

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

~ Ps 95

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.

"Where All Are Welcome"

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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, 10/6 8:15 am | Mass Tuesday, 10/7 8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 10/8

8:15 am | Mass 11 am | Charles & Charlotte 6 pm | Children's Choir 6 pm | Jubilation Choir 1 pm | Victoria Galvan †

Thursday, 10/9

8:15 am | Mass 9 am | Legion Mary 6 pm | Adult Choir

6 pm | K of C 6 pm | Spanish Choir Friday, 10/10

8:15 am | Mass 5 pm | Confession Saturday, 10/11

8 am | Confession 8 am | Teen Choir 9:30 am | Baptism Class 5 pm | Mass

M 10/6 | Emil Senn † Tu 10/7 | Souls in Purgatory † W 10/8 | Hermila Ramirez †

5 pm | Parishioners

Th 10/9 | Lloyd Klofanda Jr. †

Mass Intentions—

9 am | Bernard Van Vianen †

Sroka (Ivg)

Sunday, 10/5/2025 7 am | Dan Luong (Ivg)

F 10/10 | Greg Holden (lvg) Sat 10/11 | Hisayoshi Ushijima †

Sunday, 10/12/2025

7 am | Esperanza McLeod † 9 am | Sarah Fletcher (Ivg)

11 am | Parishioners

1 pm | Frank & Victoria Galvan † 5 pm | Kimberly Jo

Schoenhaar †

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Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4,

10/6 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 10/7 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6,

10/8 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3,

10/9 4, 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 10/10 6, 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,

10/11 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 10/12 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

Parish

Contributions

August 2025

Actual: \$ 79,546*

Budget: \$ 77,500

* Realm

Online: \$ 43,583

Cash/Check: \$ 35,963

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per

fiscal year

July 1, '25 to June 30, '26)

Debt Reduction

As of August 31, 2025

Church

Construction

Loan: \$4,500,000

Current Loan

Balance: \$4,281,410

Monthly Mortgage

Payment: \$21,682

Fiscal YTD

Principal Paid: \$33,949

Fiscal YTD

Interest Paid: \$32,066



Live the Liturgy

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

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Gospel Reflection

STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD

It is quite easy for us to profess our faith in God and in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when the tide of life flows in our favor. We have all the words we need to motivate and encourage others when fortune seems to be smiling broadly upon us in every facet of life. It could be another story



when we face trying moments where nothing seems to be working for us, when even God seems to have turned His back towards us and responds with silence when we cry out for help in prayer. Doubt creeps in at such moments and we seem not to be able to find for ourselves the same words with which we encouraged others when they faced adversity. A close look at the evidence of Scripture will reveal that even the prophets of God were not spared from such trying moments in their relationship with God. One of such prophets was Habakkuk, a seer who exercised his prophetic ministry when Israel was confronting perilous times in the history of their relationship with God.

The united kingdom of Israel was long gone with the separation of the Northern kingdom from the South - the North had fallen to the Assyrians who herded her people into exile while the South was about to have their own experience of exile at the hands of a very powerful Babylonian empire. Habakkuk who had heard of God's goodness and justice employed the help of an imaginary dialogue between he and God to demonstrate that Israel needed to have faith in God even in the face of impending danger and even if God seemed to be silent at such a difficult time. In his dialogue with God, Habakkuk tabled his complaint against God's seeming lack of care for the welfare and security of the people who were under siege and His seeming silence as violence threatened the peace of their city. God's response to the prophet was a firm reassurance of God's faithfulness and justice as well as an invitation to Israel to not only have faith in Him but to be patient even if God's promise of redemption delays in coming. Like the people of Israel whose concerns were afforded expression through Habakkuk, we are often tempted to complain against God's seeming lack of care or protection against the hardships of the world. These include illness, loss of security, aggression from adversaries and disappointing outcomes from our concerted efforts. When we think we have done all that needs to be done for us to have a happy life, and yet encounter unhappiness, it is often tempting to despair. God reminds us that He is always faithful. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that our faith needs no mountainous appearance for us to achieve a righteous relationship with God. This understanding of faith by Jesus is collaborated by St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy where he admonishes the younger presbyter to fan into flame the gift of God that was given him when Paul conferred God's Spirit to him through the laying on of hands. The recipient of God's Spirit is not called to cowardice, fear and timidity but to great power, courage and self control. As bearers of this Divine gift which we received at baptism, we must strive to be people of faith, never lacking hope for a more intimate relationship with God who is always faithful and fanning into flame this faith and hope through prudent charity.

