



January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.** ”
 ~ Ps 19

“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.

Office Hours _____

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
 Fridays 9 am - 3 pm
 Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

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.

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, 1/27 8:15 am Mass	Tuesday, 1/28 8:15 am Mass 6:15 pm JAM 6:15 pm JOF	Wednesday, 1/29 8:15 am Mass 7 pm Parish Rosary
Thursday, 1/30 8:15 am Mass 9 am Legion Mary 6 pm Adult Choir	Friday, 1/31 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession	Saturday, 2/1 8 am Confession 10 am Women’s Spirituality 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions _____

Sunday, 1/26/2025	
7 am Fred Montez †	F 1/31 Domet Sanchez †
9 am Robert Bechtold †	Sat 2/1 Jaime Manzano †
11 am Linda Andersen †	Sunday, 2/2/2025
5 pm Kristi Hogen Schwartz †	7 am Paul Ramones †
M 1/27 Julie Fletcher (lvg)	9 am Megan Holmes †
Tu 1/28 Kathy Streza †	11 am Jessica Senn †
W 1/29 Agnes Tomac †	5 pm Dcn. Doug Davaz †
Th 1/30 Hector Ruiz (lvg)	

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 1/27
3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2, 4ab, 1/28
7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 1/29
4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 1/30
3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23- 1/31
24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
(St. John Bosco)

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 2/1
71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ 2/2
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40
(Presentation of the Lord)

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for
December 2024

Actual: \$ 96,276*

Budget: \$ 87,500

* *Realm*

Online: \$ 55,426

Cash/Check: \$ 40,850

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year

July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

Debt Reduction

Dec 31, 2024

Church Construction Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,434,292
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$20,913
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$33,037
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$92,929



Live the Liturgy

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

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Scripture Reflection

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

In today's Gospel (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21), we witness the powerful moment when Jesus, in the synagogue at Nazareth, declares the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*" This moment marks the inauguration of His public ministry and reveals His mission to bring hope, healing, and liberation. For us, this declaration is not just a historical event but a call to reflect on how Christ's mission continues through His body, the Church.

Jesus begins by reading from Isaiah- a passage rich with promises of freedom for captives, sight for the blind, and justice for the oppressed. These are not merely physical realities but spiritual ones as well. Captivity is not only the chains of a prison but also the weight of sin. Blindness is not just the inability to see but also the inability to recognize God's presence. Christ's mission is to transform every form of brokenness into wholeness, and He calls us to be part of this work.

The first reading from Nehemiah illustrates the power of God's Word to stir the hearts of His people. As Ezra reads the law, the people are moved to weep, recognizing their need for repentance and renewal. Nehemiah encourages them to rejoice instead, reminding them that "*rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.*" This parallels the Gospel's message of liberation: encountering God's Word calls us to transformation, but it also fills us with hope and joy.

St. Paul's teaching in the second reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) complements this theme by reminding us that we are all parts of Christ's body. Each one of us has been anointed by the Spirit and given unique gifts to contribute to the mission of the Church. Whether we are apostles, teachers, or caregivers, we are called to work together to proclaim the good news and serve the world with love.

When Jesus declares, "*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,*" He invites us to recognize that His mission continues in the present. Through baptism, we share in His anointing and are sent to be His hands and feet in the world. As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: How are we living out the mission of Christ in our daily lives? Are we bringing glad tidings to those in need, offering hope to the despairing, and working for justice and peace?

Let us embrace the Spirit of the Lord, trusting that He will guide us to live as faithful witnesses of His love and mercy. In doing so, we continue to fulfill the Scripture, bringing God's light to a world in need.

Fr. Augustine Acheme VC

Current Events and More

Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection this weekend, **January 25/26**, to support our mortgage payment plan.

We kindly invite you to contribute to this effort by giving a little extra each month. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt.

Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and will be included in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Fr. Bob Binta Council of the Knights of Columbus are hosting a St. Valentine's Day Dance on **Saturday, February 8**, from 6 to 10 pm in the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. Tickets are on sale after Masses. For more information, please contact Isauro at isauroamaro@yahoo.com.

