

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“ My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me? ”

~ Ps 22

“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

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

Monday, 4/14

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Spanish Choir

Tuesday, 4/15

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM/JOF
6:30 pm | Bible Study

Wednesday, 4/16

8:15 am | Mass

Holy Thursday

9 am | Legion Mary
7 pm | Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday

11 am | Divine Mercy
12 pm | 7 Last Words
3 pm | Living Stations
5 pm | Confession
7 pm | Good Fri. Svc.

Holy Saturday

8 am | Confession
12 pm | Blessing Baskets
8 pm | Easter Vigil

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/13/2025

7 am | Helena C. Dayto †
9 am | Doug Davaz †
11 am | Giselle Alcasid †
1 pm | Marie L. Graller †
5 pm | Giselle Alcasid †

M 4/14 | Jaime & Pilar
Gonzalez †

Tu 4/15 | Rudolph Kopec †

W 4/16 | Mary Ellen Page †

Th 4/17 | Lito Josen †

F 4/18 | No Mass,
Good Friday Service

Sat 4/19 | Helen Kopec †

Easter Sunday

7 am | Marie L. Graller †

9 am | Margaret Webster (lvg)

11 am | Judy Eliseuson †

1 pm | Jake Carbonell †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-4/14
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 4/15
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 4/16
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-4/17
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 4/18
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 4/19
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 4/20

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for **March 2025**

Actual: \$ 88,554*

Budget: \$ 87,500

* Realm

Online: \$ 45,299

Cash/Check: \$ 43,255

(Contributions are recorded

on a monthly basis per fiscal year

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

Debt Reduction

March 31, 2025

Church Construction Loan: \$4,500,000
 Current Loan Balance: \$4,391,811
 Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$20,531
 Fiscal YTD Principal Paid: \$75,519
 Fiscal YTD Interest Paid: \$138,436

**Holy Week/
Easter Schedule 2025**

Holy Thursday, April 17

- Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm
- Adoration - 8 pm until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18

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

Holy Saturday, April 19

- Blessing of the Baskets - Noon
- Easter Vigil - 8 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

- Masses - 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (Sp)
- Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30 am

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Scripture Reflection

The Silence That Speaks



Palm Sunday begins with cries of “Hosanna!” and ends in silence. It begins with palm branches waving for a king and concludes with a stone-sealed tomb. In the space between is the most profound story ever told: a story not just of suffering, but of love, surrender, and divine purpose.

One striking feature of the Passion narrative in Luke’s Gospel is the quiet strength of Jesus. He speaks, but not much. He accepts betrayal, denial, ridicule, and torture- yet He does not retaliate. When He does speak, it is with authority and compassion: “*Father, forgive them,*” “*Today you will be with me in Paradise,*” “*Into your hands I commend my spirit.*” These are not the words of a victim, but of a Savior.

Jesus’ silence speaks volumes. In a world where power is loud and violence often shouts, Jesus shows that true power lies in self-giving love. St. Paul captures this in the second reading: “*He emptied himself... becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*” (Phil 2:7-8).

The Passion invites us to contemplate our own response to suffering and injustice. When wronged, do we lash out or remain silent like Christ? When we carry our crosses- those daily burdens and hidden pains- do we carry them with bitterness or with grace?

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, “*Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember: pain, sorrow, and suffering are but the kiss of Jesus- a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.*” This week invites us to walk closely with Jesus, not just to observe His suffering but to unite ours with His.

Even Peter’s denial is not the end of his story. After his failure, he weeps bitterly, and later becomes a rock upon which the Church is built. This Holy Week reminds us that failure is not final in the eyes of God. There is mercy for those who return with humble hearts.

As we journey toward the cross and the silence of Holy Saturday, let us carry with us the echoes of Jesus’ quiet strength. Let us not be afraid to be still, to suffer with love, to forgive without explanation, and to trust that in dying to ourselves, we rise with Him.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC



Palm Sunday
DOMINGO DE RAMOS ©LPi

Current Events and More

Easter Triduum



Come to the Triduum (Trih-doo-um)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum -- from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are the Mass of the Lord's Supper (7 pm on Holy Thursday), the Good Friday service (7 pm on Good Friday), the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 pm), and the Easter Sunday Masses in English at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, and a Spanish Mass at 1 pm.