May the flame of faith and hope which the Spirit of God gives never be extinguished in us by the difficulties of this fleeting world. Moreover, may the charity we practice in the name of Christ who restored us to righteousness fuel the love of God in our hearts forever.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

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Current Events and More



Respect Life Sunday

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

~ USCCB

Gospel of Life Collection

This weekend, **October 4/5**, we will have the Gospel of Life Collection. The goal of this appeal is to collect funds so that the Diocese of Phoenix can continue its mission to uphold the right-to-life of all people from conception to natural death. Envelopes will be located in the parish lobby and by the south doors to the church.

EMAIL AND TEXT ALERT

Some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest Fr. Manasseh, our deacons or staff are requesting a favor or a gift.

These are "SPAM" and should be immediately deleted.

We would never send an email or text for these reasons. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.



Altar Society Ministry Needs Help

Would you like to be involved in a parish ministry that works behind the scenes? The Altar Society is looking for volunteers to see that all the Mass linens are clean and ready for our sacred meals. The need is for help once a month.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sr. Liza at 480.961.1610 ext. 308 or srliza@stbenedict.org



Arizona Rosary Celebration

Bring family, friends, and your heartfelt prayer petitions.

Sunday October 19, 2025 2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, October 5

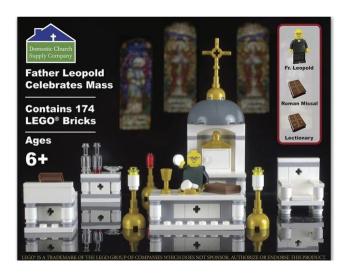
NO Liturgy of the Word With Children NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd NO H.S. Youth Ministry

> Monday, October 6 NO M.S. Youth Ministry

Tuesday, October 7 NO Journey of Faith NO Teen Sacramental Prep

Sunday, October 12

Liturgy of the Word With Children Catechesis of the Good Shepherd H.S. Youth Ministry

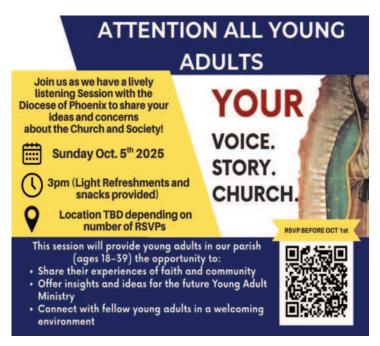


Gift Shop

Remember to stop by the parish gift shop!

We are having a special raffle! A unique Lego set titled, "Fr. Leopold says Mass!" 174 pieces, Ages 6+ There are 2 sets, so there will be 2 drawings! Tickets are 3 for \$10, running until Sunday, October 26.

Come in, see what's new and get your tickets today!



October is Rosary Month

We will be having a Marian Procession next Sunday, October 12, at the end of the 11 am Mass. Let us all celebrate our Mother Mary, especially during the Rosary month of October. For more information, please contact The Legion of Mary ministry at stblom@stbenedict.org



Traveling Pilgrimage of Mary

The St. Benedict chapter of the Legion of Mary will be doing a Traveling Pilgrimage of Mary during the month of November. The Our Lady of Fatima statue, that has been blessed, will be visiting those parishioners/families who sign up for her to visit their homes for a week. Sign ups are in the narthex at the back of the church.

Anointing Mass

Our next Anointing Mass will be held on **Saturday**, **October 18** at 11 am in the church. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives - physical, emotional or spiritual. Please RSVP with Amy in the parish office at **480.961.1610** ext. **300**.

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Ministries & More -

Knights of Columbus

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)

So many hearts, hopes, and homes are broken by sin. This brokenness infects our culture and invades our lives.

God has provided both a deterrent to sin and a means of forgiveness for guilt. Be honest and genuinely confess our sins to a priest, and receive their prayer for our forgiveness as a blessing from God.

No wonder God wants us to come to Him for our healing from sin and its damage. No wonder God grants such power to the prayer of a righteous person interceding for one led to confess sin. So, let's confess our sin and leave it behind while trusting God to cleanse, redeem, and restore us.

Announcements:

A big thank you to all the brothers who helped in the Food Drive last weekend.

Upcoming Events:

October 9 - Monthly Council meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

October 12 - Marian procession after 11 am Mass. Please wear Council shirts.

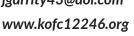
October 18 - Soccer challenge.

October 25 - Harvest Festival at the St. John Bosco schoo campus. 5 to 8 pm.

October 29 - Monthly parish Rosary in the chapel, 7pm.

Vivat Jesus.

John Garrity, Grand Knight Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246 jgarrity43@aol.com







St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: 'We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do." This week, please help SVdP bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do."

Please consider donating the following to our onsite pantry for the less fortunate:

- Dish Soap
- Lotion
- Juice Boxes
- Mayonnaise
- Chicken Broth
- Salad Dressing

If you find yourself in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, please call the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 315.

