

March 16, 2025  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

“ **The Lord is my light and my salvation.** ”  
 ~ Ps 27

“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** \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm-Spanish, 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](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

<b>Monday, 3/17</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   Spanish Choir	<b>Tuesday, 3/18</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6:30 pm   Bible Study	<b>Wednesday, 3/19</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   Children's Choir
<b>Thursday, 3/20</b> 8:15 am   Mass 9 am   Legion Mary 6 pm   Adult Choir 6:30 pm   Mission	<b>Friday, 3/21</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5 pm   Confession 6 pm   Stations (Eng) 6:30 pm   Mission 7 pm   Stations (Sp)	<b>Saturday, 3/22</b> 8 am   Confession 9 am   Mission 5 pm   Mass

**Mass Intentions** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunday, 3/16/2025</b> 7 am   Wayne Peterson † 9 am   Carlos Garcia † 11 am   Bernadette Nitti † 1 pm   Marie L. Graller † 5 pm   Steve Huddleston (Ivg)	Th 3/20   Giselle Alcasid † F 3/21   Amir Ghali (Ivg) Sat 3/22   Rita Rodrigoe †
<b>M 3/17   Paul P. Ramones †</b> <b>Tu 3/18   Giselle Alcasid †</b> <b>W 3/19   Patricia Manarin †</b>	<b>Sunday, 3/23/2025</b> 7 am   Bunny Perrero † 9 am   Patricia Oluga † 11 am   Ron Sroka † 1 pm   Marie L. Graller † 5 pm   Joseph Jakubicek †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 3/17	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday:</b> 3/18	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday:</b> 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a ( <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM</i> )
<b>Thursday:</b> 3/20	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/ Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday:</b> 3/21	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday:</b> 3/22	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday:</b> 3/23	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10- 12/Lk 13:1-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for  
**February 2025**

**Actual: \$ 69,608\***

**Budget: \$ 87,500**

\* *Realm*

Online: \$ 40,706

Cash/Check: \$ 28,902

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

### Debt Reduction

Feb 28, 2025

Church Construction Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,408,716
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,088
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$58,614
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$124,331



### Live the Liturgy

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

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## Scripture Reflection

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### Listen to Him

On the mountain of the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals His glory to Peter, James, and John. As His face shines and His clothing becomes dazzling white, Moses and Elijah appear beside Him, speaking of His impending suffering in Jerusalem. Then, from the cloud, the voice of the Father declares: *"This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."* (Luke 9:35). These words, spoken in majesty, hold deep significance, not just for the apostles but for each of us as we journey through Lent.

The disciples had followed Jesus for some time, yet they still struggled to understand His mission. Peter's reaction- offering to build three tents- shows a desire to prolong this glorious moment. But the Transfiguration was not meant to be a permanent dwelling place; it was a moment of revelation, preparing them for the trials ahead. Soon, Jesus would descend from this mountain and walk the road to Calvary. The lesson here is clear: faith is not about staying on the mountaintop; it is about following Christ even when the path leads into suffering and sacrifice.

In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. This promise required trust, for Abram could not yet see its fulfillment. Likewise, the Transfiguration invites us to trust in God's plan, even when it is beyond our understanding. The second reading from Philippians reminds us that our true citizenship is in heaven. The glory seen on the mountain is not just for Christ but for all who are united with Him. He will transform our lowly bodies to be like His own glorified body, reminding us that suffering is not the end- it is the path to glory.

The Father's command- *"Listen to Him"*- calls us to obedience. In a world filled with competing voices, distractions, and noise, are we truly listening to Christ? Do we hear His voice in Scripture, in prayer, in the stillness of our hearts? This Lent, we are invited to tune out the world's distractions and listen more attentively to Jesus.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remember that the Transfiguration was a glimpse of hope before the Passion. When we face trials, doubts, or darkness, may we hold onto this vision of Christ's glory, trusting that beyond the cross lies the resurrection. Let us listen to Him, follow Him, and allow His light to transform our hearts.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

## Current Events and More

### Baby Bottle Drive



This weekend we heard about the Aid to Women Center and the resources and compassionate care they offer to those facing planned or unplanned pregnancies. Each person who walks through their doors is treated with the dignity and value that God bestows upon us all. Many are wounded, alone, being abused and haven't experienced compassionate care.

With your help, Aid to Women Center is able to continue serving more women-in-need and protect the unborn. Take and fill a baby bottle with your donation and return it the weekend of **March 29/30**. If you miss the baby bottle pick-up weekend, you can still drop your bottle with a donation to one of the ministers of hospitality or at the parish office. Thank you for your support!

