

December 28, 2025  
**The Holy Family**

“ **Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
 and walk in His ways.** ”

~ Ps 128

**“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](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

<b>Monday, 12/29</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Tuesday, 12/30</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5:30 pm   Legion Mary	<b>Wednesday, 12/31</b> <b>New Years Eve</b> Masses: 8:15 am and 11:59 pm
<b>Thursday, 1/1/26</b> <b>New Years Day/ Mary, Mother of God</b> Mass at 9 am	<b>Friday, 1/2</b> 8:15 am   Mass 9 am   Adoration 5 pm   Confession 5:50 pm   Benediction	<b>Saturday, 1/3</b> 8 am   Confession 10 am   Women's Spirit. 5 pm   Mass

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

**Sunday, 12/28/2025**

7 am | Donna & Mike Branson †  
 9 am | Parishioners  
 11 am | John Smith †  
 1 pm | Julia D. del Luna †  
 5 pm | Carol Madaio (lvg)

Th 1/1 | 9 am Michael Magliola †  
 F 1/2 | Sophia Briscoe †  
 Sat 1/3 | Hans Olsson †

**Sunday, 1/4/2026**

M 12/29 | Christina Ciccanti (lvg)  
 Tu 12/30 | Joseph Arthur  
 Alcasid (lvg)  
 W 12/31 | Michael Magliola †  
 11:59 pm | Parishioners

7 am | Adelina Alvarado (lvg)  
 9 am | Hannah Marie  
 Wertzberger †  
 11 am | Ron Hooper †  
 1 pm | Parishioners  
 5 pm | Yoshiro Minomo †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/ 12/29 Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/ 12/30 Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 12/31 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 1/1/26 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 ( <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> )
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 1/2 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 ( <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i> )
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 1/3 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 1/4 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ( <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> )

### 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

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because He knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised Him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

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## Gospel Reflection

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### **RISE, TAKE THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER, FLEE TO EGYPT, AND STAY THERE UNTIL I TELL YOU**



The weekend following Christmas is traditionally celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth. On this feast day of the Family, the Church invites us as we thank God for the blessing and example of the Holy Family in Nazareth. That we express gratitude to God for the family in general, and for our families in particular, to seek to imitate the example of the Holy Family, to pray especially for families that are experiencing difficulties and turbulence and to work to promote family life in our communities. The Readings at Mass this weekend are carefully chosen to project the virtues of family life, virtues we are invited to imitate and so give life to our faith in preparation for the joy we shall have as God's great family for eternity in the life to come.

In the First Reading, Sirach gives wise instructions to his son whom he exhorts to take care of his parents in their old age, not minding their imperfections, since the Lord does not forget kindness to aged parents and forgives the sins and answers the prayers of the one who fulfils this holy obligation. In the Second Reading, St. Paul instructs all Christian families and communities to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. This is certainly the recipe for a functional Christian family, that bonds by charity and one faith, each member of the family bears with other members, and since disagreements are bound to occur, forgive each other as God forgives all our transgressions in His great family the Church.

To be able to forgive, one must intentionally step away from chronic selfishness and see things from the perspective of others. Selflessness, which is essential for good family relationships, is a virtue that Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, had in abundance. The first selfless thing he did in Scripture was to set aside his decision to divorce Mary quietly when he found her pregnant after he was instructed to take her as his wife by an Angel in a dream. As a consequence of his commitment to this Divinely given task, Joseph had to suffer, together with Mary and the infant Jesus, all the humiliating assaults from the elements as they settled for a manger when Christ was born. Joseph dutifully took the newborn Christ and his Blessed Mother to the temple in fulfillment of the letters of the law, as well as to "introduce" Him to the worship of the One True God. He would have to hurriedly flee to Egypt and endure an unplanned exile for the safety of the infant Christ when Herod sought to kill Him. When he returned to Israel, he had to settle in Nazareth in order to keep Jesus safe from the prying eyes of Herod Archelaus. Joseph must have taught Jesus his carpentry trade, too. It is quite interesting that there are no direct quotations from Joseph in Scripture and he disappears unceremoniously after Jesus was found teaching the elders in the temple at the age of twelve. Joseph is the silent father and husband that protects, provides and shields his family from evil, teaches his faith and trade to his Son in union with his wife, and obviously places the comfort and welfare of family over everything else except obeying God's will. The world needs fathers like Joseph, mothers like Mary and families like the Holy Family of Nazareth who witness to the Gospel in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity. If you have had reason to keep away from God's great family, your Church, please forgive and return home where God our loving Father is waiting for you.

