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October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“ You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind. ”**

~ Matthew 22:37

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 - 4 pm

Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 & 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays: M - F 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Sat 3:30-4:30 pm, in Church

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 10/26

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 10/27

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | JOF (In-person)
7 pm | JAM (Online)

Wednesday, 10/28

8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 10/29

8:15 am | Mass

Friday, 10/30

8:15 am | Mass

Saturday, 10/31

3:30 pm | Reconciliation
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 10/25/2020

9 am | Marie Beery †

11 am | Ellen Ketter †

5 pm | People of the Parish

M 10/26 | Victoria Lissy (living)

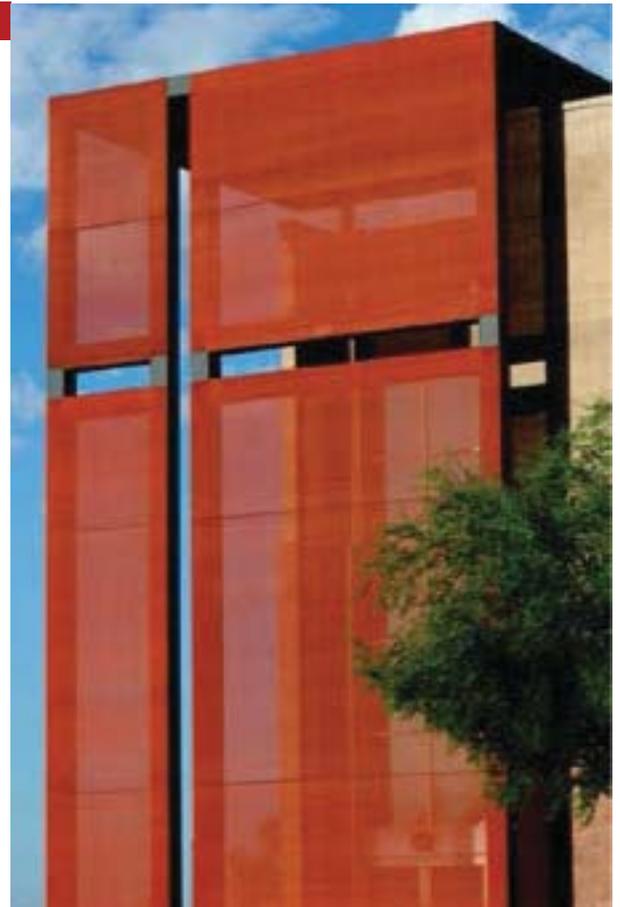
Tu 10/27 | Giselle Alcasid (living)

W 10/28 | Virginia Beben †

Th 10/29 | Elizabeth Lissy (living)

F 10/30 | James Blumer †

Sat 10/31 | Eloisa Manzano †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

For This Week

Monday: 10/26	Eph 4:32–5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: 10/27	Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: 10/28	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 <i>(Ss. Simon and Jude)</i>
Thursday: 10/29	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: 10/30	Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: 10/31	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: 11/1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a <i>(All Saints Day)</i>

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

Oct 26 - Nov 1

Monday	8:15 am - Fr. James
Tuesday	8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred
Wednesday	8:15 am - Fr. James
Thursday	8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred
Friday	8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred
Saturday	5 pm - Fr. Wilfred
Sunday	9 am - Fr. James 11 am - Fr. James 5 pm - Fr. Wilfred

**Please note: this schedule is subject to change without notice.*



October 25 is Priesthood Sunday



Parish Contributions

Regular Contributions - Oct 17/18, 2020

*Weekly Plate - Actual: **\$ 3,198** Weekly Plate - Budget: **\$ 4,000**

*Last week of the month includes *Faith Direct* online giving totals.

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As of September 2020

Campaign Pledges:	\$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges:	\$ 2,235,866

A Reflection by Fr. James

With less than two weeks to the General Election, the scripture readings this weekend are very timely. The readings capture the essence of Catholic Social Teaching: to respect human dignity, to care for the poor and vulnerable, and to maintain social justice for all. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about three levels of love we have for God and one another. In the first reading, God gives us a practical example of how we can demonstrate these levels of love for our neighbors by loving and showing compassion for the poor, the immigrant, and all vulnerable people in society. The reading identifies the most vulnerable people in the Old Testament as the immigrants, the poor and the widows. In our own time, the most vulnerables in our society are the infants in the womb, the elderly, the homeless, the poor and the immigrants.

Over the past several weeks, we have been hearing from different electoral candidates about their plans for the vulnerable people in our society. Each candidate has taken a clear stand, specifically on the issues of abortion and euthanasia: two deadly vices that target the beginning and end of human life. The Church maintains that all human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death and so must be respected and protected, especially those who are helpless. However, the Church cannot force anyone to decide on how to vote or who to vote for.

Every Catholic is given a symbolic light during Baptism. This light was strengthened in us through our catechesis and Religious Education programs. Our faith is the light of God that guides us to discern between right and wrong through life. Jesus talks about this light in the Gospel of Matthew when he says: *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father"* (Mt 5:14-16). As we go to vote, I pray we allow the light of God in our lives to guide us to make informed decisions with our vote, decisions that we will be proud to defend before the throne of God on the last day.

Thank you and remain blessed,

Fr. James

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Faith Formation & More

Journey of Faith

All children enrolled in Journey of Faith are invited to meet this week for our IN-PERSON session on Tuesday, October 27 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. Classes will meet on the Church campus in the same rooms as last month. Parents may take their children directly to their assigned rooms or meet in the Worship Space if more direction is needed. We hope you can join us! Please contact Heather Mooney with questions: hmooney@stbenedict.org

Vocations

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.”

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 602.354.2005 or dphx.org/vocations/.

Liturgy Of the Word With Children

Today we hear about the greatest commandment: *“Love the Lord with all of your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbor as yourself.”* A commandment is like a rule or guideline and Jesus gave us these two as a tool to remind us who and how to love.

Sometimes loving is smooth and easy, and sometimes loving is challenging. Talk with your family about ways that you show love for others. What are some strategies you use when it is challenging? Can you think of examples Jesus gives us about loving? When we think of a neighbor, we may think of someone who lives near us. But God, the Creator, made each and every person in the world and because of this, we are all bound together as neighbors in His great love!

This week, find a song that inspires you to love. Listen to it together as a prayer. Is there a Saint that inspires you with their generosity and loving? Learn more about them. When you pray, include the intentions of your “neighbors,” including those who look or believe differently. Thank the person at the grocery store, a teacher, friend or coworker. Share a meal and create a recipe together for The Greatest Commandment: What would the ingredients be? Neighbors? Forgiveness? Kindness? Generosity? What else? Let us be especially mindful that Christ’s love should be at center of all we do.

(By Stephanie Stout, St. Benedict Catechist)

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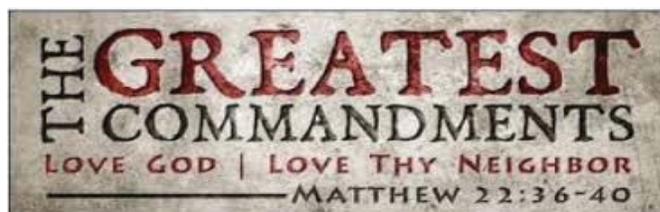
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Faith Formation and More

New! Youth Ministry Faith Series

Have you ever wondered how some people can have so much faith and trust in Jesus? Do you struggle to grow your faith due to apathy or busyness? Do you want to have a faith that lasts for the rest of your life? If you are in middle school or high school and answered “yes” to these questions, we have just the series for you!

All teens are invited to join us for “Faith That Moves Mountains” starting the week of **October 25**. Here is a list of our session topics and dates...

Foundations of Faith **EPIC 10/25** **JAM 10/27**

Faith-Filled Growing Pains **EPIC 11/1** **JAM 11/3**

Faith for Life **EPIC 11/8** **JAM 11/10**

For more information and for the link to join, email David Rees at drees@stbenedict.org.

Confirmation and First Communion News

Is your child (3rd-5th grade) planning to prepare for Confirmation and First Communion this year?

Please attend one of the required Parent Registration Meetings on **Sunday, November 1** at 12:15 pm in Annex 4, OR **Tuesday, November 3** at 6:20 pm inside the Church during Journey of Faith.

At this meeting you will register your child for sacraments, receive all necessary materials and important dates, and hear an overview of the program expectations. Please bring a copy of your child’s baptism certificate and a \$20 sacrament materials fee.

For questions, please contact Heather Mooney in the parish office at 480.961.1610.

A Verse to Remember

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.”

- Matthew 22:37-38

Loving God with our heart, soul, and mind requires effort. We cannot simply live our lives unintentionally and be followers of Jesus. We must actively strive to love, serve, and know God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Take a few moments today to reflect on how you are actively pursuing a loving relationship with God in your own life.



Fall Retreat Deadline Approaching

All high school teens are invited to join us for “We Are Rooted”, our fall retreat taking place on **Saturday, November 21**.

