

December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent



“Where All Are Welcome”

“ **Lord, come and save us.** ”
~ Ps 146

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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

Monday, 12/15 8:15 am Mass 7 pm Advent Penance Service	Tuesday, 12/16 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Teen Sac Prep 6:15 Journey of Faith	Wednesday, 12/17 8:15 am Mass 6 pm SJB Christmas Program
Thursday, 12/18 8:15 am Mass 9 am Prayer Blanket Ministry 6 pm Adult Choir 6 pm Spanish Choir	Friday, 12/19 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession	Saturday, 12/20 8 am Confession 9 am Men's Choir 10 am "Grief During the Holidays" 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions _____

Sunday, 12/14/2025

7 am | Kathleen Hutcheson †
 9 am | Esperanza McLeod †
 11 am | Francisco R. Corona †
 1 pm | Frank & Victoria Galvan †
 5 pm | Parishioners

F 12/19 | Cyrus Goldhair †
 Sat 12/20 | Florence Broberg †

Sunday, 12/21/2025

M 12/15 | Patricia Cox †
 Tu 12/16 | Dcn. Michael
 Johnsen †
 W 12/17 | Gloria Renteria †
 Th 12/18 | Chuck Anderson †

7 am | Parishioners
 9 am | Michael Mastergeorge †
 11 am | Lewis Allen † and
 Janis Scott †
 1 pm | Sister Cecelia †
 5 pm | Mar Roque †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 12/15	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: 12/16	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: 12/20	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 12/21	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for
November 2025

Actual: \$ 89,751*

Budget: \$ 77,500

**Nov. Mortgage Support:
\$ 8,789**

* Realm

Online: \$ 43,369

Cash/Check: \$ 46,382

(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '25 to June 30, '26)

Debt Reduction

As of Nov 30, 2025

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,243,026
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$72,333
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$76,687



Live the Liturgy

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

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Gospel Reflection

GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER (REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS)



The Entrance Antiphon from which this weekend derives its liturgical name (Gaudete Sunday) invites us repeatedly to rejoice because our salvation is near. Those who wait for the coming of the Savior are exhorted neither to despair nor resort to complacency, for the Savior will arrive soon. Waiting can be at a time when things seem to be getting worse, is sometimes not pleasant, and can cause the faltering of best intentions. This unfortunate scenario was experienced by John the Baptist who had the singular privilege of being the precursor to the coming Messiah.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church described John the Baptist as “..... the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare His way. Prophet of the Most High, John surpasses all the prophets of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcoming the coming of Christ and rejoices in being the friend of the bridegroom, whom he points out as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Going before Jesus in the Spirit of Elijah, John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.” (CCC 523). Yet, when confronted with unjust incarceration and imminent death, John sent messengers to Jesus to ascertain with clarity if Jesus was the Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ is easy to profess when life is easy and neat, the real test comes when one experiences a consistent strain of difficult moments. Moments of grief, the loss of loved ones, career turbulence, marital and family uncertainties, financial crunch, and periods when one is a witness to the evils of famine, war and general societal decadence could become moments when one's faith could be tried like John's. Dark nights and trials of faith can happen to anyone, even saints have gone through them. Such experiences are not incompatible with holiness, instead, one who is aided by grace to triumph over them gains stronger faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' response to John through the emissaries he sent is quite instructive. He didn't say to tell John “of course I am Christ.” Instead, He asked them to present to John evidence of the work of salvation which they themselves were witnesses to, works that were consistent with what the prophets before John had foretold would be done by the Messiah. Our preaching of the Gospel is best done through practical witnessing, Christ's standard measurement of faith is the fruits which are most visible in charity and compassion.

While we rejoice as our salvation draws nearer, we must also hasten to be more than prophets, Children of God who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, not reeds swayed by the wind of life but firm in faith in the Lord Jesus knowing that all things work towards good for those who love God.

May God grant us faith that will neither wane nor falter, may our witness to the Gospel bear fruits that last and may we find and share with others true joy and peace at Christmas.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorichir, VC



Current Events and More

Advent Penance Service

Get ready for Christmas this year by attending the St. Benedict Advent Communal Penance Service this year will be on **Monday, December 15** at 7 pm in the church. The evening begins with prayer and an examination of conscience. Individual confessions follow. Priests from our neighboring parishes will also be here to hear confessions.

Here is the schedule for a neighboring parish:

St. Andrew's Tues Dec 16 @7:00 pm

Coping with Grief During the Holidays

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us to recognize the uniqueness of grief during the holidays. We will identify some coping mechanisms for grief and discuss the ways to assist children with their grief. Save the date of **Saturday, December 20**, from 10 am to 11:30 am in Annex 2. Please register at pastoralcare@stbenedict.org.