### Charity and Development Appeal



Results are coming in for the Charity and Development Appeal. Thank you to all who have participated so far. We have raised \$77,451 from 144 families with our goal being \$97,274. At this time we are 80% there! Please know the good work accomplished through the CDA. You can learn more at [dphx.org/CDA](http://dphx.org/CDA).

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

### Stations of the Cross

The Lenten Stations of the Cross are held in the Church every Friday during Lent. Stations are at 6 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (Spanish).

We also have a Fish Dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. Get your ticket in the church lobby for only \$10 per person. Dinner consists of 2 pieces of fish, corn tortillas, coleslaw, chips, water and a dessert. Dinner will be served in Annex 3. We hope to see you there!

### Parish Lenten Mission

St. Benedict Church is having a 3-Day Lenten Retreat **March 20-22, 2025** with Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, OP. Fr. Stephen will be facilitating our retreat by taking us on a spiritual Lenten journey. Here is the 3-day schedule:



**Day 1, Thursday, March 20** at 6:30-8 pm  
 "Journey Through the Desert" Talk

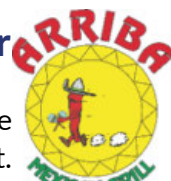
**Day 2, Friday, March 21** at 6:30-8 pm  
 "Journey to Calvary" - Talk and Open Forum

**Day 3, Saturday, March 22** beginning at 9 am  
 "Journey to Heaven" Talk  
 12 pm - Lunch Provided (Annex 4)  
 2-3:30 pm - Confession/Spiritual Direction  
 5 pm - Mass

RSVP with Amy in the office, **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

### Arriba Mexican Grill Fun-raiser

Save the date of **Sunday, March 23**, 12 pm to 4 pm! You are invited to enjoy some festive Mexican food and fun to benefit St. Benedict Church at Arriba Mexican Grill (4649 E. Chandler Blvd.). Arriba will donate 20% of all dine-in food purchases between the hours of Noon and 4 pm. (Please mention to the server you are there for the fundraiser.) Bring your friends and family!



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 16
NO Liturgy of the Word With Children
NO CGS, Teen Sac. Prep, or EPIC

Tuesday, March 18
NO JAM
NO JOF

Sunday, March 23
Liturgy of the Word With Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Teen Sacrament Prep
EPIC

Tuesday, March 25
JAM
JOF

High School "Rooted Retreat"

Attention teens! Sign up for the Rooted Retreat, March 28-30 in Prescott! Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal, prayer, and connection. All expenses are included...transportation, meals, room and retreat for \$95 each. Scan the QR code or contact Erin Fish in the parish office to reserve your place now. Limited number of spots available.



Advertisement for CPR & AED Training. Includes K of C logo, text: 'CPR & AED TRAINING', 'When & Where: Saturday, April 26, 10am-12pm St. John Bosco Catholic School multipurpose room', 'Organized by the Bob Binta Council of the Knights of Columbus', 'Learn lifesaving skills to serve our parish, community and your families!', 'Attend for free for informational learning or ONLY \$31 if you wish a certification card. Space is limited to 50 participants. Scan QR code to sign up or call Staying Alive LLC 480-205-0350'.

Parish Information Night

Save the date to join us on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 pm for a Parish Information Night! We will have guest speaker Bart Shea from Acanthus Senior Living to tell us about the senior living project on the property in back of the church. The presentation and Q&A will be at the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room. We hope to see you there!

The Pastoral Council Needs You!

Would you like to get more involved with the parish? The Parish Pastoral Council will have 2 openings (3-year terms) effective July 1, 2025. Please consider helping in this consultative body to assist the Pastor in discerning how the parish can best serve the mission of the church. Your role in this leadership ministry would include planning, attending activities in the parish, priority-setting and visioning. Application forms can be found at stbenedict.org/pastoral-council on our website. Please submit your completed application to Agustin Vizcarra at avizcarra@stbenedict.org Applications will be accepted through Sunday, May 4, 2025 with service beginning in July.

St. Benedict Gala

You are cordially invited to attend this festive evening on Saturday, May 3 from 6 pm to 9 pm at The Marriott Phoenix/Chandler (1600 S. Price Rd., Chandler 85286). A cocktail hour and a plated dinner will be served. Raffle and Silent Auction items will be available along with musical entertainment. Individual tickets and reserved tables will be available for purchase. Ticket sales begin soon. If you would like information on Corporate Sponsorships, please call the Parish Office at 480.961.1610, ext. 309, or email mfabilena@stbenedict.org.

Proceeds from this event will support our ministries and the mission of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus 16th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

Join us on **Saturday, March 29** at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. This year's Tournament is in memory of **Megan Elizabeth Holmes/Golembiewski**.

We are looking for Sponsors!

- COPPER - \$100
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We are also in need of donations for Raffle Prizes: gift cards, golf equipment, etc. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to advertise your business!

