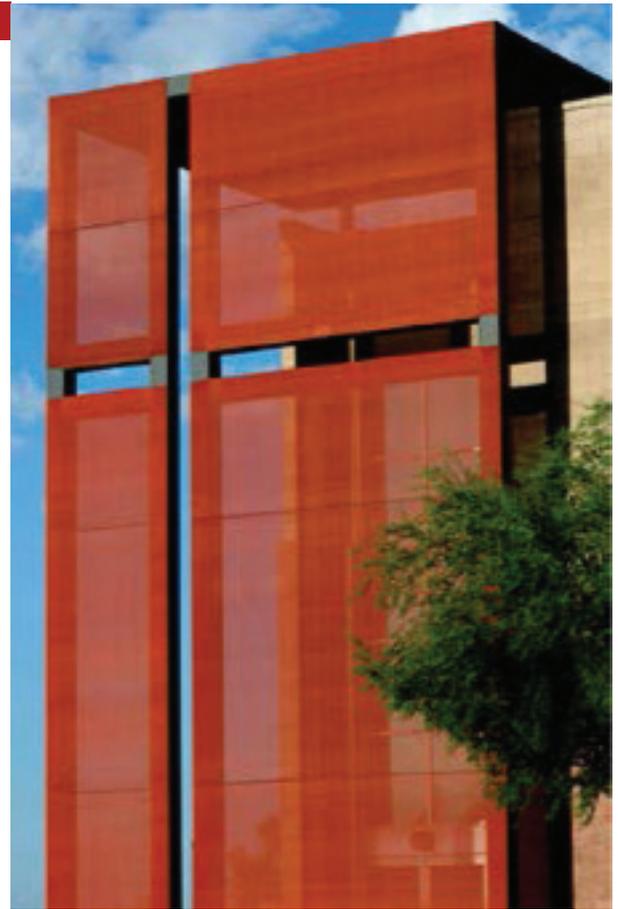


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May 29, 2022

## The Ascension of the Lord

“ *God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.* ”

~ Psalm 47:6

### 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 in June Closed  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Weekends & Friday at SJB MPR: Friday 8:15 am  
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2: 8:15 am

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

### Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [stbenedict.org/calendar](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

#### Monday, 5/30

Office Closed - Holiday  
8:15 am | Mass

#### Tuesday, 5/31

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | SVdP

#### Wednesday, 6/1

8:15 am | Mass  
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

#### Thursday, 6/2

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Choir Practice  
6:30 pm | "Symbolon"  
Session (last)

#### Friday, 6/3

8:15 am | Mass  
9 am | Adoration  
12 pm | Office Closes  
5 pm | Confessions  
7 pm | Benediction

#### Saturday, 6/4

8:30 am | Confessions  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 5/29/2022

7 am | People of the Parish  
9 am | Paul Wood †  
11 am | Israel Garza †  
5 pm | Elizabeth Oulton †

M 5/30 | Ignacio Gil †

Tu 5/31 | Jennifer Anne Benware †

W 6/1 | Emil Senn †

Th 6/2 | Letty Tagayon †

F 6/3 | People of the Parish

Sat 6/4 | Josephine Graf †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 5/30	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday:</b> 5/31	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6/1	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19 ( <i>St. Justin</i> )
<b>Thursday:</b> 6/2	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1- 6/2 2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday:</b> 6/3	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 ( <i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Comp.</i> )
<b>Saturday:</b> 6/4	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday:</b> 6/5	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 ( <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> )

### “Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

*As of April 2022*

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859  
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,636,126

### Parish CDA Totals May 25, 2022

Number of Donors: 210  
Amount Donated: \$98,172  
Donation Goal: \$85,000

### Presider Schedule\*

*the Week of*

*May 30 - June 5, 2022*

<b>Monday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Friday</b>	8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm - Fr. James
<b>Sunday</b>	7 am - Fr. Wilfred 9 am - Fr. Manasseh 11 am - Fr. Manasseh 5 pm - Fr. James

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

### \*\*Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to those  
who are faithfully contributing*

Regular Contributions for **April 2022**  
(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis  
per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

**Actual: \$ 65,677\***

**Budget: \$ 74,375**

\* Faith Direct Online: \$ 49,172

Cash Contributions: \$ 5,096

Check Contributions: \$ 11,409

**(\*\* Please remember to transfer your Faith Direct  
deposit over to Realm before May 31, 2022.)**

## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

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“YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU.”

Ordinarily, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter Sunday, and this usually falls on the Thursday of the sixth week of our Easter celebration. This gives us ten days before the feast of Pentecost which comes up fifty days after Easter. However, most Dioceses in the United States now celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on the seventh Sunday of Easter in order to emphasize the solemnity of the day, and so, today is the day when we celebrate the return of the resurrected Jesus to heaven after spending forty days preparing His Apostles for the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would empower them to witness to the Gospel all over the world.