As we prepare to enter into a new year, may God help us to resolve to mend fences with our families if there are cracks, pray for the sanctification of all families and offer to be answers to our own prayers by promoting in both private and public lives family virtues that build a Christian society.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorichir, VC

## Current Events and More

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration this week will be in the parish Chapel on **Friday, January 2** beginning at **9:15 am**. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord. At **5:50 pm** we will begin the Evening Prayers and Benediction.

You can also sign up for a specific time slot at <http://signup.com/go/puKbjbJK>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

### St. Benedict Christmas Wish List

Are you looking for a way to make a special gift to St. Benedict Church this season? The staff has put together a Wish List on Amazon to suggest a number of items that would be appreciated. Go to the parish website and click on the banner for the list.

(St. Benedict Catholic Church is a qualified 501(c)3 charitable tax-exempt organization (EIN 35-2350484). No goods, benefits or services were bestowed upon this donor in exchange for this charitable contribution.)

### January 2026 - Events and Activities

**Thurs Jan 1** - Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass  
9 am in the Church

**Fri Jan 2** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9 am to 6 pm, St. Benedict Chapel

**Sat Jan 3** - Women's Spirituality, 10 am to 11:30 am  
in Annex 2, East of the church

**Sun Jan 4** - Welcoming Sunday, 10 am in the Narthex  
at the back of the Church

**Sat Jan 10** - Infant Baptism Class, 9:30-11 am in Annex 2,  
East of the Church

**Thurs Jan 15** - Prayer Blanket Ministry  
10 am in Annex 2, East of the Church

**Fri Jan 16** - BINGO-Raffle Night, 6-8 pm in the St.  
John Bosco School Multipurpose Room

**Sat Jan 17** - Anointing Mass, 11 am in the church

**Tues Jan 20** - St. Benedict Dedication Anniversary Mass  
7 pm in the Church

**Wed Jan 28** - Parish Rosary, 7 pm, Parish Chapel

### Holiday Mass Schedule

#### New Years' Eve:

Wednesday, Dec 31 at 11:59 pm

#### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Thursday, Jan 1 at 9 am



### Holiday Office Hours

The parish office is closed and will remain closed through the holidays, to re-open on **Friday, January 2**. For emergencies requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

### 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.

Now is the time for an opportunity to help ... between **Sunday, December 28** and **Sunday, January 4**, with a great number of volunteers still needed. Sign up online by going to the parish website ([www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)) and clicking on the Family Promise banner. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### BINGO Night!

Get ready for BINGO on **Friday, January 16** from 6-8 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room. Join us for a fun evening for all ages! We'll have pizza, baked goods, lots of BINGO and over 100 prizes! We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, donate them for BINGO prizes.

For more information or to donate prizes, email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org).



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

All R.E. Classes Are  
On Break Until  
January 11, 2026

### Thanks From the Angel Tree Program

Many, many heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the wonderful people of this parish who contributed towards the Angel Tree Project this year. With your generosity, we were able to provide more than **500** toys and miscellaneous items to Helen's Hope Chest, and **700** gifts to Catholic Charities of East Mesa. These charities were beyond grateful and overwhelmed with your giving. A special thanks also to the volunteers and junior volunteers who helped make this ministry a success.

God's Blessings to all of you! Val VanVianen

### A Gift For You and Your Future

The Diocese of Phoenix has partnered with *FreeWill* to offer an online estate planning tool that makes it easy and cost-free to make your plan. As a thank you from being part of St. Benedict Church, *FreeWill* is delighted to help you create your legal will. It is 100% free to you, and most people finish in 20 minutes or less.

