

January 21, 2024

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Teach me your ways, O Lord.** ”  
~ Ps 25

“where all are welcome”

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### 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

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. Benedict Church

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

### Upcoming Events

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

**Monday, 1/22**  
8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 1/23**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6:15 pm | JAM  
6:15 pm | JOF

**Wednesday, 1/24**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Finance Council  
6 pm | Youth Choir

**Thursday, 1/25**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 1/26**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confessions  
6 pm | BINGO

**Saturday, 1/27**  
8 am | Confessions  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 1/21/2024

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

F 1/26 | Cyrus Goldhair †  
Sa 1/27 | Julie Fletcher (lvg)

M 1/22 | Cathryn Yarrow †  
Tu 1/23 | Edward Theodore Sobolewski †  
W 1/24 | Pat Perdue †  
Th 1/25 | Jaime Manzano †

**Sunday, 1/28/2024**  
7 am | Fred Montez †  
9 am | Margaret Cadaret †  
11 am | Parishioners  
5 pm | Vincente Raagas †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 1/22	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1/23	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1/24	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20 ( <i>St. Francis de Sales</i> )
<b>Thursday:</b> 1/25	Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 ( <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i> )
<b>Friday:</b> 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34 ( <i>Ss. Timothy &amp; Titus</i> )
<b>Saturday:</b> 1/27	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12- 13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sunday:</b> 1/28	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8); 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for

**December 2023**

**Actual: \$ 70,615\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 40,111

Cash/Check: \$ 29,504

(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

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

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### Parish Staff

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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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### “THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND, REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.”

The Readings for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B emphasize the urgency for propagation of the Good News and the need to repent and return to the right relationship with God who is merciful. Nineveh was the capital city of the Assyrian empire which destroyed Northern Israel, killed many of its inhabitants and dispersed the remnants on exile. Since Jonah was an Israelite, he hated and despised the people who humiliated and destroyed his people, the human weakness in the prophet Jonah would have loved nothing more than seeing the Ninevites destroyed. So, he first tried not to go preach to Nineveh as God instructed him, and when it became obvious to him that running away from God and the mission to which he was sent was not going to be possible, Jonah decided to attend to the mission but with barest minimum effort. Nineveh was a large city which took three days to go through, Jonah spent just a single day's walk to preach and threatened the city with the simple declaration, *“Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed”*. Instead of preaching to the Ninevites in order to provoke repentance, Jonah simply delivered to them an absolute statement of imminent destruction. Despite Jonah's deficient preaching and his intentional denial of hope to Gentile Nineveh, the people responded by engaging in a mass repentance, declaring and observing a fast and putting on sackcloths to demonstrate their sorrow for sin and repentance from evil. God demonstrates that He is the Universal God who is ready to pardon whoever repents by pardoning the sins and the Ninevites and repenting of the evil that was to befall them. Like the Ninevites, we urgently need to repent of our sins and seek a righteous relationship with God. The Lord will pardon the sinner who acknowledges his mistakes, is truly sorry for them and asks for mercy. What God will not condone is the outright self deception of denying our sinfulness and culpability as well as the arrogant refusal to repent.

St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that the time for our repentance and conversion will not run infinitely. Through the Parousia or through individual death, Christ will return and with His coming the time allowed for our repentance shall elapse. Thus, we need to apply some urgency in heeding the call to conversion and holiness which God continues to make in the life of each of us.

Jesus continued with this theme of repentance in pursuit of Divine Mercy when in the Gospel, after the martyrdom of John the Baptist, He preached the message of repentance and called on the people to believe the Good News with greater urgency. Mark reports that He also chose the first four of His closest collaborators by simply inviting them to *“come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* Those who were called seemed to have understood the urgency of Christ's message and mission, so they left everything behind and followed Jesus. Just as God called Jonah and sent him to Gentile Nineveh, so did Jesus call this quartet to send them to the ends of the earth in order to call people to repentance and so help sustain universal participation in the Kingdom of God. The response of the Apostolic quartet sets a very good example for us in our response to God's call. They left behind family, occupation and their comfort zone to leap into the deep with Jesus and follow Him. What is Jesus calling us to leave behind in order to allow a more robust relationship with Him in the Kingdom of God? Could it be pleasure, the crave for and idolatry of money, the convenience of being in control? What is going to be our response to this call? For some, the response may be truly dramatic like quitting a job or relocating to a space the Holy Spirit leads us, to such as going to the seminary or joining a religious order. For others, it may involve quitting certain hobbies, obsessions and even personal preferences in order to facilitate prayer and more meaningful relationships with God and people. Wherever we are, may our response be prompt and positive.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!