Forty days preparation habitually carries great symbolism in Scripture. Recall Noah’s forty days in the ark during which God purified the world, Moses’ forty days on Mount Sinai after which he and Israel were gifted the Decalogue, Elijah’s forty days of wandering in the desert in search of God’s presence, and Jesus’ forty days of fasting in the wilderness in preparation for His public ministry. The celebration of the Lord’s glorious Ascension forty days after His resurrection points us in the direction of preparedness for the future. We, like the Apostles, are to prepare in unity and prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the the fire of love. We are to prepare to fulfill our Christ-given mandate to go into the world and make disciples of all nations through tireless preaching and uncompromising witnessing. We are also to prepare ourselves so we can render accounts of our witnessing to Christ when He returns in glory.

The Ascension of the Lord also affords us hope that diligent preparation will be matched with the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and unflinching fidelity to the Gospel will see us all, the mystical body of Christ, arrive in the kingdom of God where Christ our head has gone before us. Where the head has gone, the body will someday follow. Thus, the Ascension of the Lord does not evoke feelings of aloneness or abandonment, but rather reinforced hope and faith. Consequently, we are reminded that the earth and its fullness does not represent our permanent home, but is our temporary residence where every member of the body of Christ, through faith and witnessing, prepares for the final glorification of the faithful in heaven.

May each of us remain in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May we receive and listen to the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and in our faith community, and may we be prepared in hope for the final glorification of all of us in the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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## Ministries and More

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is for everyone! In June, Adoration will be on **Friday, June 3** between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel. Please come by and spend some time with the Lord, or 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.



### Fr. Wilfred Farewell

We are excited to hear about Father Wilfred's new opportunity to lead St. Steven's Church in Sun Lakes beginning on July 1, but sad to see him leave us.



Please join us on **Sunday, June 12** after the 9 am and 11 am Masses to congratulate him on his recent assignment as Parochial Administrator. Refreshments will be served. Please write a note or bring a card to let him know how much you enjoyed his time with us. If you want to give a gift, visa gift cards or cash are appreciated.



This weekend, after all Masses, we will be giving a short instructional segment (after the announcements) about how to use Realm and how we all will benefit by its use. This is a terrific opportunity to receive clarification and have your questions answered. We hope to see you there!

### Memorial Day Holiday

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 30**, in observance of Memorial Day. For an emergency requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.



### Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

All are welcome to explore the last session of "Symbolon" with Fr. Manasseh this coming **Thursday, June 2**, at 6:30 pm in the Annex 1 Meeting Room. The session is appropriately titled "The Last Things." The information is interesting, as is Fr. Manasseh's talk, and the fellowship is fun. See you there!



### Save the Date - Bingo Night

Save the date! The next Bingo Night is scheduled for **Friday, July 15** 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](mailto:events@stbenedict.org) with questions or prize donations.

### Women's Spirituality

The Women's Spirituality group will be taking a summer break beginning in June; thus, no meeting on June 4. Meetings will resume on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. Have a blessed summer!

## Faith Formation and More

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### Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

With summer underway, fall planning has begun! Each year, the success of our St. Benedict Faith Formation programs depends upon amazing volunteers like YOU! If you feel called to be more involved with the young people of our parish (pre K-elementary, junior high or high school), we would love to talk with you about joining our team as a Catechist, Aide or Core Leader for 2022-2023!

Several different ministries with varying time commitments are available. Our children and teens value the gift of your time and faith whether you are able to commit to a little or a lot of time.

Interested? Contact Heather Mooney at [hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org) or Clare Gisla at [cgisla@stbenedict.org](mailto:cgisla@stbenedict.org)

*“God mounts his throne  
to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets  
for the Lord!”*

~ Psalm 47

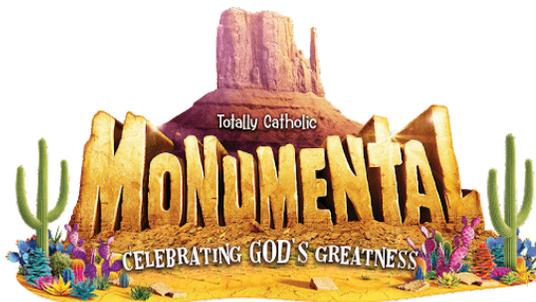
### Summertime Resources for Parents

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

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

### Music Anyone?

If you like to sing, play an instrument, or make new friends who share your passion for music, please consider joining one of our choirs! For more information, contact Phil Arkfeld at [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org) or 480.961.1610 ext. 311.



### Calling All Teens!

Looking for a fun way to get some community service hours? Want to hang out with friends? Feeling creative? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then we need your help!