Parish Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be open until 12 pm on Holy Thursday, closed on Good Friday, and closed Easter Monday. If you have an emergency requiring a priest, call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.

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Divine Mercy Novena

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. To prepare for this, we have a 9-day Novena beginning at 11 am on Good Friday. Please join the Divine Mercy prayer group on **Good Friday, April 18**, at 11 am in the St. Benedict Chapel for the first day of the Novena. Each day afterwards the Novena will be said at 3 pm in the St. Benedict Chapel, up to and including Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. For more information, contact Letty at tish@alcasid.com



What are "The Seven Last Words"?

The Seven Last Words are the words or phrases uttered by Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday, as recorded in the Gospels. On Good Friday, St. Benedict parish remembers these through the reflections of seven parishioners on each of these 'Words.' After each reflection some time will be given for personal meditation and reflection. Please join us on **Good Friday, April 18**, at noon in the Church as we present *The Seven Last Words*.

Living Stations of the Cross

Plan to join us on **Good Friday, April 18** at 3 pm for the Living Stations of the Cross presented by the St. Benedict Youth. You won't want to miss this powerful Stations of the Cross that allows us to witness Jesus' suffering on his way to Crucifixion in the first person. A special thank you to all of the teens who are making this annual tradition possible once again this year!

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday

Once a year on Good Friday, parishes are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Envelopes for this collection can be found near the parish doors.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, April 13

*Liturgy of the Word With Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Teen Sacrament Prep
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Tuesday, April 15

*JAM
JOF*

Friday, April 18

Living Stations of the Cross, 3pm

Sunday, April 20

*Happy Easter!
(No R.E. Classes)*

Hey Kids! Come to the Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday we are having an Easter Egg Hunt!

The fun begins on the St. Benedict grounds after the 9 am Mass. We will have three areas, one for Tots-PreK, one for K-2nd grade, and one for 3-5th grade. There will be more Golden Egg\$! Raffle baskets! Free Easter bag for the Easter Egg Hunt!

The event is free and no RSVP is required; however, donations of pre-filled plastic eggs are needed. Please scan the QR code for the Amazon Wish List. Looking forward to a great time!



Crossed Arms in Holy Communion Line

Some people cross their arms in the Holy Communion line signifying that the person is not properly disposed to receive Communion, for whatever reason, and wishes to receive a blessing instead. Possible reasons might be that the person is not Catholic, they are not in a state of grace, and the like. Please feel free to tell your non-Catholic Easter Mass guests that they are welcome to come up to receive a blessing during Communion by crossing their arms in front of themselves.



Blessing of the Baskets

On **Saturday, April 19**, at noon, St. Benedict families will bring a collection of special foods that their family and friends will feast on Easter Sunday, lovingly assembled in a large wicker basket, brought to the church for the traditional Blessing of the Baskets. Some of these special foods include breads, lamb-shaped butter, meat, decorated eggs, horseradish, wine, chocolates and more. It's a Catholic tradition for many families here at St. Benedict on Holy Saturday.

Little White Easter Booklets

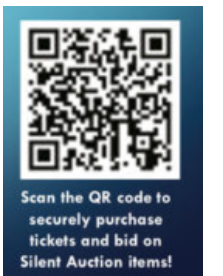
The prayer booklets for the Easter Season (English and Spanish versions) are available for you to pick up in the Narthex at the back of the church. One per family, please.

Gift Shop News

St Benedict Gift Shop is open! Please stop by, before and after weekend Masses. New items just arrived! Great selection of First Communion/Confirmation items.

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 are \$75, and reserved tables are \$1000. Both are available for purchase by scanning the QR code to the right, or by going on the parish website at stbenedict.org. For questions or for more information, please call the Maryola in the parish office at **480.961.1610, ext. 309**.



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all the brothers who attended the meeting last Thursday. Please plan to attend any or all the days of the upcoming Triduum.