For more information, contact Isauro Amaro at [isauroamaro@yahoo.com](mailto:isauroamaro@yahoo.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul



Lent is a call not just to "give something up" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the church. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Please assist us by answering the doorbell and donating the following:

- Canned Chicken
- Hearty Soups
- Broth
- Refried Beans
- Taco Kits
- Meal Kits

In February, we helped 68 families with 125 bags of food and \$6,868 in financial assistance. 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,

I am humbled and pleased to announce the BEST news! The votes are in, St. John Bosco took **TOP HONORS** for “Best Private School” and for the first time, “Best Leader/Principal” and placed in the **TOP 3** as “Reader Recommended” for “Best Preschool & Best Place to Work” in the Best of Ahwatukee survey. You will find detailed results in the upcoming March 12 edition of the *Ahwatukee Foothills News*. Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast their votes and rally behind our beloved school. Your support means the world to us!

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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## Comunidad Hispana Misionera

### LA VOZ DEL PASTOR:

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En la montaña de la Transfiguración, Jesús revela su gloria a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Mientras su rostro resplandece y sus vestiduras se vuelven de un blanco deslumbrante, Moisés y Elías aparecen a su lado, hablando de su inminente sufrimiento en Jerusalén. Entonces, desde la nube, la voz del Padre declara: «Este es mi Hijo elegido; escuchadle». (Lucas 9:35). Estas palabras, pronunciadas con majestad, encierran un profundo significado, no sólo para los apóstoles, sino para cada uno de nosotros en nuestro camino por la Cuaresma.

Los discípulos habían seguido a Jesús durante algún tiempo, pero aún les costaba entender su misión. La reacción de Pedro -ofreciéndose a construir tres tiendas- muestra el deseo de prolongar este momento glorioso. Pero la Transfiguración no pretendía ser una morada permanente; era un momento de revelación, que les preparaba para las pruebas que les aguardaban. Pronto, Jesús descendería de esta montaña y recorrería el camino del Calvario. La lección aquí es clara: la fe no consiste en quedarse en la cima de la montaña; consiste en seguir a Cristo incluso cuando el camino conduce al sufrimiento y al sacrificio.

En la primera lectura, Dios hace una alianza con Abram, prometiéndole una descendencia tan numerosa como las estrellas. Esta promesa requería confianza, pues Abram aún no podía ver su cumplimiento. Del mismo modo, la Transfiguración nos invita a confiar en el plan de Dios, incluso cuando escapa a nuestra comprensión. La segunda lectura de Filipenses nos recuerda que nuestra verdadera ciudadanía está en el cielo. La gloria que se ve en la montaña no es sólo para Cristo, sino para todos los que están unidos a Él. Él transformará nuestros cuerpos humildes para que sean como su propio cuerpo glorificado, recordándonos que el sufrimiento no es el final, sino el camino hacia la gloria.

El mandato del Padre - «Escuchadle»- nos llama a la obediencia. En un mundo lleno de voces, distracciones y ruido, ¿escuchamos de verdad a Cristo? ¿Oímos su voz en las Escrituras, en la oración, en la quietud de nuestros corazones? En esta Cuaresma, se nos invita a sintonizar con las distracciones del mundo y a escuchar más atentamente a Jesús.

Al continuar nuestro camino cuaresmal, recordemos que la Transfiguración fue un vislumbre de esperanza antes de la Pasión. Cuando nos enfrentemos a pruebas, dudas u oscuridad, aferrémonos a esta visión de la gloria de Cristo, confiando en que más allá de la cruz está la resurrección. Escuchémosle, sigámosle y dejemos que su luz transforme nuestros corazones.

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### ANUNCIOS IMPORTANTES:

Les comunicamos que ya pueden llamar a la parroquia para solicitar bautismos, bodas, quinceañeras y funerales en español.

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Ya están llegando los resultados de la Campaña de Caridad y Desarrollo. Gracias a todos los que han participado hasta ahora. Hemos recaudado 77,451 dólares de 144 familias y nuestro objetivo es de 97,274 dólares. En este momento estamos al 80%. Por favor, conozca el buen trabajo realizado a través de la CDA. Usted puede aprender más en [dphx.org/CDA](http://dphx.org/CDA).

### AVISOS:

- a) La próxima reunión del ministerio hispano será el Miércoles 26 de Marzo a las 7:00 de la noche. Sigamos avanzando y si no te has inscrito para servir te esperamos este día. Queremos crear más y nuevos grupos y ministerios.
- b) La primera Gran Misión cuaresmal será del 31 de Marzo al 2 de abril. ¡No vayas a faltar! Ve programándote e invitando a todos los que puedas pues va a ser de gran bendición.
- c) El Via Crucis en español se llevará a cabo todos los viernes de cuaresma a las 7:30 PM.