Vacation Bible School “Art Week” is being held this week on **Tuesday 5/31, Wednesday 6/1, and Thursday 6/2** from 10 am to 2 pm in the classrooms at Corpus Christi Church located at 3550 E. Knox Rd. in Ahwatukee.

Bring a friend, your water bottle and lunch, and be ready to create a Monumental world for the children of VBS. We will also need help setting up the art on the SJB campus on **Friday, June 3** and **Sunday evening, June 5**.

Contact [VBS@stbenedict.org](mailto:VBS@stbenedict.org) for more info or to signup!

### Support VBS - Pick Up a Cactus Pen!

Vacation Bible School begins next **Monday, June 6!** We are looking for donations for some final craft and snack needs. If you can help, please pick-up a “cactus pen” after Mass this weekend and return the indicated item to the parish office later this week. Thank you for helping us make VBS Monumental!

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For advertising in the back of the bulletin,  
please contact Claudia Borders at 520.298.1265

## Current Events & More

### Pentecost Next Week - Wear Red!

Pentecost Sunday is next week and we would like to remind everyone to wear red! Red is a symbol for the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit first came down to the early followers of Jesus, which also means it is the Church's birthday! Let's give the Fathers a reason to smile when they look out into the church to see everybody wearing red!



### Knights of Columbus

The State Raffle was held and raised \$360K. I'm sorry but we didn't have a winner from St. Benedict. Thank you for your purchase that helps us fund SVdP and other charities throughout the state.

We held our Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification on May 14 in the Chapel at SJB: Our newest 3rd Degree Knights are:

Andrew Bernardez, Cameron Cavolina, Ben Olvera and David Oster. Our next exemplification will be Saturday June 18.

The recent events in Ukraine have brought our Knights in Poland and Ukraine to protect the lives of women and children from the horrors of war. Please continue your support for the Ukraine Solidarity Fund at: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and "TMOORE".

Vivat Jesus,  
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight  
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246  
[GK@kofc12246.org](mailto:GK@kofc12246.org)  
480.747.8000



### St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you for your continued support of the on-site pantry that greatly helps those in our community. Here are a few items needed for the week:

- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant (Men's and Women's)
- Body Wash
- Conditioner

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

In addition, there may be some days when the construction activities will require the staff to work from home. If the office is closed for this reason, you will see a sign at the front of the property stating such with a phone number to reach staff.

### Vocations

*"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth."*

If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office at [dphx.org/vocations/contact](http://dphx.org/vocations/contact) or 602.354.2004.

[More](#)

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## Stewardship and Development

By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

The event we all have been waiting for is finally here. The remodeling of St. Benedict Catholic Church has begun and our permanent home will begin to take shape.

I anticipate there will be a lot of curiosity as to what is going on behind the fence and mesh tarp surrounding the construction zone. We will keep you updated with pictures and milestones so everyone can be informed and involved.

Activating your Realm account is an important step in staying in the loop. We will be using the "News Feed" feature in Realm to post pictures and updates. Additionally, making sure we have everyone's correct contact information in the form of email, address, and phone number is paramount. Here are some steps that you can take to help us connect with you:

- If you have not activated your Realm account, please check your email for the invitation to join. If you did not receive an email check your spam folder or contact our office.
- If you there are people listed in your household who do not live there anymore, or you have adult children over the age of 18, please contact the parish office at [afletcher@stbenedict.org](mailto:afletcher@stbenedict.org)
- Faith Direct will be discontinued beginning **June 1**. After you set up your online giving preferences in Realm, please log into your Faith Direct account and cancel your future payments.

We appreciate your patience while we transfer our database. It is a new software system for both our parishioners and our office. Thank you for your continued support!

## Reserving Annex Building Rooms

Meeting space is limited, so please contact the office if you would like to schedule to use one of the Annex rooms for a meeting. Call **480.961.1610** and talk with Amy or Mary Jane. Thank you!

## Welcome New Parishioners!

- Alfonso Ablola
- Clyde Coelho
- Kaleigh Lodge

## Ministry Contacts

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## A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Last week Fr. James and Fr. Manasseh con-celebrated a beautiful Mass and a first-ever graduation ceremony in the St. John Bosco School courtyard. Following Fr. James' poignant words reflecting on the students' years of academic and spiritual formation here at SJB, the class of 2022 was sent off with collective prayers for their continued success in high school as they joyfully tossed their caps in the warm evening air.



Not to be outdone, third-grade students were also recognized last week at our annual Third Grade Recognition Mass for receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at their respective parishes. Under the diligent direction and watchful eyes of teachers Mrs. Rebecca Daniel and Miss Laura Jean Curley, these young students led the school Mass with humility and reverence. A beautiful reception followed the Mass; many thanks to the second-grade moms for organizing, decorating, and hosting.



How blessed we are to partner with the parishes for sacramental preparation. The richness of a Catholic education is beyond comparison.

Joyful blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, Principal