The State Raffle tickets are still for sale after Masses or you can ask a Knight. \$5 for each ticket, \$20 for a book of five, and six books for \$100. We are hoping to have the \$10,000 winner from St. Benedict Church! Also, remember that the money is donated from the Knights to our St. Vincent de Paul Council here at the church to help provide for our neighbors in need for rental assistance, utilities, gas and food. Good luck!

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please consider donating any of the following this week:

- Mashed Potatoes
- Basic Spices
- Cake Mix/Frosting
- Cookies/Brownies
- Flour/Sugar
- Jello/Pudding Mix

In March, we helped 69 neighbors with 109 bags of food and \$5,446 in financial help Thank you for your help. If you are in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, please call the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 315.

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El Silencio que Habla

El Domingo de Ramos comienza con gritos de "¡Hosanna!" y termina en silencio. Comienza con ramas de palma agitando para recibir a un rey y concluye con una tumba sellada con una piedra. En ese espacio intermedio se encuentra la historia más profunda jamás contada: una historia no solo de sufrimiento, sino de amor, entrega y propósito divino.

Una característica notable del relato de la Pasión en el Evangelio de Lucas es la fuerza silenciosa de Jesús. Él habla, pero no mucho. Acepta la traición, la negación, las burlas y la tortura—pero no responde con violencia. Cuando habla, lo hace con autoridad y compasión: "Padre, perdónalos," "Hoy estarás conmigo en el Paraíso," "En tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu." Estas no son las palabras de una víctima, sino de un Salvador.

El silencio de Jesús dice mucho. En un mundo donde el poder es ruidoso y la violencia a menudo grita, Jesús nos muestra que el verdadero poder se encuentra en el amor que se entrega. San Pablo lo expresa así en la segunda lectura: "Se despojó de sí mismo... haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte, y muerte de cruz" (Fil 2,7-8).

La Pasión nos invita a contemplar nuestra propia respuesta al sufrimiento y la injusticia. Cuando somos heridos, ¿reaccionamos con ira o permanecemos en silencio como Cristo? Cuando cargamos nuestras cruces—esas cargas diarias y dolores ocultos—¿las llevamos con amargura o con gracia?

Santa Teresa de Calcuta una vez dijo: "El dolor y el sufrimiento han entrado en tu vida, pero recuerda: el dolor, la tristeza y el sufrimiento no son más que el beso de Jesús—una señal de que has llegado tan cerca de Él que puede besarte." Esta semana nos invita a caminar muy cerca de Jesús, no solo para observar su sufrimiento sino para unir el nuestro al suyo.

Incluso la negación de Pedro no es el final de su historia. Después de su fracaso, llora amargamente, y más tarde se convierte en la roca sobre la cual se edifica la Iglesia. Esta Semana Santa nos recuerda que el fracaso no es definitivo ante los ojos de Dios. Hay misericordia para quienes regresan con un corazón humilde.

Al avanzar hacia la cruz y el silencio del Sábado Santo, llevemos con nosotros el eco de la fuerza silenciosa de Jesús. No tengamos miedo de estar en silencio, de sufrir con amor, de perdonar sin explicación, y de confiar en que, al morir a nosotros mismos, resucitamos con Él.

P. Augustine Acheme, VC

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Les comunicamos que ya pueden llamar a la parroquia para solicitar bautismos, bodas, quinceañeras, funerales, presentación de niños y ofrecer misa por enfermos, difuntos o agradecimiento en español.

Llamado benéfico y para el desarrollo
Hemos llegado a nuestra meta y la hemos sobrepasado. Gracias a todos los que han participado hasta ahora. Por favor, sigamos contribuyendo a esta noble causa para así ayudar a los necesitados. Recuerda que de ahora en adelante el 30% de las contribuciones regresan a nuestra Iglesia. Usted puede aprender más en dphx.org/CDA.

AVISOS:

- a) La próxima reunión del ministerio hispano será el Miércoles 23 de Abril a las 7:00 de la noche. Los ministerios siguen creciendo, pero necesitamos mas ayuda, si no te has inscrito para servir te esperamos este día. Queremos crear más y nuevos grupos y ministerios.
- b) Por favor revisar el calendario de eventos de la próxima semana, es Semana Santa. Estos días son importantes para orar, reflexionar y meditar. Te esperamos!