

February 4, 2024

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“where all are welcome”

“ **Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.** ”  
~ Ps 147

St. Benedict Catholic Church | [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)  
16223 S 48th St. Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 480.961.1610

St. John Bosco Catholic School | [www.sjbosco.org](http://www.sjbosco.org)  
16035 S 48th St. Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 480.219.4848

### 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, 2/5

8:15am | Mass

#### Tuesday, 2/6

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

#### Wednesday, 2/7

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Youth Choir  
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

#### Thursday, 2/8

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Adult Choir  
6 pm | Knights of Columbus

#### Friday, 2/9

8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confessions

#### Saturday, 2/10

8 am | Confessions  
9:30 am | Baptism Class  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 2/4/2024

7 am | Gordon Pickering † F 2/9 | Jim Winkelbauer †  
9 am | Trisha LaLumandier † Sa 2/10 | Janette Bechtold †  
11 am | Christina Loh †  
5 pm | Parishioners

#### Sunday, 2/11/2024

7 am | Parishioners  
9 am | Mary Ann Jorgensen †  
11 am | Fran Sroka †  
5 pm | Margaret McDermott (Ivg)  
M 2/5 | Luz Maria Rivera †  
Tu 2/6 | Marie Holden †  
W 2/7 | Dominican Order †  
Th 2/8 | Lynne Hutting †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 2/5	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56 <b>(St. Agatha)</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> 2/6	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13 <b>(St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions)</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 2/7	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30- 31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday:</b> 2/8	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b> 2/9	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81: 10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday:</b> 2/10	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10 <b>(St. Scholastica)</b>
<b>Sunday:</b> 2/11	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7); 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### 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

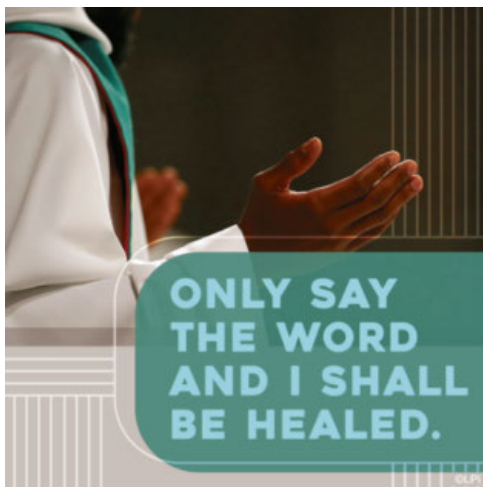
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

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

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$315,141



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town He is visiting, your heart the synagogue where He preaches. Remember that for this purpose He has come.

©LPi

### Parish Staff

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC x 302  
[fraboyi@stbenedict.org](mailto:fraboyi@stbenedict.org)  
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC x 306  
[frmanasseh@stbenedict.org](mailto:frmanasseh@stbenedict.org)  
Office Manager - Mary Jane Livens x 304  
[mlivens@stbenedict.org](mailto:mlivens@stbenedict.org)  
Children's Formation - Heather Mooney x 308  
[hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org)  
Front Office/Admin. Asst. - Amy Fletcher x 300  
[afletcher@stbenedict.org](mailto:afletcher@stbenedict.org)

Deacon - Ed Winkelbauer x 300  
[dcned@stbenedict.org](mailto:dcned@stbenedict.org)  
Dir. Evangelization/Formation - Sr. Ruth de la Cruz, OP x 303  
[sruth@stbenedict.org](mailto:sruth@stbenedict.org)  
Dir. Music/Liturgy - Phil Arkfeld x 311  
[parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org)  
Stewardship/Engagement - Maryola Fabilena x 309  
[mfabilena@stbenedict.org](mailto:mfabilena@stbenedict.org)  
Youth/Campus Ministry - Sr. Delia Obenza, OP x 307  
[srdelia@stbenedict.org](mailto:srdelia@stbenedict.org)

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

---

---

## *A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh*

---

---

### **“LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES THAT I MAY PREACH THERE, TOO.”**

After losing everything including his family and treasure, and feeling dejected with his entire body covered in sores inflicted on him by the Devil and allowed by God, Job reflected on the purpose of life, with particular attention to toil, wealth and suffering. His initial conclusion was that life is transient and labor is futile. Job was pessimistic in his evaluation of his current predicament. However, in the final lines of his reflection, Job prayed to God to remember that his life has been like the wind. This is indicative of a hidden hope of restoration which Job secretly looks forward to experiencing. Suffering comes to all of us one way or the other. For unbelievers, this is enough reason to resort to pessimism and fatalism, but for the Christian, when besieged by suffering of any form, the right attitude is to radiate joyful hope in a faithful God who will certainly alleviate our suffering.