Please visit here to get started:

<https://partner.freewill.com/stbenedict/>

To learn more, visit:

<https://dphx.mygiftlegacy.org/will-and-trust/>

### Vocations

*"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel."*  
(Matthew 2:20)

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week.

### A Family House Blessing Activity for the New Year

The New Year is the perfect time to gather your family together to ask God's blessing on your home and protection for all who live and visit within it. It is an invitation for Jesus to remain at the center of every home.

The Blessing can be done simply by using chalk to write over the door:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

(The 20 + 26 represents the year and the C, M, B are twofold: They are the first initials of the three Magi, but also initials for the Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "Christ bless this house.")

Finally, offer the following prayer:

*Oh blessed Lord, visit this home with the gladness of your presence.*

*Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.*

*May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, Oh Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.*



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in him."* (1 John 2:27)

When we became Christians, we were not only cleansed by the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit filled and dwell within us. John speaks of receiving and having the Holy Spirit as *"his anointing."* The Holy Spirit was poured out on us and into us when we came to Christ in Baptism. The Spirit helps us hear the truth about Jesus. Our anointing keeps us from surrendering that truth to false teachings that would diminish either side of Jesus' identity. We remain in Jesus when we hold on to both of these incredible truths. As we remain in the Holy Spirit, we have all that we need to know about Jesus as our Savior, Lord, and Messiah (1 John 2:24, 27)

As the year draws to a close, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I want to say thank you to our wonderful Priests, parishioners and everyone we have worked with throughout the year. We have worked hard for our church and community. I believe that we have been rewarded by the fact that at our last membership drive we inducted fifteen new members/brothers. We will continue to have our monthly Rosary next year as well as many other events. Thank you all once again for your faithful and continued support.

Vivat Jesus,  
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### Welcoming Sunday

Next weekend, **January 4**, 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!

### St. Vincent de Paul



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year, may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters. Please consider donating any of the following to our onsite pantry:

- Crackers
- Cookies
- Snack Items
- Hearty Soups
- Mexican Food Products
- Boxed Meal Kits

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**.

### 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:

1. Visit **FORMED.org** and click "Sign Up" at the top
2. Enter "85048" and select St. Benedict
3. Enter your name and email address

Now you're ready to start exploring!

### 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

### Women's Spirituality

St. Benedict Women's Spirituality is a group of women from the parish who join together to strengthen their relationship with God. Our meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to 11:30 am in Annex 2 and consist of prayer and a topic for sharing or discussion. On **Saturday, January 3**, Women's Spirituality will be learning how to pray using Mandalas. Please join us!

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Jo Gallo**, **Juan Ortiz**, and **Stella Osborn** 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.



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

The Annual St. Benedict Parish Picnic at Desert Breeze Park is a great day to enjoy 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](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)



### Rummage Sale

Save the date for the parish Rummage Sale which is happening this year on **Saturday, March 7** 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! Lots of volunteers are needed! For more information or to volunteer, email [rummagesale@stbenedict.org](mailto:rummagesale@stbenedict.org)



## Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

### **Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, huye a Egipto y quédate allí hasta que yo te avise.**



El fin de semana siguiente a la Navidad se celebra tradicionalmente la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. En esta fiesta de la Familia, la Iglesia nos invita a dar gracias a Dios por la bendición y el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Que expresemos nuestra gratitud a Dios por la familia en general, y por nuestras familias en particular, que procuremos imitar el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, que recemos especialmente por las familias que están pasando por dificultades y turbulencias, y que trabajemos para promover la vida familiar en nuestras comunidades. Las lecturas de la misa de este fin de semana han sido cuidadosamente seleccionadas para proyectar las virtudes de la vida familiar, virtudes que se nos invita a imitar y así dar vida a nuestra fe en preparación para la alegría que tendremos como gran familia de Dios por toda la eternidad en la vida venidera.