Come join us as we learn how to withstand the “storms” of life and share how to be rooted in good soil to bear a fruitful life for Jesus as well as those around us! Cost for the retreat is \$40 per person and scholarships are available to those in need. The registration deadline will be here before you know it (Nov. 13), so be sure to register soon! For more information and to register, email David Rees at drees@stbenedict.org.

Current Events & More

Parish Cookbook

This week is your last chance to submit any favorite recipe to share with our community in our exciting Parish Virtual Cookbook!

Send your recipes, with a picture of the finished food (if possible), along with your name to events@stbenedict.org. Deadline is **Saturday, October 31**.



Knights of Columbus:

Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus and the Fr. Bob Binta Council will celebrate with the parish the Beatification of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.



His holiness will be Beatified during his Mass that will be broadcast on EWTN from Hartford Connecticut at The Cathedral of St. Joseph on **Saturday October 31, 2020** at 4 pm (PDT).

This is the ideal moment to recall the spirituality of the young priest who spent his life of 38 years faithfully serving the people of God and offering himself in sacrifice on their behalf while preaching the Gospel. This was during a time in the 1800's when Fr. McGivney administered the sacraments and guided his people in practical ways within a culture that was both anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant.

The Knights will give a short presentation after each Mass next weekend. We are asking our parishioners to join us, live in person, at Masses next weekend if you are able to attend. The Mass will be offered virtually, as well.

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued help with the on-site pantry needs. Here is this week's list:

- Mac N Cheese
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Veggies (not green beans)
- Tissues
- Laundry Soap
- Body Wash for Women

SVdP News

Dear Fellow Parishioners, we would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are the St. Vincent de Paul Vincentians.

We are people you see at Mass each week. The people who join you in our on-line community, worshiping with you each week. Your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers. Together with you, we help the people in the communities of Ahwatukee, Chandler, and Tempe who are in need of assistance.

Over the coming months, we would like the opportunity to let you know who we have been helping with your generosity.

For starters, during the week of October 11th, we served 15 adults and 5 children through our on-site pantry. Providing them with bags of food and personal hygiene supplies provided by YOU, our partners in charity!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and stay tuned for more stories from the St. Benedict Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

"I love you, Lord, my strength!"
~ Psalm 18

More



Mass of Remembrance

During our annual Mass of Remembrance, the parish community of St. Benedict gathers together to pray for all of our loved ones who have returned to the Father. You and your family are invited to join us next week on **Monday, November 2** at 7 pm.

All are welcome to bring a picture of their loved one to display on the Table of Remembrance, and to sign their loved one's name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. (Please put your name, phone number on the back of your photo.)

Following the Mass, our Pastoral Care Ministry will provide grief information for families to pick up.



AmazonSmile and Fry's Rewards

Did you know you can support St. Benedict simply by shopping? Here are two ways that do not cost you anything, but greatly benefit our parish!

You may already be an *Amazon.com* customer. If so, consider linking your account to our AmazonSmile profile. When you shop in this way, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the parish. It does not cost you anything extra and it is incredibly easy.

You can also use your Fry's VIP card to support St. Benedict. The key to this program is making sure to re-register annually on their website. Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/account/communityrewards/>

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Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and
deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

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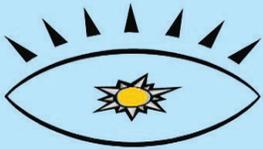
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A Note From The Principal

Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the end of our first trimester. It was our hope to move into Phase II before the end of this trimester and thereby ease restrictions. However, with COVID cases increasing we are unable to change our mitigation plans at this time.

Nonetheless, we feel very blessed that our students were able to return to in-person learning in September when so many other schools could not offer that option. Our aim is to proceed with our current hybrid platform and not revert to virtual learning for all students. The safety and well-being of our students remains our top priority; thus, staff and students alike continue to closely follow pandemic protocols here on campus.

Lastly, our campus got a significant technology upgrade over Fall Break, thanks to the generosity of the SJB parents and community at last year's Bosco Gala. Students and teachers are now enjoying faster uploads, downloads, and streaming speeds -- all critical functions for today's multimedia instruction and learning models.

Blessings for a beautiful Arizona fall weekend!

Anita Petitti, Principal

Preschool Kindergarten Open House

On **Wednesday, November 11**, from 9 am to 5 pm, parishioners, friends, and neighbors are cordially invited to schedule a private on-campus or virtual tour of St. John Bosco School at our next Preschool Kindergarten Open House.



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