**Krispy Dogz**

Sunday January 21, 2024  
11:00am-4:00pm  
3233 E Chandler Blvd #19  
Phoenix, AZ 85048



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#eggrolls #bulgogi  
#kimchifries

Dine-in or Take-out and mention "St. Benedict Catholic Church" when paying your bill!

**Krispy Dogz will donate 15% of your sale to St. Benedict's**



**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 would like to share, donate them for BINGO prizes. For more information or to donate prizes, email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).



**Parish Picnic, Sunday, February 20, 12:30 to 3 pm**

Plan to attend the St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park and enjoy a day of food, fun and getting together with our fellow parishioners! Lawn games, music and more! Free hotdogs and hamburgers that our Knights of Columbus will grill up for us. Bring your own picnic blankets and chairs to relax. RSVP on the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).

If you would like to volunteer at this special event, please contact Lani at [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)

THANK

YOU



This huge 'THANK YOU' is for all of our St. Benedict parishioners for all for the sharing of your time, talent and treasure, your prayers and patience. We would also like to thank everyone involved in the planning, designing, funding and construction of our new Church. May God shed His many graces and blessings upon you, now and always!

## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

#### 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

#### Sunday, Jan 28

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
EPIC

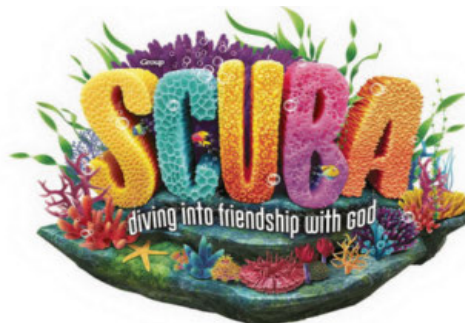
#### Tuesday, Jan 30

JAM  
Journey of Faith

### First Reconciliation News

The Retreat date for those children preparing for First Reconciliation has been moved to **Saturday, February 3**, from 9am-12pm in the St. John Bosco MPR. Children will then be invited to make their First Reconciliation, along with their families, on the morning of **Saturday, February 24**. (Hopefully in the Confessionals inside the new Church!) Parents watch your email for important details regarding both of these dates.

During this final month of preparation, we ask all parishioners to keep the children of St. Benedict in your prayers.



### 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 us at [vbs@stbenedict.org](mailto:vbs@stbenedict.org).

### 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.

### Rummage Sale

The Parish Rummage Sale is 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 will be able to take and store your donated items when the mobile minis arrive after February 2.

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).

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## Ministries & More

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### Knights of Columbus

The Knight as a Chess piece, is the most versatile on the board. It can move in eight different directions, over obstacles, and it's always unexpected and dependable.

Remember Brother Knights, we take the badges, not for the power or the glory, but for the sacrifice. We join the order to serve God, family and self, in that order. We lead with God next to us. Always remember to ask yourself, where is Jesus in what we are doing? Always start with a prayer.

#### Announcements:

- Thank you to all the parishioners that helped move the choir platform to the new building on Jan 13th.
- Congratulations to Greg Bedell, Knight of the Month, for Dec 2023.
- Thank you to all the parishioners who signed up to donate blood.

#### Events:

- Basketball Free Throw competition **Sat, Jan 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.
- Pray the Rosary with us on **Wed, Jan 31** at 7 pm.

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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Knights of Columbus... Isauro, 480.748.1449

### St. Vincent de Paul



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

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| • Beef Stew          | • Canned Fruit |
| • Hearty Soups       | • Tomato Sauce |
| • Pasta Sauce (jars) | • Cooking Oil  |
| • Chef-Boy-R-Dee     | • Juice        |

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

### New Parishioners

- Miguel, Angelica, Maria and Luciana Campuzano Castro
- Thomas and Veronica Gorlewski



### Gospel of Life Appeal

This 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 are available at the back of the church 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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St. Vincent de Paul... Phil W., 480.961.1610 ext. 315

Walking With Moms... Rama, [selena91907@hotmail.com](mailto:selena91907@hotmail.com)

Women's Spirituality... Nora, [nmphilips@cox.net](mailto:nmphilips@cox.net)

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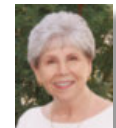


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### A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

We are in full swing for Catholic Schools Week! 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.

*You're invited...*

to our  
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OPEN HOUSE**

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**480-219-4848**  
OR EMAIL  
[admissions@sjbosco.org](mailto:admissions@sjbosco.org)

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

Please continue to vote for St. John Bosco Catholic School and St. Benedict Catholic Church every day until **Thursday, February 1**. We are grateful for your support!

**BEST OF AHWATUKEE  
VOTE**

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Catholic School**

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

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Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
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