



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.** ”

~ Ps 95

“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

Monday, 1/29
8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/30
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 1/31
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Youth Choir
7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 2/1
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 2/2
8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 2/3
8 am | Confessions
9 am | First Recon. Retreat
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/28/2024

7 am | Fred Montez †
9 am | Margaret Cadaret †
11 am | Parishioners
5 pm | Vincente Raagas †

F 2/2 | Emilia Merante †
Sa 2/3 | Ben & Danelle
Gozycki †

M 1/29 | Robert Bechtold †
Tu 1/30 | Hector Ruiz (lv)
W 1/31 | Loretta Becka †
Th 2/1 | Marie Holden †

Sunday, 2/4/2024

7 am | Gordon Pickering †
9 am | Trisha LaLumandier †
11 am | Christina Loh †
5 pm | Parishioners

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; 1/29 Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 1/30 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; 1/31 Mk 6:1-6 <i>(St. John Bosco)</i>
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 2/1 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; 2/2 Ps 24:7-10; Lk 2:22-40 <i>(Presentation of the Lord)</i>
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; 2/3 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 2/4 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite Him into our hearts, asking Him to cleanse the darkness He finds there.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“IN MANY WAYS, MOSES IS PRESENTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AS A TYPE OF JESUS.”

In many ways, Moses is presented in the Old Testament as a type of Jesus. Like Jesus in the New Testament, Moses led the people out of slavery, an act that Jesus would perfect with His Passion and death, not just for Israel alone but for all people of all generations. Again, Moses established the reign of God among the people of Israel by giving them laws which he got from God. In the New Testament, Jesus would establish and provide for the sustenance of the Kingdom of God through the law of love. *“I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.”* (Jn 13:34)

The First Reading presents part of Moses’ parting admonishment to the people of Israel when it became clear to him that he was unlikely to be with them when they would be in the Promised Land. Moses anticipated that the people would miss him and his guidance and may be tempted to deviate from the dictates of the law of the Lord if they couldn’t decipher a clear replacement for the leadership of Moses which they had come to respect and depend on in their relationship with God. So Moses prophesied that God would send for them a prophet of the like of Moses, from among them who will lead them to God as Moses did. God guaranteed that this prophet shall speak in His name and anyone who failed to listen to Him shall answer for it. We know that Joshua, son of Nun, was the immediate replacement of Moses and he led Israel into the Promised Land. However, the fullest fulfillment of the prophecy can only be truly seen in Jesus, the Word of God who took flesh, was born and raised among the people, led all humanity out of slavery and established the reign of God not just in Israel but in all people by teaching us how to love God and our neighbors.

The Gospel passage for this weekend’s Liturgy presents Jesus as the perfect fulfillment of Moses’ prophecy. Christ is presented here and in the other Gospels as the prophet who is not just like Moses but is even greater than the law giver (Jn 1:17-18). At Capernaum, Jesus went into the synagogue and taught with authority to the amazement of the people. They noted that unlike their Scribes, Jesus taught with authority. It happened that a man with an unclean spirit was present and the spirits in him cried out, *“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth...the Holy One of God!”* It is most probable that Jesus had been attending and teaching in that same synagogue prior to that particular time without the people realizing who was among them. It took a man possessed by unclean spirits for Jesus to be recognized. Also, the fellow who was liberated from demonic possession may have been attending that synagogue without effect until he encountered Christ. This reveals to us what can happen when we have places of worship with the presence and love of Christ. People go in and out and remain the same. This Gospel passage invites us to ensure that Jesus is verifiably present in our lives and in our community of believers. We will find in our churches people who are bedeviled by the unclean spirits of pride, self-righteousness, a frozen conscience, incorrigibility, unkind disposition, fear and other sins and vices. When they come to our faith community, they should be able to hear Christ speak to their fears with authority, *“Quiet! Come out of him/her!”* This presupposes that we make Christ incarnate in our communities. It is also good to know that through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of Reconciliation, Christ continues to exorcize the demons that besiege members of His church.