En la primera lectura, Sirach da sabias instrucciones a su hijo, a quien exhorta a cuidar de sus padres en su vejez, sin prestar atención a sus imperfecciones, ya que el Señor no olvida la bondad hacia los padres ancianos y perdona los pecados y responde a las oraciones de quien cumple con esta santa obligación. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo instruye a todas las familias y comunidades cristianas a revestirse de compasión, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia, soportándose unos a otros y perdonándose mutuamente. Esta es sin duda la receta para una familia cristiana funcional, unida por la caridad y una misma fe, en la que cada miembro de la familia se soporta mutuamente y, dado que es inevitable que surjan desacuerdos, se perdonan unos a otros como Dios perdona todas nuestras transgresiones en su gran familia, la Iglesia.

Para poder perdonar, hay que alejarse intencionadamente del egoísmo crónico y ver las cosas desde la perspectiva de los demás. El altruismo, esencial para las buenas relaciones familiares, es una virtud que José, esposo de María y padre adoptivo de Jesús, poseía en abundancia. La primera acción altruista que realizó en las Escrituras fue dejar de lado su decisión de divorciarse discretamente de María cuando descubrió que estaba embarazada, después de que un ángel le ordenara en sueños que la tomara por esposa. Como consecuencia de su compromiso con esta tarea divina, José tuvo que sufrir, junto con María y el niño Jesús, todos los humillantes ataques de los elementos cuando se instalaron en un pesebre al nacer Cristo. José llevó obedientemente al recién nacido Cristo y a su Santísima Madre al templo en cumplimiento de las letras de la ley, así como para «presentarlo» al culto del Único Dios Verdadero. Tuvo que huir apresuradamente a Egipto y soportar un exilio imprevisto por la seguridad del niño Jesús cuando Herodes intentó matarlo. Cuando regresó a Israel, tuvo que establecerse en Nazaret para mantener a Jesús a salvo de las miradas indiscretas de Herodes Arquelao. José también debió enseñarle a Jesús su oficio de carpintero. Es muy interesante que no haya citas directas de José en las Escrituras y que desaparezca sin ceremonias después de que Jesús fuera encontrado enseñando a los ancianos en el templo a la edad de doce años. José es el padre y esposo silencioso que protege, provee y defiende a su familia del mal, enseña su fe y su oficio a su Hijo en unión con su esposa, y obviamente antepone la comodidad y el bienestar de la familia a todo lo demás, excepto a la obediencia a la voluntad de Dios. El mundo necesita padres como José, madres como María y familias como la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, que dan testimonio del Evangelio practicando las virtudes de la vida familiar y los lazos de la caridad. Si has tenido motivos para alejarte de la gran familia de Dios, tu Iglesia, por favor, perdona y vuelve a casa, donde Dios, nuestro Padre amoroso, te está esperando.

Mientras nos preparamos para entrar en un nuevo año, que Dios nos ayude a tomar la decisión de reparar las relaciones con nuestras familias si hay fisuras, a rezar por la santificación de todas las familias y a ofrecer nuestras respuestas a nuestras propias oraciones promoviendo, tanto en la vida privada como en la pública, las virtudes familiares que construyen una sociedad cristiana.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorich, VC



## Ministerio hispano y más

### Vivir la liturgia



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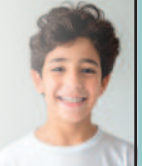
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

As you read this greeting, our precious students and faculty are all snug at home with their families after (hopefully) enjoying a joyous Christmas. Our final weeks of school were filled with everything Advent, as would be expected on any authentic Catholic school campus.

In addition to the annual K-5th-grade Christmas Program held in our beautiful St. Benedict Church, our preschoolers presented their own enchanting performance to the sheer delight of their adoring parents and grandparents. In addition, what would Advent be without a visit from St. Nick to fill those little shoes carefully placed outside the classroom? The school term ended with the annual *Pancakes with Santa* hosted by our PTO and Dads' Club, a visit from one of Santa's elves, and classroom parties galore. Finally, because of the generosity of the SJB community in exceeding our \$50,000 goal for *Running with Rosco*, the entire student body and staff were treated to a *PJs and Peppermint Party*, including the opportunity to wear pajamas all day long! Please patronize our generous RWR sponsors:



The children and faculty will return refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday, January 5, 2026, ready to take on a new year of discovery and learning, and happy to see their friends again!

With Gratitude,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal