



# St. Benedict

## Catholic Church

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January 14, 2024

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.* ”

~ Ps 40

### 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 at the St. John Bosco School MPR:  
 Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
 Weekdays Mon-Thurs, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am  
 Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, St. John Bosco School MPR

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am, St. Benedict Chapel

### Upcoming Events

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

**Monday, 1/15**  
**MLK Day**  
 Office Closed  
 8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 1/16**  
 8:15 am | Mass  
 6:15 pm | JAM  
 6:15 pm | JOF

**Wednesday, 1/17**  
 8:15 am | Mass  
 6 pm | Youth Choir

**Thursday, 1/18**  
 8:15 am | Mass  
 6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 1/19**  
 8:15 am | Mass  
 5 pm | Confessions

**Saturday, 1/20**  
 8 am | Confessions  
 5 pm | Dedication Rite  
 and Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 1/14/2024

7 am | Parishioners  
 9 am | Eugene Laatsch †  
 11 am | Linda Barkyoumb (lvg)  
 5 pm | Margaret McDermott (lvg)

F 1/19 | Michael Zuzich †  
 Sa 1/20 | David & Mary Najar †

#### Sunday, 1/21/2024

M 1/15 | Enriqueta Trevino †  
 Tu 1/16 | Perla Domondon †  
 W 1/17 | Steve McWilliams †  
 Th 1/18 | Jim Winkelbauer †

7 am | Souls in Purgatory †  
 9 am | Parishioners  
 11 am | Elsbeth Renner †  
 5 pm | Guadencio Pangilinan Jr. †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 1/15 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 1/16 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; 1/17 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
*(St. Anthony)*

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9/ 19:1-7; 1/18 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; 1/19 Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; 1/20 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9 (4a); 1/21 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for  
**November 2023**

**Actual: \$ 63,830\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

*\* Realm*

Online: \$ 40,194

Cash/Check: \$ 23,636

*(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year*

*July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

### Construction Project

*December 15, 2023*

TOTAL COST: \$9,142,918

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$7,324,794

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$1,818,124

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$1,502,984

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$315,141



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

“Come and see,” Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about Him.

Today, He whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart.

Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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### Parish Staff

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC x 302  
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Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

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## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

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### “COME, AND YOU WILL SEE.”

In His covenant relationship with the people of Israel, God required human intermediaries to mediate between the people and the Lord. Many times, mediators also acted as the visible leaders of the people, took directives from the Sovereign God, and passed the same onto the people. At a particular time, Eli the priest of Shiloh was the designated intermediary between God and His people. Samuel had been offered to God by his mother and was learning the ways of the Lord under the competent guidance of Eli the priest. On a particular night, while they slept, God called Samuel three times and three times the young Samuel, who was yet to gain knowledge of God’s ways, went to Eli to answer the call. Eli figured out that God was the One calling the boy and he provided the guidance needed by Samuel; he did as instructed which led to an encounter with the God whose messenger he was to become as a replacement for Eli.

Like Samuel, we all need to be pointed to God by someone or some established authority. This is particularly true when we are young in age or faith. However, having been pointed to and initiated in His ways, it behooves us to work in order to grow our covenant relationship with Him. This we can do by earnestly and actively seeking to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Samuel showed the required disposition to grow his relationship with God even as he shuttled between his bed and Eli’s tent. At no point did the young Samuel demonstrate annoyance at being told three times in succession that Eli did not call him, he was ready and willing to obey each summons until Eli discerned that it was God who was calling the youth. If at any point we feel the need to fine tune our spiritual ears to answer God’s call, Divine Revelation with its three arms of Scripture, Tradition and The Magisterium, can be made available to us by competent authority if we are willing to discern with the Church.

What Eli did for Samuel, John the Baptist offered two of his Disciples when he saw Jesus walking by. John, the precursor of Christ, pointed Him to his disciples and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” John (the evangelist) reports that the two disciples left John and followed Christ. John the Baptist had done his job which was to introduce Christ to them and them to Christ. Like Samuel, these two took matters into their own hands and immediately began to develop their relationship with Christ by asking Him, “Where do you live?” when He asked them what they were looking for. Jesus responded by inviting them to “come and see.” This was a privileged invitation to not only encounter Christ but to experience Him in a very intimate way, an experience that would later enable them to know Him, love Him and serve Him. So transforming was their experience of Christ that when Andrew (one of the two) found his brother Simon, he joyfully told him “We have found the Messiah” and happily brought him to also encounter Christ. I have heard someone very knowledgeable refer to Christ as “The Contagious Messiah.” No one who meets Him and enjoys a truly life transforming relationship with Him wants to keep Him and that experience to themselves. There is always an almost compelling urge to share Jesus with others if we have truly “met” Him. Are you experiencing this desire to share Christ’s goodness with others right now?

May God always provide us with our own Eli and John the Baptist who will point us to Christ and His will, and may His Grace be sufficient for us as we strive to deepen our personal relationship with Him.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More

### Dedication Update

Thank you all for your prayers and patience! As you have heard the date for our new Church Dedication Rites and Mass is on **Saturday, January 20** at 5 pm. The 3-hour ceremony will begin with prayer at our current place of worship, the St. John Bosco MPR/Courtyard, and will be followed by a procession to the church. We continue to pray the 9-Day Novena for the successful completion and preparations for the opening of our Church. More details to come by email this week.

### BINGO Night!

Save the date for BINGO on **Friday, January 26 (new date!)** from 6-8 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room. Join us for a fun evening for all ages! We'll have pizza, baked goods, lots of BINGO and over 100 prizes! We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, donate them for BINGO prizes. For more information or to donate prizes, email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).