Angel Giving Trees

There are still a few paper ornaments on the Angel Trees for a gift for a child who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas.

Please do not wrap the gifts, but attach the ornament to the gift and return the gift to the church no later than **Friday, December 19**. At that time they will be sorted and delivered to the two organizations we are helping this year: *Catholic Charities of East Mesa*, and *Helen's Hope Chest*. Both of these organizations help children, ages birth to 17-years-old...some are foster children, some are in need.

Thanks so much for sharing your time and treasure through your participation in this worthwhile outreach!



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday, Dec 24 at 4, 6, 8, & 11 pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday, Dec 25 at 9, 11 am & 1 pm (Spanish)

New Years' Eve:

Wednesday, Dec 31 at 11:59 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Thursday, Jan 1 at 9 am



A Request From the Porters of St. Joseph

The security and the safety of all during Mass are our top priorities. To achieve this, we need to control where congregants enter and exit the Church. To this end, we request that, except in emergencies, please restrict entry and exit during Mass to the main doors. Also, please, never prop open a door. Thank you.



Poinsettia Memorial Display

We are excited about building a memorial display of poinsettias to beautify the Church and remember our loved ones during Advent and Christmas! Please consider sponsoring a plant or two by using the donation envelopes located in the lobby and narthex.



Place the names of your loved ones on the envelope, include a donation for the flower(s), and return the envelope to the church by this weekend. Questions? Contact Sr. Liza at srliza@stbenedict.org



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, December 14

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

Monday, December 15

M.S. Youth Ministry

Tuesday, December 16

*Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep*

Sunday, December 21

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

Teens: Need Gift Ideas?

Hey, teens! Are you trying to think of some Christmas gift ideas for your family? Check out these gifts that are completely free!

1. Wake up early and make breakfast for your parents.
2. Write an affirmation letter to a sibling letting them know how much they mean to you.
3. Give up technology for one night so that you and your family can play board games together.
4. Offer to clean the house while your parents go out on a date night.
5. Make a list of all of the things you are grateful for and leave it under the Christmas tree to be read Christmas morning.

Listen to the Bible in a Year

Do you need some ideas for things to do during the holidays (and beyond)? Check out the free "The Bible in a Year" podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Fr. Mike is extremely engaging and thoughtful, and he provides intelligent and satisfying answers for some of the difficult questions everyone has about the Bible.

You will find these podcasts on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/thebibleinayear>



Vocations

*"Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?"
(Matthew 11:2-3)*

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at **602.354.2000** or view the webpage at <https://dphx.org/vocations>

Pastoral Care

Please remember **Baby Paisley Rose Leier** and **Alicia Ortiz Montano** 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.

Crossed Arms in the 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 invite your non-Catholic Christmas Mass guests to come up to receive a blessing during Communion by crossing their arms in front of themselves.





Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the Saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe"

(Eph 1:18-19)

Paul's letter to the Ephesians exhorts believers to experience three important things in their spiritual lives that he experienced personally.

First, God wants you to have the eyes of your heart enlightened in order to know the hope to which He has called you. God has called each of us to a future and a hope. Paul prays they will experience this.

Second, God wants you to know there is an inheritance for each believer in Jesus Christ. There are riches to be had, not financial, but spiritual riches that are laid up for every saint. As you are faithful to His calling in your life, there will be a reward for your faithfulness.

Third, God desires that you tap into the power that is available to every believer. Paul often exhorted believers not to look at his pervasive words, but the demonstration of the power of God in his life. He wants you to know the same power is available to you. After all, Jesus said we would do even greater works than He did after He sent the Holy Spirit to us.

Pray that God reveals the hope that exists inside of you, be encouraged that there is an inheritance waiting for you, and know that you have power that resides in you that awaits those who exercise their faith to release it.

Announcements:

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped with the cleanup at the Rectory last Saturday. All the bushes were trimmed up, grass mowed and Christmas lights put up.

We also distributed 108 Coats for Kids to two in-need organizations. Thank you to all who donated.

Please check your email for donations needed for the family we adopted from SVdP.

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



St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Good News can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up Jesus' ministry, but we cannot just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift-giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift of food to our less fortunate neighbors:

- Sugar
- Flour
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Pasta Sauce

As always, 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**.

Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection next weekend, **Dec 20/21**, to support our mortgage payment plan. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt. Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and are included in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help.