Paul the Apostle was quite different from Job. In the second Reading, Paul did not see his laboring in the Lord's vineyard as futile toil but as a means to bring salvation to many and by doing so, to also partake in the salvation that his preaching made possible for others. Paul's approach to labor presents a model for our own preaching of the Gospel. The Good News is to be joyfully preached, in spite of the sufferings that usually accompany it, all in the hope of gaining salvation.

While Job paints a grim picture of labor and suffering, in the Gospel, Jesus went about laboring to alleviate the sufferings of many. He had just left the synagogue where He preached and healed. Crossing to the other side, He went to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew where He relieved Simon's mother-in-law of a fever. Following this, many who were either sick or possessed by demons were brought to Him and He healed them, not allowing the evil spirits to speak in order not to reveal who He was. Next, Jesus left very early to a deserted place in order to pray. When His disciples found him, they cleverly urged Him to come back so that they could relish in His fame and “accomplishments.” Jesus preferred to move to other villages in order to preach the Good News and not to enjoy deserved accolades for His work of alleviating human suffering and liberating the oppressed.

The Church, in general, and each one of us in our individual capacity is called to follow in the footsteps of Christ in alleviating human suffering and liberating people from all forms of captivity. The Church does this through the instrumentality of the Word of God and the Sacraments (especially through the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick). As individual believers, we are urged to embrace an optimistic attitude towards laboring to improve the human condition and so joyfully spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. May Christ teach us and enable us with his Grace so that we can joyfully bring hope to a despairing world.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More

---

### Charity & Development Appeal

*“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light...” (Matthew 4:16)*

When you are in a dark place, even the smallest bit of light makes all the difference. This weekend the annual Charity and Development Appeal begins, serving thousands of individuals and families in the Diocese of Phoenix. Through your generosity, you are a great light in the lives of many, helping them to find hope in Christ! Make your gift today!

[www.give.dphx.org](http://www.give.dphx.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. Mark your calendar for this super fun event! If you are considering a spring clean, please save the good stuff for us! We are able to take and store your donated items at the mobile mini trailers either before or after weekend Masses.

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

We cannot accept any child car seats, 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).

### “Thank You” From Dcn Ed

“Thank you, everyone, for your thoughts and prayers. I had the flu which developed into pneumonia most of December and January. I’m feeling stronger every day and should be back to my normal self soon. I appreciate your concern and feel the love.”

Deacon Ed

### Bring in Your Palms

It is time to get ready for Lent! Ash Wednesday, on **February 14**, will be here before you know it and we need the ashes that come from burning last year’s palms.



Please bring in your palms between now and no later than **Friday, February 9** and drop them into one of the baskets located at any of the doors. Thank you!

### Ash Wednesday, February 14 Mass/Service Schedule

Mass with Ashes:

**6:30 am, 8:15 am, 5 pm, 7 pm**

Service with Ashes:

**12 Noon**

---

### Welcoming the Stranger

Here is an update from our Refugee Resettlement Ministry led by Dave Zabor:

After finishing our commitment with the family from Afghanistan, the St. Benedict Refugee Resettlement Ministry has now begun working with a beautiful family from Myanmar. They are Rohingya, who have been persecuted and driven from their homeland. This family has spent the past 19 years in a refugee camp in Malaysia. Our volunteers primarily teach English to the refugees, but also assist them in learning the often complex culture of the United States. As a previous refugee from Congo has said, “Please teach us in the ways of America.”

No special skills are needed to volunteer. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Dave Zabor at **480.889.4676** or email [zabordave@gmail.com](mailto:zabordave@gmail.com).



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

#### 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

#### Sunday, Feb 11

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Teen Sacramental Prep  
EPIC

#### Tuesday, Feb 13

NO JAM  
NO Journey of Faith



### 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).

### Children's Monthly Mass

On **Sunday, February 25**, we will have the monthly Children's Mass held at 9 am. This Mass is led by our St. Benedict youth who joyfully serve as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, Choir Members and Altar Servers.

If your child is interested in serving in one of these ministries during the monthly Children's Mass, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610, ext. 300**.

### Parish Picnic

The St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park is coming up on **Sunday, February 18** from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. 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)

### 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](http://desertnunrun.com). Thank you!



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

We have a new building, and with it the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our parish. It is a beautiful setting that our community has worked hard to achieve. More work is required but we can see the rewards.

I love to see the image of St. Benedict but have you ever wondered the meaning of each element on it? St. Benedict is holding a cross and the Holy Rule. On his right is the poisoned cup (snake inside) which broke when he made the sign of the cross over it. On his left is the pet raven carrying away the loaf of poisoned bread. Inscribed above the cup and raven are the words *Crux S. Patris Benedicti* - meaning "Cross of Holy Father Benedict." The outer edge bears the inscription: *Eius In Orbitu Nostro Praesentia Munitur*: "May We Be Strengthened By His Presence At Our Death." Below the feet of Benedict are the date and place of the first casting of the medal: EX S M CASSINO MDCCCLXXX - "Archabbey of Monte Cassino 1880."

#### Announcements:

- Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Parish Rosary.

#### Events:

- Council monthly meeting on **Feb 8**, Annex 1 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

Audio-Visual... Scott, [av@stbenedict.org](mailto:av@stbenedict.org)

Altar Servers... Ken, [dken-1@hotmail.com](mailto:dken-1@hotmail.com)

Art & Env... Cathy, [cathytempleton\\_1@cox.net](mailto:cathytempleton_1@cox.net)

Baptisms... Sr. Ruth, [srruth@stbenedict.org](mailto:srruth@stbenedict.org)

EMHCs... Russ, [rustlespencer@gmail.com](mailto:rustlespencer@gmail.com)

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

Finance Council... Karen, [karenmains@msn.com](mailto:karenmains@msn.com)

Hospitality... David, [davidjschenach@gmail.com](mailto:davidjschenach@gmail.com)

Knights of Columbus... Isauro, 480.748.1449

### St. Vincent de Paul

We are grateful for the continued support of our parishioners. If possible, please donate any of the following:



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

- Alejandra Carranza
- Eugenio Garcia
- Alex Hartig
- Rick & Carol Howell
- Madeline Powers



### Vocations

*"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed."*

If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at **602.354.2004** or [dphx.org/vocations](http://dphx.org/vocations).

Lectors... Michele, [micheleedison@aol.com](mailto:micheleedison@aol.com)

Linens... Mary Jane, 480.961.1610 ext. 304

Music/Choir... Phil A., 480.961.1610 ext. 311

Pastoral Care... Kathy, [kathy.mccluskey@cox.net](mailto:kathy.mccluskey@cox.net)

Pastoral Council... Russ, [pastoralcouncil@stbenedict.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stbenedict.org)

Refugee Resettlement... Dave, [zabor@cox.net](mailto:zabor@cox.net)

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

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)

Catholic Company


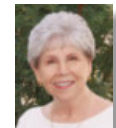


**AirTime**  
COOLING & HEATING LLC  
480-776-7993 Free Service Call with Repair  
\*20% OFF FOR PARISHIONERS\* \*SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY




Ironwood Cancer & Research Centers  
*Outsmarting Cancer One Patient at a Time*  
(P) 480.821.2838  
www.ironwoodcrc.com

Christopher M. Kellogg, MD  
Board Certified Medical Oncology & Hematology  
Deacon

LOCALITY REAL ESTATE  
MICHELE M. EDISON  
Certified Residential Specialist  
Associate Broker  
Professional! (602) 418-8696  
Dedicated!  
Experienced!

# PROTECT YOUR HEIRS

Let Us Help You Safeguard Your Estate!

50% OFF Parishioner Discount

**LIVING TRUSTS ♦ WILLS**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**SafeguardYourEstate.com**

Schedule a FREE Consultation or attend a seminar near you.  
**480-842-5000**



Professional! (602) 418-8696  
Dedicated!  
Experienced!




RED LINE ELECTRIC & SOLAR, LLC  
www.IAmRedline.com  
480-750-7541



CONNECTED HEALTH CENTERS  
480-256-1421

**\$21 NEW PATIENT SPECIAL**

MENTION ST. BENEDICT CHURCH & GET A 1HR MASSAGE FOR ONLY \$30

**INSURANCE ACCEPTED**  
4647 E CHANDLER BLVD, STE 8  
PHOENIX, AZ 85048



Dr. Sydney Briner  
Family Chiropractor



HOSPICE of the VALLEY  
Your not-for-profit hospice serving all in need since 1977  
(602) 530-6900  
hov.org



Eye Priority, P.C.  
... providing quality optometry for Ahwatukee-Foothills families since 1991.

Kelly de Simone, OD  
Parishioner  
Monica Sawitzke, OD  
15725 S. 46th Street, Ste.112

Eye Exams  
Contact Fittings  
Vision Therapy  
**(480) 893-2300**

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Mike McAleer**

mmcaleer@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6307



OUR EXPERIENCE • OUR COMMITMENT • YOUR RESULTS

**injectables / laser treatments**  
**skin treatments / body treatments**

Call 480-893-2228 today for FREE Consultation  
New Clients get **\$100 off any purchase of \$250 or more**


SPORTS MEDICINE, PHYSICAL THERAPY & HAND THERAPY




**SPOONER**  
HELPING THE AHWATUKEE COMMUNITY  
**MOVE BETTER & FEEL BETTER SINCE 2003!**

SPOONER AHWATUKEE  
16611 S 40th St Suite 130, Phoenix, AZ 85048  
480.706.1199

LEARN MORE AND SCHEDULE TODAY AT [WWW.SPOONERPT.COM](http://WWW.SPOONERPT.COM)



"Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Teresa



RANDY L. MOW  
480.759.9300 • drmwdds.com  
Mountain Park Dentistry, LLC  
15215 SOUTH 48TH STREET,  
BLDG. 7, SUITE 175  
*the name of the future in dentistry*

Protecting the financial future of the ones you love the most for over 178 years

**Steven Garcia, Agent**  
New York Life Insurance Company  
CA License Number 4279488  
2355 E Camelback Rd Ste 750  
Phoenix, AZ  
**602-679-6878**  
srgarcia@ft.newyorklife.com  
stephengarcia.com




**catholicmatch**  
Arizona  
CatholicMatch.com/AZ




1(480)7096259  
**MAC'S**  
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR

**15% OFF**  
Any service or repair up to \$150 to our Catholic Church community  
6948 W. Chandler Blvd., • Chandler, AZ





YOUR COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY<sup>®</sup>  
**480.706.1224 | REGISTER AT MMWAZ.COM**

**IE** JANET EUZARRAGA DDS  
*cosmetic + family dentistry*

2016-2022 BEST DENTIST  
READER RECOMMENDED: BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE  
BEST PLACE TO WORK  
BEST MOM & POP



**BEST OF 2017-2022**  
AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS NEWS  
**1st Place**



Going the "Extra Smile" for Ahwatukee!

**JANET EUZARRAGA DDS**  
*cosmetic + family dentistry*  
Quality, Personalized Care  
FREE Second Opinion

HYGIENISTS:  
Michele King RDH  
Carmen Salaiz RDH  
Daisy DeSalmones RDH

480-494-2435 DrEFamilyDental.com







## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

What an amazing week! The entire community actively participated in diverse activities during Catholic Schools Week. We extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated SJB families, faculty, and staff for their time and effort in making the week memorable for the students. The collaborative spirit among teachers, staff, parents, and students defines St. John Bosco as more than a school – it’s a community.

We were thrilled to see many current families at Open House admiring the students’ impressive art and science projects and enjoying the student choir’s performance. Special thanks to the School Advisory Board Members and Campus Ambassadors for guiding prospective families on tours. Witnessing our 7th and 8th graders – once preschoolers – now confidently leading tours and sharing their St. John Bosco experiences is a source of great pride.

Open Enrollment is now available for the general public and has attracted a substantial number of new students for the upcoming year. We are eager to introduce these newcomers to the excitement at SJB, and we’re confident they will thoroughly enjoy being part of our SJB family!



**ENROLLING NOW!**

Making Catholic  
Education Affordable  
for Everyone  
**Preschool-8th Grade**

CALL FOR A PRIVATE TOUR TODAY:  
**(480) 219-4848**  
OR EMAIL [ADMISSIONS@SJBOSCO.ORG](mailto:ADMISSIONS@SJBOSCO.ORG)

**SJBOSCO.ORG**



Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
480.219.4848