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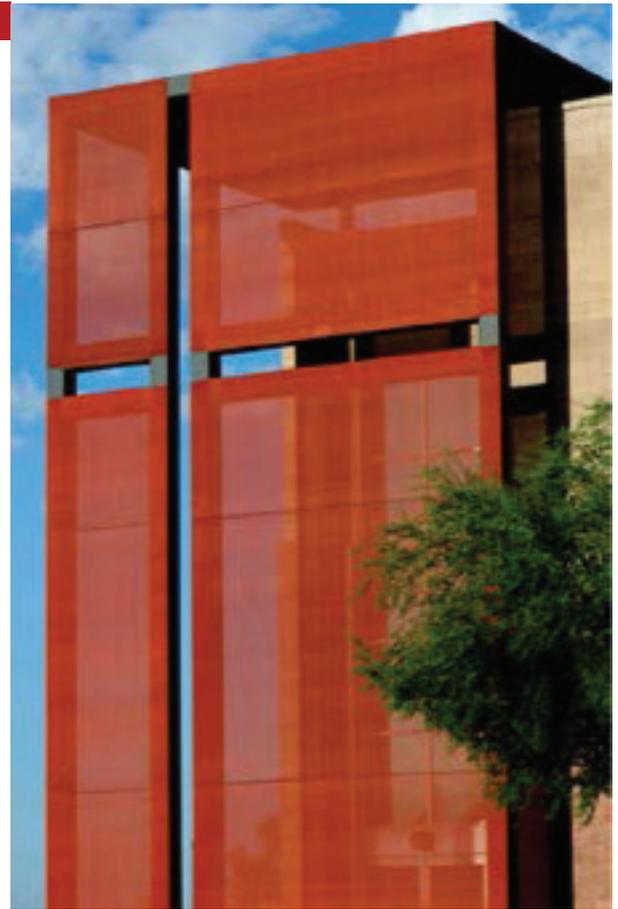
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September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.* ”

~ Psalm 90:14



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

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

Monday, 9/5

Office Closed-Holiday
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 9/6

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | SVdP

Wednesday, 9/7

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

Thursday, 9/8

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 9/9

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 9/10

8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Baptism Class
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/4/2022

7 am | Aceves Family (living)
9 am | Ron Sroka †
11 am | Cheah Siew Kim & Anthony Loh †
5 pm | Rich Libonati †

M 9/5 | Peggy Cadaret †

Tu 9/6 | Dennis Biggs †

W 9/7 | Dottie Sullivan †

Th 9/8 | Florencia Alcasid †

F 9/9 | Miguel Ruiz (living)

Sat 9/10 | Cherubim Goh †

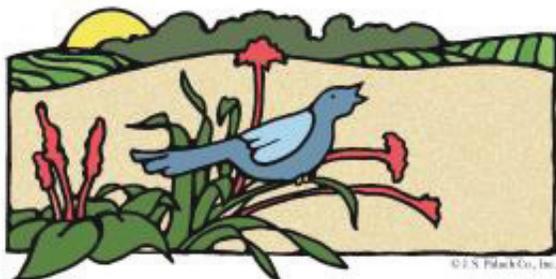
Sunday, 9/11/2022

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Jeanne Gallogly †
11 am | Gary Gibbons †
5 pm | Frank Galvan †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 9/5	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 9/6	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 9/7	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 <i>(Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
Friday: 9/9	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42 <i>(St. Peter Claver)</i>
Saturday: 9/10	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: 9/11	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32



“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

As of July 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,668,028

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

September 5-11, 2022

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Thursday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Friday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Saturday 5 pm - Fr. James

Sunday 7 am - Fr. James

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 **July 2022**

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis
per fiscal year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Actual: \$ 73,262*

Budget: \$ 89,038

* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 42,943

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,610

Check Contributions: \$ 25,709

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE”

Two Sundays ago, we heard Jesus admonishing His followers to enter the Kingdom of God through the narrow gate. By this, Jesus revealed that only the difficult and costly way of discipline can lead to eternal bliss. In the Gospel passage this weekend, Jesus teaches on the cost of discipleship, that is, what one would necessarily need to forego in order to successfully navigate life under the banner and standard of Jesus.

In Luke’s account of the cost of discipleship, Jesus makes “hatred” of father, mother, siblings, indeed one’s family, the first and necessary prerequisite for discipleship. In Biblical covenant context, the term “hate” does not denote deep-seated feelings of resentment, but rather actions which demonstrate one’s loyalty or disloyalty to an overlord. The person who loves his Lord is loyal and faithful to him while the one who hates him exhibits acts of rebellion and disloyalty against him. Jesus is simply saying that anyone who would be reluctant to displease the most proximate relatives when they run in contradiction to Jesus’ standards has effectively made the choice to forgo discipleship. The disciple is expected to place Jesus and His standard over and above self, personal desires and filial relationships and, if need be, be willing to break family ties if one’s family opposes the call of Christ on one’s life. No one should literally stop loving their family, though, because love of God and love of neighbor are the summation of God’s law, and one’s family certainly qualifies as one’s neighbor.

If the demand to hate one’s family sounds shocking to us, Jesus made a more outrageous demand of His followers. *“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”* Here, Jesus makes it an absolute requirement for the intending disciple to not only accept suffering, persecution and shame for the sake of the Kingdom, but to willingly and patiently bear it in daily imitation of Christ.

Following Jesus will cost you everything you have. If there is anything or even anyone you cannot give up because of Jesus, you are not ready for discipleship. The path to salvation requires us to renounce self, family and material wealth, and rather embrace the difficult way of suffering and discipline in order to attain the true liberty and disposition that is needed to truly imitate Jesus. A notorious attachment to sin and the things of this world that has not been severed by a superior love of God will certainly hinder discipleship.

Let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts with deep love that will make detachment from worldly encumbrances realizable and the humble imitation of Christ easier.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

1st Ever Sports Night Fundraiser

Save the date for this awesome event happening on **Friday, September 16** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco MPR. Get ready for food, fun, fellowship and auction prizes where all the proceeds will benefit the parish Building Fund. Some of the prizes include:

- AZ Legends Memorabilia
- AZ Sport Ticket Experience Packages
- Memberships to Local Athletic Facilities
- Restaurant Gift Cards, and More!

Only \$10 per person, children 5 and under are free. For more information or tickets, contact Cathy at **480.296.3679**.

Office Closed on Labor Day

The parish office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on **Monday, September 5**. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am that day in the Annex 2 Chapel.

Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict will be on **Saturday, September 10** from 10 am to Noon in the Annex 1 Meeting Room on the church property. (Restrooms available at the school.) For questions or to RSVP, contact Ed or Linda at **edlinda@cox.net**.

New Parishioners

- Alan, Jiping, Zoe and Maximus Gomez
- Gary Jaskolski
- Sandra Ochoa
- Kelley Ribaud
- Thermon and Patrice Royster



St. Benedict Welcoming Sunday

The September Welcoming event will be on **September 18** after the 9 am Mass. Meet Fr. James, members of the parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, staff and more. It's always a lot of fun and we hope you will save the date!

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

Lately, construction continues at a good pace after the delays encountered from the previous rain storms.

The assembly of the underground utilities continues. The underground plumbing for the new restrooms on the north-side of the building is complete. Reconnecting the underground plumbing to the existing restrooms is scheduled to be completed this week. The underground electrical work is scheduled to start this week.

After the underground utilities are complete, the concrete slabs will be poured. This is targeted for the second week of September. The interior footings for the staircase and the cry room are being addressed.

The mezzanine steel is scheduled for the second week of September. This needs to be installed prior to the Sanctuary slab being poured due to the heavy equipment necessary for the mezzanine steel.

Photos for this week:

- Footings preparation for concrete - new stairwell.
- Concrete poured for footing - new stairwell.



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, September 11

CGS Begins

EPIC Begins

Tuesday, September 13

JAM and Journey of Faith Begins

Sunday, September 18

Children's Liturgy Begins



Liturgy of the Word With Children

Online registration for Liturgy of the Word with Children is now open on our parish website. There is no charge, however registration is required for the safety and well-being of each child.

Children's Liturgy is scheduled to resume on **Sunday, September 18** during the 9am Mass for children in KINDERGARTEN through 3rd GRADE and is a continuation of Mass. It is an opportunity for children to hear the Readings proclaimed and discussed in a way that helps them better understand the message and gain a deeper reverence for the Mass. Children unable to fully participate and follow instructions should plan to attend with a parent each week.

If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, we are still in need of Leads and Aides. Please contact Heather Mooney for more information at hmooney@stbenedict.org

Faith Formation News

We are excited to begin another year of faith formation together! Registration for all K-12 ministries remains open online via the parish website at www.stbenedict.org. Please note that all sacrament preparation is separate from regular faith formation sessions. Once enrolled in one of the sessions below, more sacrament information will be given.

Questions? Contact Heather Mooney (K-5th) or Clare Gisla (6th-12th) in the parish office.

EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9th-12th)

Sundays from 3 pm - 4:45 pm



JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th-8th)

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm



JOURNEY OF FAITH (Grades K-5th)

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm



***CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Level I (PreK-K) - Sundays from 9:15 am to 10:30 am (returning students only)



Level II (Grades 1st-3rd) - Sundays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am.

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2022-2023:

\$50 - JAM, Journey of Faith & CGS

\$100 - EPIC Youth Ministry

Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact the parish office for assistance. All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$125, regardless of program.

*“In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.”*

~ Psalm 90

Current Events & More

Knights of Columbus

On Saturday, August 27, Fr. James Aboyi presided over the Installation of Officers for San Xavier del Bac Assembly 14. This is a photo of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree organization.



Announcements:

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Parish Rosary last Wednesday.

Activities:

- Fr. Bob Binta Council Installation of Officers - **Sat Sept 3** at 6 pm in the SJB Chapel.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - **Thursday, Sept 8** at 7 pm in the Annex 1 Meeting Room.
- Sports Night Fundraiser - **Friday, Sept 16** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco School MPR.
- Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony - **Saturday, September 17** after the 5 pm Mass.

Thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus?

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

Vivat Jesus,
Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
480.748.1449
grandknight@kofc12246.org



St. Vincent de Paul

We are in need of continued donations in our SVDP pantry due to increased neighbor usage. Please consider donating. Thank you!



- Jelly
- Applesauce
- Mayo
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Shaving Cream

Thanks to your generous donations, in July 2022 we helped 64 families with 101 bags of food and \$9,198 in shelter, utilities and other assistance.

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/>



Legion of Mary

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information about the Legion of Mary, contact Ann Marie Adams at 480.688.2096.



More

Hand-Carved in Bethlehem

Please stop by the tables of religious wares (nativity sets, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, and more) after all the Masses the weekend of **September 17 and 18**.



Ayman Khair represents about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand-carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the Pandemic, tourism was stopped completely between March 2, 2020 and February 2022. It is very important to support them at this critical time since they have no income and there is no government to take care of them. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to purchase their articles.

These hand-carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred Olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income are able to survive in the Holy Land. Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the last 20 years. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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Arizona Rosary Celebration

The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the 47th Annual Arizona Rosary Sunday Celebration 2022 from 2 to 4:15 pm at the Phoenix Convention Center located on Jefferson and 3rd Street.

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and being held this year on **Sunday, October 16**, and dedicated to *Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, Pray for Us!* Please prayerfully consider placing this event on your calendars and spending the afternoon with your family, friends, fellow Parishioners and Knights praying the Rosary with the Bishop.

This event is a colorful, spirit-filled moment, where over 6,000 have attended in previous years from around the state. In the past, participation for St. Benedict has been in the form of a Parish Rose Family, a Parish Ministry Group(s), and our KofC Council 12246 with Banners for the procession. We have also had some of our wonderful Altar Servers who were previously selected to lead the Bishop in order to begin the event.

We hope you will consider this invitation to attend this spiritual event and maybe even participate in it. Sign up for transportation provided by the Knights after Masses or in the parish office. For more information, contact Ken at **480.250.1814**.

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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Do you have a child who would like to join us for the 2022-23 school year? Our enrollment continues to grow and, although we have a few remaining spots in most grade levels, we do have a waiting list in 3rd grade. Our student/teacher ratio is the best in town. Preschool 3s classes are 15:2 and Pre-Kindergarten classes are 20:2. I have also promised our parents that we will maintain no more than 25 students in each class from Kindergarten through 8th grade to ensure that we are able to differentiate instruction effectively in order to meet the needs of all learners.

As many of you may know, the Arizona Legislature passed HB 2853 which would provide a universal Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) to all students attending a private school. While this is very exciting news for all of us, we are being advised by the Diocese that there still may be some roadblocks ahead. In the meantime, it is our goal to make Catholic Education affordable for all who desire it. We work individually with each family to help make your child's education at St. John Bosco a reality, and all families are encouraged to apply for financial assistance.

Your options for assistance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Financial assistance through School Tuition Organizations (STOs) that provide scholarships based on financial need, donor-recommended scholarships, or both.
- Privately funded scholarships.

If you are interested in providing your child or grandchild with a Catholic Education, visit our website Admissions page and click on the "Apply Now" button. Follow the instructions and ensure the application is "Submitted." There are limited spots left in our Preschool program so apply now to secure your child's spot.

If you are interested in learning more about St. John Bosco, call **480.219.4848** or email admissions@sjbosco.org for a private on-campus tour with me.

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



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