Women's Spirituality

On **Saturday, February 1** the St. Benedict Women's Spirituality group will meet between 10 am and 11:30 am in Annex 3. Please join us!

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Contribution Statements

The parish is so grateful for your contributions. During the last week of January, we will be sending out the End-of-Year Contribution Statements for any one-time gift received over \$250. If you do not receive a copy 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. Questions? Contact Agustin at **480.961.1610** or email avizcarra@stbenedict.org.

Welcoming Sunday Next Weekend

Next weekend, **February 2** after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to Welcoming Sunday where you can mix and mingle with our priests, members of the Pastoral Council, Staff and new parishioners in the Narthex at the back of the church. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Gift Shop

The St. Benedict gift shop is becoming quite a popular place to meet and browse around before and after Masses! Our goal with what we offer is to enrich the spirituality of our parishioners. Come in and see for yourself.

Also, if you are interested in getting involved with helping in this ministry, contact Lisa at lhattula@outlook.com.

Rummage Sale - Save the Date

Save the date for the parish Rummage Sale on **Saturday, March 8** 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! Bring your items before or after Mass...we will begin by storing items in Annex 1.

We gladly accept small appliances, books, furniture, CDs, DVDs, electronics, jewelry, housewares, clothes, bedding, games, tools, toys, holiday decor, 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! For more info, contact Gayle at **480.773.5300** or rummagesale@stbenedict.org.

Faith Formation and More

**Happenings in
Children and Youth
Faith Formation**

Sunday, Jan 26

Liturgy of the Word With Children

CGS

Teen Sacrament Prep.

EPIC

Tuesday, Jan 28

JAM

JOF

Sunday, Feb 2

Liturgy of the Word With Children

CGS

Teen Sacrament Prep.

EPIC

Tuesday, Feb 4

JAM

JOF

Saint Benedict Youth Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL
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MARCH 28th-30th
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For any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Fish at efish@stbenedict.org

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UNDERSTANDING
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FORTITUDE
KNOWLEDGE
PIETY
FEAR OF GOD

Confirmation

First
Communion

Retreat: April 5, Saturday from 9:AM -11:30AM at SJB MPR

Practice with sponsor: April 24, Thursday at 6:30pm - church

Confirmation and First Communion Day: April 26, Saturday at 10:00AM

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Announcements: A big thank you to all those who gave blood last Sunday. It is such an urgent thing that is needed so desperately in this day and age. Thank you so very much.

Events: Parish Rosary on **Wednesday, January 29** at 7 pm in the Chapel.

Valentine's Day Dance on **Saturday, February 8**, \$70 per couple. Tickets are available after each Mass.

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

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

jgarrity43@aol.com

St. Vincent de Paul



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." May we have ears to hear the "cries of the poor," eyes to "seek and find the forgotten, suffering or deprived," and hearts that "bring God's love to the poor" through your generosity to SVdP. Please donate any of the following:

- Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
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If you are in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Catholic Schools Week is finally here! You probably noticed some students wearing St. John Bosco uniforms to Mass this weekend to show their school pride. It's all to kick off the ensuing week celebrating everything unique and wonderful about Catholic schools, particularly our Catholic school, St. John Bosco. Please stop by our "Celebration of Learning" open house this **Wednesday, January 29** at 5:30 pm to see what sets SJB apart and how our curriculum is designed to develop the whole child in God's image. Also, thank you for continuing to vote for SJB in the "Best of Ahwatukee" through the end of the month!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

Preschool - 5th grade

Save the Date

Celebration of Learning

Open House

Wednesday, Jan. 29th
5:30 pm

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480-219-4848
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St. John Bosco Catholic School

BEST OF AHWATUKEE

VOTE

St. John Bosco Catholic School

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31

Vote for SJB DAILY in these categories:

54	85
87	89
96	

WE NEED YOU!

SCAN TO VOTE

**SUNDAY – FEB
23rd
12:30 – 3:00
DESERT BREEZE
PARK**



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IT'S FREE!

**RSVP now on
the Parish
website!**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dessert, Games, Raffle Baskets and everyone's favorite Lip Sync Battle!

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 12:30 - 3:00 at Desert Breeze Park
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Questions or to volunteer email Lani at events@stbenedict.org