

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“where all are welcome”

“ **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!** ”

~ Ps 137

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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, Chapel: 8:15 am

Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, Church

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 3/11
8:15am | Mass

Tuesday, 3/12
8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 3/13
8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Youth Choir

Thursday, 3/14
8:15 am | Mass
4 pm | Legion Mary
6 pm | Adult Choir

Friday, 3/15
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Stations of
the Cross/Fish Fry

Saturday, 3/16
8 am | Confessions
9 am | Lenten Retreat
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 3/10/2024

7 am | Yolanda Skinner †
9 am | Steven Jewusiak †
11 am | Jim Winkelbauer †
5 pm | Parishioners

Th 3/14 | Bill Lidinski †
F 3/15 | Marie Holden †
Sa 3/16 | Parishioners

Sunday, 3/17/2024

M 3/11 | Enriqueta Trevino †
Tu 3/12 | Grace Kuntz †
W 3/13 | Wanda Padilla †

7 am | Marian Kratochuil †
9 am | Ray Bechtold †
11 am | Terry Taylor †
5 pm | Margaret McDermott (lvg)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 3/11 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 3/12 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd- 3/13 14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 3/14 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 3/15 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 3/16 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12- 3/17 15 (12a); Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for
January 2024

Actual: \$ 80,960*

Budget: \$ 78,352

* Realm

Online: \$ 53,119

Cash/Check: \$ 27,841

*(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

St. Benedict Catholic Church Charity & Development Appeal Totals

March 5, 2024

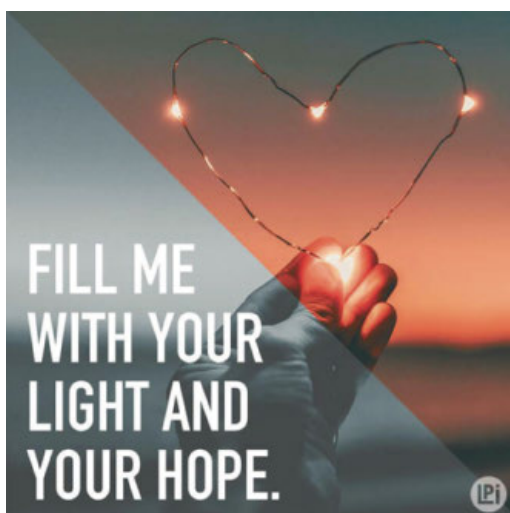
Number of Donors: 154

Amount Donated: \$92,368

Donations Goal: \$85,000

We have exceeded our goal!

Thank you!



Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

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A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED.”

The First Readings of the Sundays of the Season of Lent for “Year B” are arranged in such a way that they follow a certain order in the history of salvation. The First Reading of the First Sunday of Lent introduces us to the covenant God made with Noah after the flood. On the Second Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of the Covenant between God and Abraham, our father in faith. This is followed by the Sinai experience on the Third Sunday of Lent where God made a Covenant with the people of Israel who were now in the process of becoming a nation. This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the First Reading dwells on how Israel deviated from the terms of the Covenant thereby incurring the wrath of God. God responded by allowing them to be exiled, and the Lord showed them mercy by using a pagan King to restore them to their land and faith. We shall read about the promise of the New Covenant from the prophet Jeremiah next Sunday, and on Passion Sunday, we shall begin the celebration of the consummation of this New Covenant through the salvific work of the suffering servant.

The Book of Chronicles recounts that in those days, Israel led by her princes and priests polluted the Temple in Jerusalem with idolatry. God responded by sending them a series of prophets who warned them of the consequences of national infidelity to God. Of course these warnings fell on deaf ears as Israel scoffed at the Lord’s messengers and continued with her faithlessness towards God. This inflamed the Lord’s anger and He allowed them to be dominated by their foreign adversaries who plundered and destroyed their city, put many to the sword and sent their people to exile in foreign lands. However, being a merciful God, the Lord forgave their transgressions and raised Cyrus, a Persian king whom He empowered to decree the return of Israel to their ancestral homeland and the restoration of the Temple. With this, the worship of the one true God returned to the land.

The Gospel passage which is part of Jesus’ discourse with Nicodemus, his “nocturnal disciple,” demonstrates the extent of God’s mercy and love for all people. Jesus made it clear that the Father would have His Son raised on the cross just as Moses raised the bronze serpent in the old dispensation. Just as those who looked up to the sign of the bronze serpent received healing from snakebites in the desert during their journey to the promised land, so will all who believe in the Son of God given to and for us by the Father and raised as a standard of Divine love for our salvation, receive by His (the Son’s) merits salvation in abundance as we journey towards eternity. The bronze serpent is the Sacrament of the Old Testament, a sign pointing to the reality of the redemptive crucifixion of Christ, which will confer salvation not only to a nation of believers but to all believers from all nations. This comes with a presupposition: that we all recognize Christ the light, believe in Him and let our belief become verifiably evident in our lives.

As we continue with our Lenten journey, we pray that the light that Christ graciously bestows will penetrate our hearts, effect true repentance and reconciliation within us, and keep burning even after the festivities of Easter.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Lenten Retreat

The Parish Lenten Retreat is coming up on **Saturday, March 16**, from 9 am to 4 pm in the church. The topic is "The Messge of the Cross" with Fr. Clement Attah, VC. Fr. Clement belongs to the Via Christi Society, the same Religious Society as Fr. James and Fr. Manasseh. He is currently serving at Our Lady of Joy Parish in, Carefree, Arizona. Save the date for this enriching event!

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6 pm at the St. John Bosco School courtyard. Afterwards, we are having a Fish Fry in the MPR. You will get two pieces of fish, coleslaw, corn bread, chips, dessert and water for \$10. Join us for a fun time of food and fellowship. Save these dates:

March 15, and 22

Lenten Reconciliation Services

All services begin at 7:00 pm.

Mon March 18 St. Benedict

Tues March 19 Our Lady Mt. Carmel

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling All Kids and Tots thru 5th Grade! We are having a **FREE** Easter Egg Hunt at the St. John Bosco School after the 8 am Mass on Easter Sunday! It's going to be a blast! At this time we could use some help with donations - please click the QR Code to access the Amazon wishlist!



Save The Date

St. Benedict Annual Gala!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

The Marriott Chandler

6 – 9 p.m.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Tickets on
Sale
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All proceeds
benefit the
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Cocktail Reception
Plated Dinner
Silent Auction/Raffle
Live Music
DJ and Dancing

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mfabilena@stbenedict.org

SJB Dad's Club Car Raffle

The St. John Bosco School Dad's Club is raffling off a 2021 Kia Seltos and want to give you a chance to win it! Tickets are \$200 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on **Friday, May 3** with proceeds being used for campus improvements (ie. security fencing, shade structures over the playgrounds, updated playground equipment, etc.). Go here to purchase tickets https://sjb.formstack.com/forms/st_john_bosco_catholic_school_car_raffle Thank you for your support and good luck!



Grant Awarded to Music Department

We are happy to share that the St. Benedict Catholic Church Music Department received a \$10,000 grant from the Catholic Community Foundation Giving Circle. The Catholic Community Foundation Giving Circle Grant Program awards grants to qualifying organizations and nonprofits. Twenty-five qualifying organizations and nonprofits who met the criteria of the pre-application received the opportunity to "pitch" their granting needs directly to the Catholic Community Foundation Giving Circle Members. This year, we are grateful to be one of the 7 organizations awarded a grant out of 50+ that applied and 25 that pitched. For more information about the Giving Circle and the Catholic Community Foundation, please visit <https://ccfphx.org/>



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 10

Liturgy of the Word with Children
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
NO EPIC

Tuesday, March 12

NO JAM
NO Journey of Faith

Sunday, March 17

Liturgy of the Word with Children
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
NO EPIC

Tuesday, March 19

NO JAM
NO Journey of Faith

Holy Week Schedule 2024

Thursday, March 28

- Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm

Friday, March 29

- Divine Mercy Novena - 11 am
- Seven Last Words - 12 pm
- Living Stations of the Cross - 3 pm
- Confession - 5 to 6 pm
- Good Friday Service - 7 pm

