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September 25, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ [K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. ”

~ 1 Timothy 6:14

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, 9/26

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 9/27

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

Wednesday, 9/28

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Finance Council
7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 9/29

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 9/30

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 10/1

8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Women's
Spirituality
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 9/25/2022

7 am | Ladislao Ramirez †
9 am | Emil Senn †
11 am | Bunny Bessler †
5 pm | Parishioners

Th 9/29 | Jose Rene
Goncalves †

F 9/30 | Pat Roth †

Sat 10/1 | Cheah Siew Kim
& Anthony Loh †

M 9/26 | Hermila Ramirez †

Tu 9/27 | Christina Loh
(living)

W 9/28 | Fr. Pappu Samy
(living)

Sunday, 10/2/2022

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | Jeffery Vanguardia †
11 am | Hisayoshi Ushijima †
5 pm | Victoria Galvan †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7;
9/26 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;
9/27 Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
(St. Vincent de Paul)

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
9/28 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14;
9/29 Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
(Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-
9/30 3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
(St. Jerome)

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66,
10/1 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
(St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
10/2 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10



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

As of August 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,679,521

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

Sept 26 - Oct 2, 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. James

Sunday 7 am - Fr. Manasseh
9 am - Fr. Manasseh
11 am - Fr. Manasseh
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 **August 2022**

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

Actual: \$ 56,246*

Budget: \$ 71,230

* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 37,271

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,362

Check Contributions: \$ 14,313

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS. LET THEM LISTEN TO THEM.

We often think of sin as the evil that we do, the uncharitable words that we say and the evil thoughts that we cultivate in our hearts. What we leave out most times is the good that is within our competence, which we know, yet fail to do. When we attempt an examination of conscience, the failings that readily come to mind are the things we did which our good conscience rightly judges as inconsistent with Divine precepts and so, offensive to His Holy will and to our neighbor. Hardly do we accuse ourselves of procuring deficits in benevolence, even when we consider a few of such omissions, we are often quick to find self-exonerating excuses. Knowledge of our faith tells us that sin is sin and culpability persists even if we choose to live in denial.

The First Reading this weekend condemns the flagrant display of opulence by the wealthy in the face of palpable poverty. God is not against the lawful enjoyment of the fruit of our labor; however, he despises the selfish dissipation of wealth without regard for the less fortunate. Equitable distribution of the earth's resources and God's blessings is always consistent with Divine justice, while the senseless hoarding and selfish dissipation of wealth constitutes a grievous infringement of His commandments, the commandments St. Paul encourages Timothy, and by extension every Christian, to keep without stain or reproach in the Second Reading.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to reflect on the sin of omission when He told the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Nowhere in the story is the rich fellow condemned to hell for committing grievous infringements like murder, theft, lying, idolatry or the like. Rather, he went to hell simply because he failed to do the good that he had the capacity and was expected to do. He had Lazarus at his gate so that he could lend a helping hand from his abundance, he saw the need to help yet refused to help. Unfortunately, this man's sin of omission is a familiar weakness many of us are battling with. We see the good we need to do; we can even be aware of our capacity to do it if we will, yet we don't do it or worse, still find excuses why we will not do it.

There are so many Lazaruses clinging to our feet, weighed down by the vicissitudes of life and crying out for help from us: the homeless, the beggars on the streets, the struggling parents, refugees, immigrants, disturbed youth, incarcerated inmates, the struggling Church. Please consider visiting the St. Vincent de Paul office to lend a helping hand to Lazarus. Another way to lift Lazarus is to seriously consider increasing your weekend donations to your Church here at St. Benedict. Your generous donations have enabled the funding of many good works. Just imagine how much more good we would be able to achieve and how much more practical witnessing can be done if we all consider committing to an increased weekend giving to St. Benedict. May God set aflame a generous spirit within us so that we may lift others and grow our Church.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

Welcoming the Stranger

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry at St. Benedict has recently completed its commitment to assist a family from Guatemala.

We are looking for more volunteers to help assist a new family – perhaps from Afghanistan or Ukraine. Volunteers primarily work with a family on learning English, but also with things like setting up a budget and navigating systems such as shopping, health care, transportation, school, and other aspects of American culture.

For more information, please contact Dave Zabor at **480.889.4676**.



Blessing of the Animals

Save the date! On **Saturday, October 8** at 9 am in front of St. John Bosco School (by the large gates) we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals. It is customary that, in remembrance of St. Francis' love of creatures, animals are led to the churches for a special blessing ceremony. The actual Feast Day falls on a Tuesday; however, we shall celebrate it on Saturday.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The construction team has worked hard to get us back on schedule after the rain and cleanup delays. The work for the week progressed well.

Concrete was poured on the north and south side areas. They saw cut a new door on the south side of the building, the second confessional, north windows, new entry to the electrical room and cleaned up a number of old openings. Old gas meter and main gas line (an 8 foot assembly) has been removed allowing for construction work to continue on the south side.

Next week: Remove Father's office ceiling to reposition the roof drawing pipe; begin filling in old building doors and windows no longer needed; final grading, ABC stone and concrete on the west side to begin.

Do we dare say that we will see the walls starting the early part of October? As the walls go up, we hope that this will encourage everyone to give to the Building Campaign.

