

Later that day these remarkable students were honored at the Annual Eighth-Grade Awards Banquet and Dance at the Foothills Golf Club. It was a joyous evening and lead-up to the Graduation Mass and Commencement Ceremony — the first to be held in the beautiful, newly-renovated St. Benedict Catholic Church.

We applaud these hard-working students and thank their supportive families!



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