### Rummage Sale



Save the date for the parish Rummage Sale which is happening this year on **Saturday, March 9** between the hours of 7 am and 1 pm at the St. John Bosco School courtyard and MPR. If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! We cannot store items at this time and ask that you hang on to your donations until the mobile mini trailers arrive.

We gladly accept small appliances, books, furniture, CDs, DVDs, electronics, jewelry, housewares, bedding, games, tools, toys, etc.

We cannot accept any large appliances such as dishwashers, stoves, or old model TVs; however, working refrigerators and freezers will be accepted.

Also needed are many volunteers! Contact Gayle at [rummagesale@stbenedict.org](mailto:rummagesale@stbenedict.org).

## Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!

### Krispy Dogz

Sunday January 21, 2024  
11:00am-4:00pm  
3233 E Chandler Blvd #19  
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**Dine-in or Take-out and mention "St. Benedict Catholic Church" when paying your bill!**

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#smoothies  
#springrolls  
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#eggrolls #bulgogi  
#kimchifries



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

#### Sunday, Jan 14

Liturgy of the Word with Children

EPIC

#### Tuesday, Jan 16

JAM

Journey of Faith

#### Sunday, Jan 21

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

#### Tuesday, Jan 23

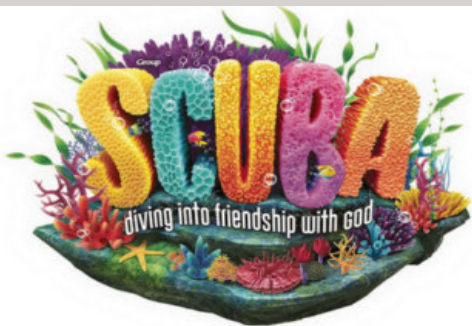
JAM

Journey of Faith



### Welcome Back!

Faith Formation welcomes back all of our families for the Spring sessions! EPIC resumes this weekend on **Sunday, January 14** at 3 pm, Journey of Faith and JAM resume on **Tuesday, January 16** at 6:15 pm, and CGS resumes next **Sunday, January 21**. New to St. Benedict? Register your child or teen on our website and join us! Go to [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org). For more information, contact Heather or Sr. Delia in the parish office at **480.961.1610**.



### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 10** through **Friday, June 14** when we will DIVE into a week of faith and fun to explore an amazing undersea world at Vacation Bible School! All children currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Stay on the lookout for more details and registration information coming later this Spring. It takes many fins and flippers to make VBS possible so make a splash and become a volunteer - High school teens and adults of all ages are needed! Contact Heather Mooney in the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 308**.

### End-of-Year Giving Statements

The parish is so grateful for your contributions. During the last week of January, we will be mailing out the End-of-Year Giving Statements for any one-time gift received over \$250. If you do not receive a copy by mail, and would like a letter for your records, please complete the online form. Go to [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org) and click on the link to request one.

### Office Closed Monday

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For emergencies requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:13-17).

#### Announcements:

- The State of Arizona Knights of Columbus are gearing up to launch the annual raffle. We are planning a new strategy to make this easier...stay tuned!

#### Events:

- New Church dedication on **Saturday, January 20**.
- Blood drive **Sunday, January 21**. Remember to sign up at Vitalant website or use the QR code.
- Basketball Free Throw competition **Saturday January 27** at 10 am at the SJB basketball courts. Open to all kids 9 to 11 years of age. Come and have some fun with your children.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

480.748.1449

[grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)

### Ministry Contacts

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Events/Helping Hands... Lani, [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)

Finance Council... Debbie, [dsmith@stbenedict.org](mailto:dsmith@stbenedict.org)

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Knights of Columbus... Isauro, 480.748.1449

### St. Vincent de Paul



We are grateful for the continued support of our parishioners throughout 2023. Because of your generosity in supporting our on-site pantry, we were able to help many families in need. Thank you!

- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

If you are in need St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

### New Parishioners

- Brett Caradonna
- Ryan Foster
- Susan Marcin
- Elizabeth Sangalang



### Gospel of Life Appeal

Next weekend is the collection for the Gospel of Life Appeal. This appeal is used to promote the right-to-life of all people from conception to natural death. Envelopes will be available at the back of the MPR or you can go onto your Realm account and make a gift using the pull-down menu for Gospel of Life.

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Sacristans... Bette, [blaatsch69@gmail.com](mailto:blaatsch69@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul... Phil W., 480.961.1610 ext. 315

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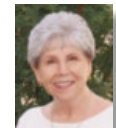


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### A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of year to VOTE for the BEST of Ahwatukee! We hope you will vote for St. John Bosco Catholic School and St. Benedict Catholic Church every day until **Thursday, February 1**. Thank you for your support!

**BEST OF AHWATUKEE**  
**VOTE**

St. John Bosco Catholic School

**NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 1**

WE NEED YOU!

SCAN TO VOTE

VOTE FOR SJB DAILY IN THESE CATEGORIES:

54	BEST PLACE TO WORK	83	BEST PRESCHOOL
85	BEST TEACHER	87	BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL
94	BEST PLACE TO WORSHIP		

Please stop by our "Celebration of Learning Open House" on Wednesday, January 31, 5-7 PM or Thursday, February 1, 9-11 AM. and enjoy a campus tour.

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Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:30 pm-7:00 pm  
Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:00 am-11:00 am  
Celebration of Learning Open House

Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
480.219.4848