Photos for the week are:

Northside slab

Saw cuts for choir loft

New sidewalk by the office area

Future entry for the Chapel on the southside



Faith Formation and More

**Happenings
in Children and Youth
Faith Formation**

Sunday, September 25

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Children's Liturgy of the Word **(Only children in Kindergarten and older, please!)*

EPIC High School Ministry

Tuesday, September 27

JAM Middle School Ministry

Journey of Faith

Sunday, October 2

NO CGS (Fall Break)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO EPIC (Fall Break)

Tuesday, October 4

NO JAM (Fall Break)

NO Journey of Faith (Fall Break)



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Youth Ministry Core Leader!**

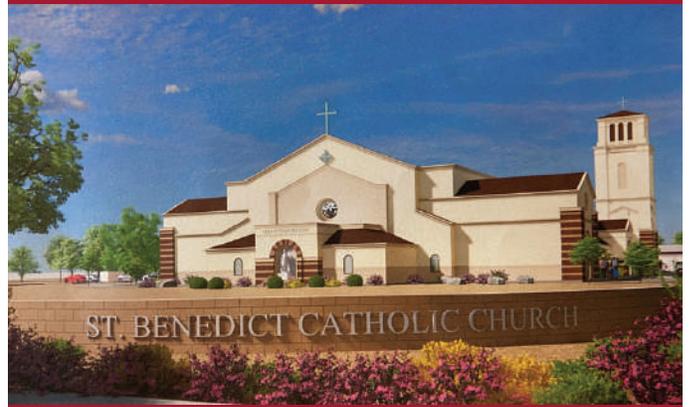
If you are over 18 with a passion for your Catholic faith and interested in making a difference in a young person's life, youth ministry leadership is for you! Develop your leadership skills, form relationships with teens leading them to Christ, hone your theology, and celebrate your Catholic community. For more information, contact Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org or call 480.961.1610 ext. 307.

Retreat Details: "True Presence"
Encountering the Eucharist
Who's Invited: 6th-8th Graders
from Corpus Christi and St. Benedict
When: Sunday, October 9th from 11am-6pm
Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church
1800 E Libra Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283

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Contact Clare at cgisla@stbenedict.org
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Heart**



Current Events & More

Knights of Columbus

Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. Our guiding principles are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Announcements:

Welcome to our new Knights Daniel Malloy and Daniel Manzo, and Congratulations to Brother John Templeton becoming 3rd degree Knight of Columbus.



Activities:

- Parish Rosary - **Wed, Sept 28** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel.
- Tempe Tardeada Trash Pickup - **Sun, Oct 2** at 7:30 pm, Tempe Public Library
- Officers' Meeting - **Thurs, Oct 6** at 6:30 pm in Annex 1.

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

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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!



- Spam
- Snacks
- Mayo
- Mustard
- Catsup
- Salad Dressing

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. Please consider donating via Realm or the Poor Box to allow us to continue helping those in need. To contact us, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

New Parishioners

- Alessandra Basilio Cepeda
- David Johns
- Marcie McCabe



BBQ and Boot Scoot

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

[More](#)

Sports Night Fundraiser Recap

A huge and sincere thank you to all those who came, supported, and donated for our First Ever Sports Night Fundraiser. It was not only a great time with our wonderful St. Benedict Family as a community building/fellowship event, but also a jumpstart for our Building Campaign where we raised a net total of \$11,100 for our Building Fund!

We could not have done it without the unwavering support of so many people including the generous 65 Donors, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and many other volunteers who helped make this night a true success! Way to hit it out of the park for this event, and looking forward to another successful season next year!



A Huge Thanks To Our Generous Donors! **Bashas'**

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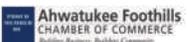


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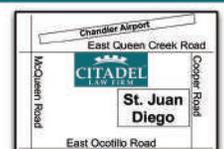
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Did you know that St. John Bosco School has a one-of-a-kind **STEM** Lab? Our school boasts:

- Nine 3D printers,
- A green screen,
- Advanced audiovisual equipment,
- Brand new Sphero programmable robots with a charging suitcase to allow use at our STEM lab or mobilized and brought to other classrooms,
- Thousands of Legos!
- Bins and shelves holding all sorts of craft materials (glue guns, tape, paper, cardboard, toilet tissue/ paper towel rolls, etc.),
- A Makerspace – a large open area allowing students to build and create.

Our unique **STEM** program (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics) incorporates these incredible tools and resources in our curriculum. Students are taught to utilize the tools and skills they learn in **STEM** and apply it to the other subjects they are learning. Our state-of-the-art **STEM** program enhances the standards in all subjects across the curriculum and challenges our students to grow beyond customary expectations.

Our preschool–5th grade students experience at least one **STEM** lesson/month in our state-of-the-art **STEM** Lab. Our littlest learners will begin using various tools and resources and coached by their teachers to focus on critical thinking skills and utilize the knowledge from all their subjects to accomplish tasks and projects. By the time they reach 6th grade they will be prepared for our rigorous 2-day-a-week **STEM** class and able to independently follow the engineering design process. Along with project-based learning, students work together in groups to learn valuable social and communication skills to prepare them for future vocations.

All 5th–8th grade students are encouraged to join our after-school AV Club. This also takes place in our **STEM** Lab every Tuesday and Thursday where they have an opportunity to create and produce school announcements, participate in eSports, drone racing, and more.

Stop by after school any Tuesday or Thursday to check out the incredible **STEM** program that sets us apart!

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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