Getting Back on Track

Feeling the stress of life's changes? Struggling with behavior problems? Having relationship issues? Coping with the loss of a loved one? Catholic Charities Community Services is here to support you. The trained counseling staff provides understanding, compassionate support to strengthen families and assist those in crisis. They help set goals, overcome barriers, access resources, and help people better understand themselves, their abilities and their potential. Fees are on a sliding scale.

For more information, please call **602.997.6105**.





Ministries & More



Free Catholic Movies and More

Where is there a great place to enjoy a wealth of resources for our Catholic faith in a variety of media? At **FORMED.org**! It's easy and free to use as a St. Benedict Church gift to you:

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Family Promise and St. Benedict Catholic Church/St. John Bosco



The Family Promise program, since its inception in the year 2000, has helped hundreds of families, enabling them to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. St. Benedict and St. John Bosco School help to host homeless families through this program by giving them a place to stay for a week while they are acquiring the tools and training they need to get back on their feet. Twice a year our community helps to make the hosting event a success.

The next opportunity to help is between **Sunday, December 28** and **Sunday, January 4**, and a great number of volunteers are needed. An online sign-up can be found by going to the parish website at **www.stbenedict.org**.



Save the Date: Parish Picnic Sunday, February 15, 12:30 to 3 pm

Plan to attend the St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park to enjoy a day of food, fun and getting together with our fellow parishioners! Lawn games, music plus free hotdogs and hamburgers that our Knights of Columbus grill for us. Bring your own picnic blankets and chairs to relax. RSVP coming soon!

If you would like to volunteer at this special event, please contact Lani at **events@stbenedict.org**

Holiday Office Hours and More

The parish office will close at noon on **Tuesday, December 23** and will remain closed through the holidays, and re-open on **Friday, January 2**. Please contact the office before December 23 to arrange any end-of-year contributions or for answers to questions about Sacraments, etc. For emergencies requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**. Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas Season!



Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER (ALÉGRATE SIEMPRE EN EL SEÑOR)



La antífona de entrada, de la que deriva el nombre litúrgico de este fin de semana (Domingo Gaudete), nos invita repetidamente a regocijarnos porque nuestra salvación está cerca. Se exhorta a quienes esperan la llegada del Salvador a no desesperarse ni caer en la complacencia, pues el Salvador llegará pronto. La espera puede producirse en un momento en el que las cosas parecen empeorar, a veces no es agradable y puede hacer que se tambaleen las mejores intenciones. Este desafortunado escenario lo vivió Juan el Bautista, que tuvo el privilegio singular de ser el precursor del Mesías venidero.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica describió a Juan el Bautista como «... el precursor o precursor inmediato del Señor, enviado para preparar su camino. Profeta del Altísimo, Juan supera a todos los profetas, de los que él es el último. Inaugura el Evangelio, ya desde el seno de su madre, acogiendo la venida de Cristo y se regocija por ser el amigo del novio, a quien señala como el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. Precediendo a Jesús en el espíritu de Elías, Juan da testimonio de Cristo en su predicación, con su bautismo de conversión y con su martirio». (CCC 523). Sin embargo, cuando se enfrentó a un encarcelamiento injusto y a una muerte inminente, Juan envió mensajeros a Jesús para asegurarse con claridad de que Jesús era el Cristo. Es fácil profesar la fe en Jesucristo cuando la vida es fácil y ordenada, pero la verdadera prueba llega cuando uno experimenta una serie constante de momentos difíciles. Los momentos de dolor, la pérdida de seres queridos, las turbulencias profesionales, las incertidumbres matrimoniales y familiares, las crisis financieras y los períodos en los que uno es testigo de los males del hambre, la guerra y la decadencia social generalizada pueden convertirse en momentos en los que la fe de uno puede ser puesta a prueba, como le sucedió a Juan. Las noches oscuras y las pruebas de fe pueden ocurrirle a cualquiera, incluso los santos las han atravesado. Tales experiencias no son incompatibles con la santidad, sino que, por el contrario, quien recibe la ayuda de la gracia para superarlas obtiene una fe y una confianza más fuertes en Jesucristo.

La respuesta de Jesús a Juan a través de los emisarios que envió es muy instructiva. No les dijo que le dijeran a Juan «por supuesto que soy el Cristo». En cambio, les pidió que le presentaran a Juan pruebas de la obra de salvación de la que ellos mismos eran testigos, obras que eran coherentes con lo que los profetas anteriores a Juan habían predicho que haría el Mesías. La mejor manera de predicar el Evangelio es mediante el testimonio práctico. La medida estándar de la fe según Cristo son los frutos, que se manifiestan sobre todo en la caridad y la compasión.

