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September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“ A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me. ”**

~ Psalm 51:12



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.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 9/12

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 9/13

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 9/14

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | EMHC Meeting

Thursday, 9/15

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 9/16

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Sports Night Fundraiser

Saturday, 9/17

8:30 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/11/2022

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

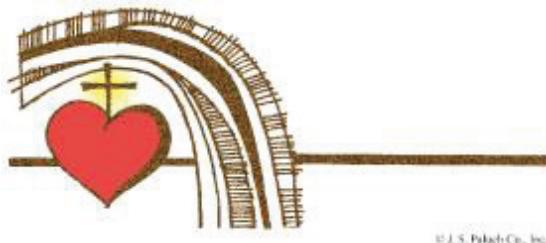
Sunday, 9/18/2022

M 9/12 | Dr. F. Amabisca †
Tu 9/13 | Dolly Freeman †
W 9/14 | Aida Villaluna †
7 am | Lamberto Sanchez †
9 am | Emil Senn †
11 am | People of the Parish
5 pm | John Uhler †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10,
9/12 17; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a;
9/13 Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
(St. John Chrysostom)
- Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
9/14 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,
9/15 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27
(Our Lady of Sorrows)
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd,
9/16 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
(Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian)
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;
9/17 Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8;
9/18 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



“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 12-18, 2022*
- Monday** 8:15 am - Fr. James
- Tuesday** 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
- Wednesday** 8:15 am - Fr. James
- Thursday** 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
- Friday** 8:15 am - Fr. James
- Saturday** 5 pm - Fr. Manasseh
- Sunday** 7 am - Fr. Manasseh
9 am - Fr. James
11 am - Fr. James
5 pm - Fr. Manasseh

**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

"REJOICE WITH ME BECAUSE I HAVE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP"

The world and time we live in makes a sincere practice of our Christian faith very difficult. We are surrounded by standards and ideas that facilitate easy fall into idolatry. The idols of our time include (but are not limited to) money, intellect, power, connections, family, the state, false religion, and even self. Whatever we are quick to ascribe our successes and accomplishments to, whatever we cannot do without, whatever we prioritize above everything else, is a candidate for the replacement of God in our lives.

The people of Israel experienced a moment of National idolatry when they grew impatient with Moses' extended stay on the mountain and made for themselves a golden calf, the work of their hands, a tangible idol as replacement for God. Moses was informed of their impropriety, interceded for his people and obtained for them God's mercy and forgiveness. The emphasis in the readings this weekend is not so much on the immensity of man's iniquity as it is on the prodigality of God's love and mercy. In spite of Israel's national rejection of the sovereignty of God, His mercy was made available to them. The prodigality of Divine Mercy is emphasized even more in the three parables in the Gospel this weekend. In the first parable, God (represented by the shepherd) risks ninety-nine sheep in search of a lost one and celebrates lavishly after finding it. The woman in the second parable who sweeps her room in search of a single missing coin demonstrates the value God places on the restoration to righteousness of every single soul, including yours. God's propensity to mercy is powerfully demonstrated in the parable of the prodigal Father who forgives and restores to sonship a wayward son who dissipated his inheritance in the most despicable manner. Take note of the fact that in the parable, the Father allows the second son to ask and receive "his share" of his inheritance, an allusion to the gift of freewill irrevocably given to us by God. Note the misuse of this freewill as represented by the son's dissipation of his inheritance on a life of debauchery, an allusion to our willful and irresponsible misuse of our right to choose and decide for ourselves. Note further that it was only after a humiliating and difficult turn of events that the second son placed his heart on the road that led to his Father's house. Rather than run after his recalcitrant scion to retrieve him from self-inflicted troubles, the Father waited hopefully and patiently for His son to make his way home, He had faith in His son's natural proclivity to return to his original good nature. To everyone, God has graciously bestowed the gift of freewill. Sometimes we misuse it irresponsibly. When this happens, obstinately sticking to our wrong judgment and mistakes is not a wise option, giving up on ourselves and not trusting in God's mercy is also not to our advantage. What we require is an honest acknowledgement, renunciation and repentance from our mistakes in order to be forgiven. We have to get up and leave the pig slop we have been wallowing in (whether it is substance abuse, porn, financial corruption, promiscuity, lying, etc) in order to leap towards heaven for forgiveness.

May our faith in God's mercy be increased and may we be afforded fortitude and humility to acknowledge, renounce and repent from sin so that we can obtain forgiveness.

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 this **Friday, September 16** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. Join us for dinner, games and great auction/raffle prizes! Proceeds will benefit the parish Building Fund. Some of the prizes include:

- Smart TV
- 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**.