May we be enabled with the authority of Christ to purge the world of sin, unite people more closely with God and help conform our souls increasingly to the Divine will.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Parish Picnic, Sunday, February 18, 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.

If you would like to volunteer at this special event, please contact Lani at events@stbenedict.org

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.

The "Desert Nun Run"

The Poor Clare Nuns invite you to participate in the 15th Annual Nun Run on **Saturday, March 2** at Kiwanis Park in Tempe. They are offering a 10K, 5K Run/Walk, and a 1-mile Walk. Registration is \$40 for adults (early-bird by February 18). Registration for children 18 and under is \$15 before Race Day.

To learn more about the Poor Clare Nuns and to register or donate, please visit their website at desertnunrun.com. Thank you!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In February, Adoration will be on **Friday, February 2** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel inside of the Church. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord.



You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKjbjK>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

Memorial Mass for Bob Prezkop

The Prezkop family would like to invite you to celebrate the life of Bob Prezkop on **Saturday, February 3, 9 am**, at St. Benedict Catholic Church...the church he worked so hard to build, putting his heart and soul into it until the end. We look forward to seeing all of you to remember this great man. Please wear his favorite color: **RED!**



Free Catholic Movies and More

Where is there a great place to enjoy a wealth of resources for our Catholic faith in a variety of media? At **FORMED.org!** It's easy and free to use as a St. Benedict Church gift to you:

1. Visit **FORMED.org** and click "Sign Up" at the top
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3. Enter your name and email address

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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Jan 28

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

EPIC

Tuesday, Jan 30

JAM

Journey of Faith

Sunday, Feb 4

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Teen Sacramental Prep

EPIC

Tuesday, Feb 6

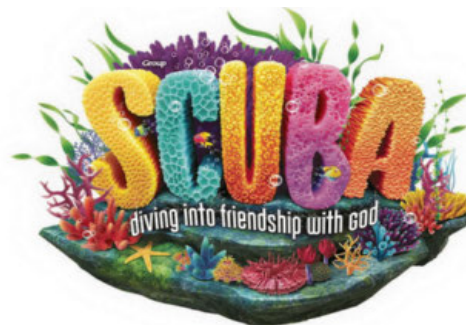
JAM

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**. 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.

Employment Opportunity

St. Benedict Church currently has an opening for a full-time staff member for the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation. This position provides vision and coordination for the parish's efforts in ministry to children from preschool through 5th grade and their families.

For more information and full job description, please go to the parish website at stbenedict.org/employment.

Get Back on Track

Feeling the stress of life's changes? Struggling with behavior problems? Having relationship issues? Coping with the loss of a loved one?

Catholic Charities Community Services is here to support you. The trained counseling staff provides understanding, compassionate support to strengthen families and assist those in crisis. They help set goals, overcome barriers, access resources, and help people better understand themselves, their abilities and their potential. Fees are on a sliding scale. For more information call **602.749.4405**.

Ministries & More

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 who helped move the choir platform to the new building.
- 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 was held on **Sat, Jan 27** at 10 am at the SJB basketball courts. Thank you to all the parents and kids who attended.
- 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 and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,
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St. Vincent de Paul



We are grateful for the continued support of our parishioners. This week is toiletry and snack week in the pantry. If possible, please donate any of the following:

- Baking Mixes
- Granola/Snack Bars
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Salt

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

New Parishioners

- Adriana Barreda
- Toni Duru
- Kevra Hershey



End-of-Year Giving Statements

The parish is so grateful for your contributions. This week 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 and click on the link to request one.

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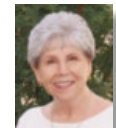


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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Catholic Schools Week is finally here! We are in our glory here at St. John Bosco Catholic School as we showcase all the wonderful reasons to choose a Catholic school and see ways in which our school excels. Visit our website at www.sjbosco.org and see all the fun we'll have this week!



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



Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.
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