SVdP Adopt-A-Family

It's getting to that time of the year again...Santa's sleigh bells are being shined and primed.

If you and your family or friends (or ministry!) would like to sponsor a less-fortunate family this Christmas, or if you have any questions about being a sponsor, please call St. Vincent de Paul at **480.961.1610 ext. 317**. Leave a message with your name, phone number and that you would like to be an Adopt-A-Family sponsor. Thank you!

Coming Soon: Angel Giving Trees!

Good news! The Angel Giving Trees are getting ready to pop up for the upcoming Christmas season! This outreach program asks in-need individuals of 4-5 organizations what they would like for Christmas, these gifts are written on paper ornaments that are placed on Christmas trees for our parishioners to select. The gift is purchased and the paper ornament attached to it, then placed under one of the trees. These gifts are accumulated and delivered to each organization at Christmas so those who may not have had a gift receives one! Imagine how the eyes will light up for the little ones! For more information or to get involved, contact Val at *eeotz1@gmail.com*.

Ministries & More



Exciting Community Opportunity!

This year, we are thrilled to be partnering with St. John Bosco School for their annual Harvest Festival being held on the SJB campus on **Saturday**, **October 25** from 5 to 8 pm! As part of this event, our church will host a few games and booths of our own, providing a wonderful chance to showcase our ministries and invite others to get involved.

This collaboration is a beautiful way to strengthen the relationship between our two communities and create a fun, faith-filled event for families to enjoy together.

We're so excited to bring our communities together and make this event something truly special. We would love for you to be a part of it! To volunteer your time and talent, please contact Laurie Pretzman at *lapretzman@gmail.com*

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Prayer Blanket Ministry

We have a new ministry here at St. Benedict Church, the Prayer Blanket Ministry, and you are invited to be a part of it. As a Catholic, you pray for friends, relatives, and others every day. Could one of the people you pray for use the extra assurances that they are not alone in facing their challenges? Pick up a prayer blanket at the Gift Shop and give it to someone you are praying for who needs the extra boost. The blankets are made with prayer and followed up with prayer. Also, if you crochet, knit, or quilt as well as pray and if you want to make Prayer Blankets, email Shannon at *smdurham65@gmail.com* or come to the next meeting on **Tuesday**, **October 21** at 10 am in Annex 2.

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Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

ENCENDED EN LA LLAMA EL DON DE DIOS

Es muy fácil para nosotros profesar nuestra fe en Dios y en Su Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, cuando la marea de la vida fluye a nuestro favor. Tenemos todas las palabras que necesitamos para motivar y animar a los demás cuando la fortuna parece sonreírnos ampliamente en todos los



aspectos de la vida. Pero la historia puede ser muy diferente cuando nos enfrentamos a momentos difíciles en los que nada parece salirnos bien, cuando incluso Dios parece habernos dado la espalda y responde con silencio cuando clamamos por ayuda en la oración. En esos momentos, la duda se apodera de nosotros y parece que no somos capaces de encontrar las mismas palabras con las que animábamos a los demás cuando se enfrentaban a la adversidad. Si observamos detenidamente las Escrituras, veremos que ni siquiera los profetas de Dios se libraron de esos momentos difíciles en su relación con Dios. Uno de esos profetas fue Habacuc, un vidente que ejerció su ministerio profético cuando Israel se enfrentaba a tiempos peligrosos en la historia de su relación con Dios.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido hacía tiempo con la separación del reino del norte del sur: el norte había caído en manos de los asirios, que llevaron a su pueblo al exilio, mientras que el sur estaba a punto de sufrir su propia experiencia de exilio a manos del poderoso imperio babilónico. Habacuc, que había oído hablar de la bondad y la justicia de Dios, recurrió a un diálogo imaginario entre él y Dios para demostrar que Israel debía tener fe en Dios incluso ante el peligro inminente y aunque Dios pareciera guardar silencio en un momento tan difícil. En su diálogo con Dios, Habacuc presentó su queja contra la aparente falta de interés de Dios por el bienestar y la seguridad del pueblo que estaba sitiado, y contra su aparente silencio mientras la violencia amenazaba la paz de su ciudad. La respuesta de Dios al profeta fue una firme garantía de su fidelidad y justicia, así como una invitación a Israel a no solo tener fe en Él, sino también a ser paciente, incluso si la promesa de redención de Dios tardaba en llegar. Al igual que el pueblo de Israel, cuyas preocupaciones se expresaron a través de Habacuc, a menudo nos sentimos tentados a quejarnos de la aparente falta de cuidado o protección de Dios frente a las dificultades del mundo. Entre ellas se incluyen la enfermedad, la pérdida de seguridad, la agresión de los adversarios y los resultados decepcionantes de nuestros esfuerzos concertados. Cuando creemos que hemos hecho todo lo necesario para tener una vida feliz y, sin embargo, nos encontramos con la infelicidad, a menudo nos sentimos tentados a desesperarnos. Dios nos recuerda que El siempre es fiel. Dios es bueno todo el tiempo, y todo el tiempo Dios es bueno.