Saturday, March 30

- Blessing of the Baskets - 12 pm
- Divine Mercy Novena - 3 pm (Chapel)**
- Easter Vigil & Reception - 8 pm

Sunday, March 31

- Mass - 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm
- Divine Mercy Novena - 3 pm (Chapel)**

** The Divine Mercy Novena continues each day at 3 pm, with the last day being Saturday, April 6.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina that this feast of mercy would be a very special day when "all divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all souls, that he "would grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy (**April 7**, this year) be preceded by a Novena which begins on Good Friday. There is an intention to pray about on each day of the Novena.

Please join the Divine Mercy Prayer group on **Good Friday, March 29**, at 11 am in the Church for the first day of the Novena. Each day the Novena will be said at 3 pm in the Chapel until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7. Prayer guides are available in the church. (This Novena may also be prayed at home if you cannot attend in person.)

For more information, please contact Letty at **Phoenix@Alcasid.com**

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of March to St. Joseph and urges believers to pay special attention to his life and example. The Catholic Church urges fathers to cultivate a devotion to St. Joseph, whom God chose to care for his Son. The Church urges believers to teach their sons about the virtues of fatherhood through his example. As the foster father of Christ, St. Joseph is, in a very real sense, the foster father of all Christians. The Intercession of St. Joseph prayer is recited to ask St. Joseph to pray on your behalf to the Son of God, whom he protected and reared.

Announcements:

- Thank you to all the brother Knights who helped at the Rummage Sale.
- Thank you to all the brother Knights who participated in the Recruitment Drive. Special thanks to our Membership Director, Luis Acosta.
- Thank you to all the spouses of the Knights for their continuous support and special thanks to Harriet Svatora and Teresita Amaro for their words of encouragement to join the Knights.

Events:

- Council meeting March 14 at 7 pm in Annex 1.
- March Madness squares starts March 19, 2024.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus.

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul



Thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners, we were able to assist 67 families with 145 bags of food and \$1,684 financial assistance during the month of February. We, and those we serve, are grateful for your support. This week we are in need of the following items in the onsite pantry:

- Sugar (small)
- Oil
- Flour
- Jam/Jelly
- Spam/Vienna Sausages
- White Rice

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

New Parishioners

- Alexander Arveson and Ashley Fitzgibbons
- Mary Ann Hansen
- Dean & Lisa Hattula
- Natalie Ramirez
- Raymundo Sanchez
- JoAnna Schurz



Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Carlos Garcia** and **Doug Souders** who died recently. We pray that their families and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

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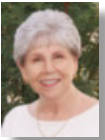
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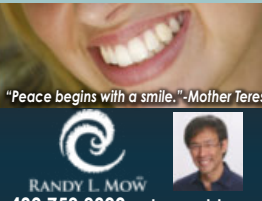
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I am proud to announce some exciting news about our SJB academic competitions! Under the direction of Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Heffron, 8th-grader Harmony Rodriguez-Sanchez represented St. John Bosco in the Regional Spelling Bee at one of the most difficult regional bees in the history of bees! Harmony was poised and confident throughout and captured the 4th-place trophy after a nail-biter runoff!

Mrs. Del Grosso's Math League Team ranked 7th place and performed impressively while competing against challenging teams from across the East Valley. The team is made up of eighth graders Lucas Pagazani, Celine Salloum, Sophia Bernardez, and Logan Hlavin, and 7th graders Avery Fisher, Daniel Gomez, Brooke Boggess, and Blaize Sobczyk.

Under the direction of Ms. Pratt, SJB 8th-graders admirably represented our school at the 2024 Diocesan Science Fair. Sophia Bernardez took Top Honors and advanced to the State competition, while Lucas Pagazani received Honorable Mention. Kudos to all these students for their brilliant work and impressive achievements.

Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.
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Math League Team



Spelling Bee Champ



Top Honors
Science Fair



Honorable Mention
Science Fair