New Audio-Visual Ministry

Share your passion for tech by joining the St. Benedict Audio-Visual Ministry. Everything we see and hear during Mass is influenced by the team that handles audio engineering, projection and live-streaming. For more information, please contact Scott Svotora at av@stbenedict.org.

Hand-Carved in Bethlehem

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



Ayman Khair represents about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem who are 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 stopped completely between March 2, 2020 and February 2022. 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. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The underground plumbing has been completed on the north side of the building. The City inspected the work and passed it. The remaining underground plumbing and electrical work continues.

By the end of this week, the slabs should begin getting poured. The north and south areas will be first. The west side will be completed after the steel for the choir loft arrives and is installed. It will take a 8,000 pound forklift to lift the 4,000 pound beam.

(There are no new pictures this week as the visible work did not change.)

Photos from last 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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Begins (CGS)
EPIC High School Youth Ministry Begins

Tuesday, September 13

JAM Middle School Youth Ministry Begins
Journey of Faith (K-5) Begins (JOF)

Sunday, September 18

EPIC High School Youth Ministry

Tuesday, September 20

JAM and Journey of Faith



Liturgy of the Word With Children

Online registration for Liturgy of the Word with Children (aka Children's Liturgy) 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 this week! 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.

Welcoming Sunday Next Week

The September Welcoming event is next **Sunday, 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 plan to attend!

Current Events & More

Knights of Columbus

On Saturday September 3, Fr. James Aboyi presided over the Installation of Officers for Fr. Bib Binta Council 12246. This is a photo of the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus organization.



Announcements:

Thank you to everyone who attended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, September 2**.

Activities:

- Sports Night Fund Raising - **Friday, September 16**, at 6 pm in school multipurpose room.
- Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony - **Saturday, September 17** after the 5 pm Mass.
- Blood Drive - **Sunday, September 18** in the school parking lot. Call **877.258.4825** for an appointment.

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 "GKWP".

Remember to attend the Charity-Unity-Fraternity Ceremony on **Saturday, September 17** after the 5 pm Mass.

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!

- Juice
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Household Cleaners

Thanks to your generous donations, in August 2022 we helped 75 families with 130 bags of food and \$8,559 in shelter, utilities and other assistance.

New Parishioners

- Scott Hernandez
- Angela Philpot
- Amichai Schnelle
- Selina Sims
- Drew Sterkowitz
- Jack Stransky
- Vanessa Verdugo
- Anna Wiese



Catholic University of America

Next weekend we will be collecting envelopes for the Catholic University of America, a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C.

By giving, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed to respond to the most pressing needs of the faithful. To learn more, go to futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org

More

Arizona Rosary Celebration

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Sunday, October 16, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Doors open at noon for confession, adoration, exhibits.

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Transportation to Rosary Sunday

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Benedict are offering transportation to and from the Arizona Rosary Celebration on **Sunday, October 16**. A sign-up sheet is available after weekend Masses and in the parish office.

Ministry Contacts

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BBQ and Boot Scoot

The St. Benedict Events Committee is seeking donations of wine, gift cards, event tickets and silent auction items for this year's BBQ and Boot Scoot Dinner on **Thursday, November 17** from 6 to 9 pm. Save the date! You can bring your items to the Parish or School office or email events@stbenedict.org for item pick up.

Jubilation Children's Choir

"Jubilation," the new St. Benedict Children's Choir, is starting soon. Jubilation is open to all children of the parish in grades 3-8. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm and sing at the 9 am Sunday Mass once a month.

As a special feature, the choir will be participating in a nationally-recognized choral festival at St. Mary's Basilica in February 2023.

Join your friends in Jubilation! Our first rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 14** in Annex 1 at 3:30 pm. (Restrooms available at the school.) For more information, contact Phil Arkfeld at **480.961.1610 ext. 311** or email parkfeld@stbenedict.org.

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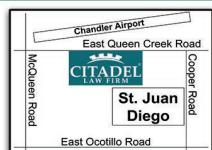
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

With a full month of the school year behind us, the children are deeply entrenched in their routines, eagerly soaking in new lessons and well-acquainted with expectations to achieve their academic goals. SJB is unapologetic about lofty academic standards for our students, and we have a faculty of devoted teachers who are more than willing to help them reach their potential. All of our teachers are highly-trained in differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners and work diligently to fulfill our mission of educating the whole child—spiritually, morally, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

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

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

480.219.4848

A group photo of four young students (three boys and one girl) in white polo shirts with "Jamie" embroidered on the chest, standing outdoors in front of a building with trees. The girl on the left wears a plaid vest over her shirt. The text "Come discover..." is overlaid at the bottom left in a large, white, cursive font.

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