En el pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús nos recuerda que nuestra fe no necesita una apariencia grandiosa para que alcancemos una relación justa con Dios. Esta comprensión de la fe por parte de Jesús es corroborada por San Pablo en su Segunda Carta a Timoteo, donde exhorta al joven presbítero a avivar el don de Dios que le fue concedido cuando Pablo le confirió el Espíritu de Dios mediante la imposición de manos. El destinatario del Espíritu de Dios no está llamado a la cobardía, el miedo y la timidez, sino al gran poder, el valor y el autocontrol. Como portadores de este don divino que recibimos en el bautismo, debemos esforzarnos por ser personas de fe, sin perder nunca la esperanza de una relación más íntima con Dios, que siempre es fiel, y avivar esta fe y esta esperanza a través de la caridad prudente.

Que la llama de la fe y la esperanza que nos da el Espíritu de Dios nunca se apague en nosotros por las dificultades de este mundo efímero. Además, que la caridad que practicamos en nombre de Cristo, quien nos devolvió la justicia, alimente el amor de Dios en nuestros corazones para siempre.

Por favor, sea amable y que Dios le bendiga.

Fr. Manasseh lorchir, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Octubre es el mes del rosario.

El domingo 12 de octubre, al finalizar la misa de las 11:00 a. m., tendremos una procesión mariana. Celebremos juntos a nuestra Madre María, especialmente durante el mes del rosario, octubre. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el ministerio de la Legión de María en stblom@stbenedict.org

Vivir la liturgia

Los apóstoles le piden a Jesús que les dé más fe, pero en realidad no quieren fe. Quieren una sensación mágica de certeza que no requiera ningún esfuerzo. La fe verdadera debe crecer y echar raíces en tierra fértil. La fe verdadera requiere atención y trabajo. ¿Estamos dispuestos a trabajar?

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San Vicente de Paúl

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice a sus discípulos: «Cuando hayáis hecho todo lo que se os ha mandado, decid: "Somos siervos inútiles; solo hemos hecho lo que debíamos hacer"». Esta semana, ayudad a SVdP a llevar el amor y la misericordia de Jesús a aquellos que se sienten excluidos y abandonados, pues, en realidad, solo estamos haciendo «lo que debemos hacer».

Jabón para platos Mayonesa Loción Caldo de pollo

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Si usted se encuentra en necesidad de asistencia o información de San Vicente de Paúl, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.



¡Una oportunidad emocionante para la comunidad!

Este año, estamos encantados de colaborar con la escuela St. John Bosco en su Festival Anual de la Cosecha, que se celebrará en el campus de SJB el sábado 25 de octubre, de 5 a 8 de la tarde. Como parte de este evento, nuestra iglesia organizará algunos juegos y puestos propios, lo que nos brindará una magnífica oportunidad para dar a conocer nuestras actividades y animar a otros a participar en ellas.

Esta colaboración es una forma maravillosa de fortalecer la relación entre nuestras dos comunidades y crear un evento divertido y lleno de fe para que las familias disfruten juntas.

Estamos muy emocionados de reunir a nuestras comunidades y hacer de este evento algo realmente especial. ¡Nos encantaría que formaras parte de él! Si deseas ofrecer tu tiempo y talento como voluntario, ponte en contacto con Laurie Pretzman en *lapretzman@gmail.com*.



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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,



Have you heard the latest great news? St. John Bosco Catholic School has been recognized as a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School—the first time in our school history and the only private-school honoree from Arizona this year! This distinction reflects the daily dedication of our students, faculty, and staff, and the steadfast partnership of our parents.

Why is this recognition such a big deal? The National Blue Ribbon Schools (NBRS) Program honors schools for exceptional achievement through a rigorous, multi-step process. For non-public schools, eligibility requires that student performance in the most recently tested year places the school in the top 15% nationally in reading/English language arts and mathematics on a nationally normed assessment. In a typical year, only a few hundred schools nationwide receive this honor.

This recognition is especially meaningful for our community as it is St. John Bosco's first-ever Blue Ribbon, and it comes in the program's final year. The U.S. Department of Education has announced the discontinuation of NBRS going forward.

We are profoundly grateful to our teachers and staff for their unwavering excellence; to our students for their hard work and joy; and to our parents for their partnership and trust. Together, we live our mission of forming faith-filled leaders with strong minds and generous hearts.



Joyful blessings, Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal 480.219.4848