Mientras nos regocijamos al ver que nuestra salvación se acerca, también debemos apresurarnos a ser más que profetas, hijos de Dios redimidos por la sangre del Cordero, no cañas que se mecen con el viento de la vida, sino firmes en la fe en el Señor Jesús, sabiendo que todas las cosas cooperan para el bien de aquellos que aman a Dios.

Que Dios nos conceda una fe que no decaiga ni vacile, que nuestro testimonio del Evangelio dé frutos duraderos y que encontremos y compartamos con los demás la verdadera alegría y paz en Navidad.

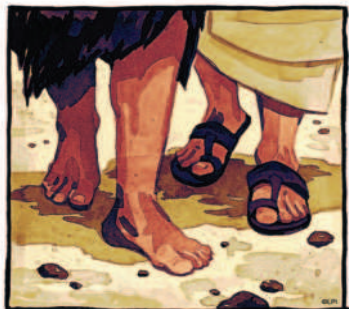
El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC



Ministerio hispano y más

Vivir la liturgia



«Id y contad lo que habéis visto y oído», dice Jesús. Cuando se trata de demostrar quién es, siempre deja que sus acciones hablen por él. Hemos oído. Hemos visto. Debemos ir y contarlo. Dejemos que nuestras acciones hablen por nosotros. ¿Quién creemos que es Jesús?

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Family Promise y Iglesia Católica St. Benedict con Escuela St. John Bosco

El programa Family Promise, desde su creación en el año 2000, ha ayudado a cientos de familias, permitiéndoles pasar de la falta de hogar a la autosuficiencia. La escuela St. John Bosco and St. Benedict ayuda a acoger a familias sin hogar a través de este programa, proporcionándoles un lugar donde alojarse durante una semana mientras adquieren las herramientas y la formación que necesitan para recuperarse. Dos veces al año, nuestra comunidad contribuye al éxito de este evento de acogida.

La próxima oportunidad para ayudar es entre el **domingo 28 de diciembre** y el **domingo 4 de enero**, y se necesita un gran número de voluntarios. Se puede inscribir en línea en el sitio web de la parroquia: www.stbenedict.org.

Cómo lidiar con el duelo durante las fiestas

Si está pasando por el duelo por la pérdida de un ser querido, considere unirse a nosotros para reconocer la singularidad del duelo durante las fiestas. Identificaremos algunos mecanismos para afrontar el duelo y discutiremos las formas de ayudar a los niños con su duelo. Reserve la fecha del sábado **20 de diciembre**, de 10 a. m. a 11:30 a. m., en el Anexo 2. Inscribese en pastoralcare@stbenedict.org

San Vicente de Paúl

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que la Buena Nueva se puede ver, tocar, sentir y escuchar a través de las vidas del pueblo de Dios. Ahora tenemos la responsabilidad de asumir el ministerio de Jesús, pero no podemos limitarnos a pedir a la gente que nos crea; nuestras acciones deben hablar por nosotros. Dado que la Navidad es una época de amor y de regalos, compartan el ministerio de Jesús ofreciendo un regalo de comida a nuestros vecinos menos afortunados:



Azúcar	Galletas saladas
Harina	Cookies
Leche de larga duración	Salsa para pasta

Brazos cruzados en la fila de la Santa Comunión

Algunas personas cruzan los brazos en la fila de la Sagrada Comunión para indicar que, por cualquier motivo, no están debidamente dispuestas para recibir la Comunión y desean recibir una bendición en su lugar. Las posibles razones pueden ser que la persona no es católica, no está en estado de gracia, etc.

No dude en invitar a sus invitados no católicos a la misa de Navidad a que se acerquen a recibir la bendición durante la comunión cruzando los brazos delante de ellos.



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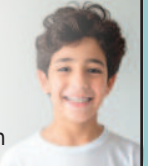
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Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Our campus is alive with the sights and stories of Advent! The students, faculty, and staff are immersed in lessons that bring the “Reason For the Season” to life, an especially poignant theme on a Catholic School campus. Teachers are trying hard to contain the students’ excitement about the upcoming 2-week vacation.

Before that, however, are the distinctive sounds of Christmas, as angelic voices can be heard all over the school and church grounds. The unique carols of the St. John Bosco Christmas Program are practiced daily under the direction of our music teacher Dr. Luis Rodriguez.

Treat yourself to a taste of the holidays in song with the St. John Bosco School Christmas Program! Join us at St. Benedict Church for this heartwarming program on **Wednesday, December 17** at 6 pm. The SJB Choir will entertain you with Christmas carols 10 minutes before start time.



Christmas Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal
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