

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!** ”

~ Ps 146

“Where All Are Welcome”

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Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that celebrates the presence of God in all creation through 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, 2/2

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | M.S. Youth
Ministry

Tuesday, 2/3

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Teen Sac Prep
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 2/4

8:15 am | Mass
5:30 pm | Legion of Mary
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 2/5

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Adult Choir
6 pm | Spanish Choir

Friday, 2/6

8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confession
6 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 2/7

8 am | Confession
10 am | Women's Spirit.
5 pm | Mass
6 pm | KofC Valentine's
Dinner & Dance

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 2/1/2026

7 am | Mike Mazza †
9 am | Fred Montez †
11 am | David Tannehill †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Jaime Manzano †

F 2/6 | Juan & Elisa Mora †
Sat 2/7 | John Dolmage †

Sunday, 2/8/2026

M 2/2 | Ted & Priscilla Porter (Ivg)
Tu 2/3 | Mary Alys Klofanda †
W 2/4 | Alice Gallagher †
Th 2/5 | Joe Gallo †

7 am | Thomas Schenach †
9 am | Laura Arkfeld-Mohr †
11 am | Donald Amadee †
1 pm | Juan Ortiz †
5 pm | Parishioners

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2/2	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 <i>(Presentation of the Lord)</i>
Tuesday: 2/3	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2/4	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 2/5	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13 <i>(St. Agatha)</i>
Friday: 2/6	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29 <i>(St. Paul Miki & Companions)</i>
Saturday: 2/7	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:-14/ Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: 2/8	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for
December 2025

Actual: \$ 99,993*

Budget: \$ 77,500

Christmas \$ 17,476
Dec. Mortgage Support:
\$ 12,217

** Realm*

Online: \$ 52,324

Cash/Check: \$ 47,669

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

Debt Reduction

As of Dec 31, 2025

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,215,383
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$99,975
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$91,068



Live the Liturgy

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

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Gospel Reflection

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY



The Bible is a story of two Covenants, the Old and the New Testaments. Each Covenant had its precepts and a process through which the precepts were handed down to the people who chose to be partners with God in a Covenant. In the Old Testament, Moses became the mediator through whom God gave the decalogue that codified the precepts of the Covenant, made God with the patriarchs, and renewed on Mount Sinai with the people of Israel who were on their way to the land promised them. Exodus 19 and 20 recounts how, through Moses, God instructed the people to prepare themselves and gather around Mount Sinai from where God would address them. The people did as Moses directed and received the decalogue which became the guiding principles of their Covenant relationship with God.

In the New Testament, Jesus the new Lawgiver, of whom the Father had said at His baptism and later at His Transfiguration, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.” needed to lay down the ordinary and yet necessary precepts of the New Covenant to the “righteous remnants” and the New Israel. Like the Father in the Old Testament, Jesus chose to meet with His people by the mountain and to speak from there. However, unlike in the Old Testament, Jesus completely avoided issuing codified laws that would contain moral prohibitions and opted rather to decree a litany of beatitudes, positive blessings that would be experienced by those who would choose to live in righteousness. The Beatitudes are an outright contradiction to what the world considers wise and just. While the world applauds self advocacy and pride in personal accomplishments, the Beatitudes highlight poverty in the spirit and meekness as worthy virtues that attract a state of blessedness. While human instincts crave punitive justice for offenses against another, the Beatitudes invite the Christian to be merciful in order to obtain the mercy of God. The Beatitudes are a window to what life in the Spirit with Christ ought to be. They offer us a life of love and happiness that is propelled by inner conversion and not by fear of consequences for breaking God’s law. Jesus shows us in the Beatitudes that blessedness, the good life, does not lie in achieving personal success, elevated status, or individual dreams and desires. Rather, the good life lies in humble and selfless service to others, and in striving to bring forth that which is good for others.

As co-heirs with Christ to the kingdom of grace in the New Covenant, may we strive to make our lives visible and living demonstrations of the blessedness of a life lived in humble and loving imitation of God’s goodness.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

Current Events and More

Blessing of the Throats

This Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Blaise who was a physician, bishop and martyr.

One of the miracles he performed during his life involved the curing of a boy suffering from a fish bone in his throat. From this event, and because Blaise had been a physician, the belief was created that St. Blaise could cure most illnesses, but especially those of the throat. Thus began the blessing of the throats. Catholics believe that through this special blessing we are not only freed from disease, but from everything keeping us from God.

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 3** at the 8:15 am Mass in the parish chapel for the blessing of the throats.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration this week will be in the parish Chapel on **Friday, February 6** 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/puKbjk>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to the monthly parish Welcoming. Here 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. Benedict Catholic Church Rummage Sale March 7, 2026 7 am to 1 pm in the SJB MPR

**Beginning January 31, 2026
Drop off your donations at Annex 2!
Before and after all weekend Masses**

Please note: We are unable to accept certain items - including mattresses, light fixtures and chandeliers, tube or older televisions, car seats, china hutches, large appliances, particle-board furniture, ceiling fans, broken or stained items, and large Christmas trees. Thank you for understanding

for more info or to schedule a large pickup email
Rummagesale@stbenedict.org



or call Debbi at 602-
617-3321

Faith Formation and More

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb 1
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
H.S. Youth Ministry
Teen & Young Adult Mass

Monday, Feb 2
M.S. Youth Ministry

Tuesday, Feb 3
Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep

Saturday, Feb 7
Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday, Feb 3
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
H.S. Youth Ministry
Teen & Young Adult Mass

Charity & Development Appeal

We live in a beautiful world filled with goodness and generosity, but also one marked by injustice, poverty, illness, and suffering. Jesus understood this reality. In the Beatitudes, He offered hope to those who struggle and reminded us that they are not forgotten—they are blessed.

Jesus is still the hope our world needs today. His ministry was centered on welcoming those on the margins: the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the persecuted.

Next weekend is the kick-off of the annual Charity and Development Appeal. At all Masses, you will hear more about this important appeal and the many ministries and charities it supports across the Diocese of Phoenix. You will also be invited to participate as we continue Christ's mission by reaching out in love to those most in need.

Through our generosity, we share in His compassion and become signs of hope for our brothers and sisters.



SUNDAY – FEB
15th
12:30 – 3:30
DESERT BREEZE
PARK



JOIN US for the Parish Picnic!

Please RSVP
now on the
Parish
website!

IT'S FREE!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dessert, Games, Raffle Baskets and everyone's favorite Lip Sync Battle!

Sunday, February 15, 2026 12:30 - 3:30 at Desert Breeze Park
660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd East, Chandler, AZ 85226
Chandler, AZ 85226 (South side of Park, enter off Chandler Blvd)

Questions or to volunteer email Lani at events@stbenedict.org

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there of His word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And the news of Him spread everywhere in the surrounding region. (Luke 4:36-37)

Jesus had just encountered the wrath of many in His hometown of Nazareth, so He left there and traveled to the town of Capernaum. The reaction He received there was much different than that which He received in Nazareth. As He taught in the Synagogue in Capernaum, a man with a demon came to Him. Jesus rebuked the demon and cast it out, and the people were amazed. Word spread about Jesus quickly. After this Jesus performed many other miracles and the people continued to be in awe of Him.

What was it that impressed people of Capernaum? In part, it was the authority with which Jesus spoke and acted. Jesus won over many hearts because the people were open to the gift of faith.

Do you want Jesus to act powerfully in your life? Do you want Him to act upon you with authority and power? Sometimes people feel as if their lives are out of control. They experience weakness, confusion and a lack of direction. For that reason, true spiritual authority and power is very welcome.

Reflect today, upon the infinite spiritual authority and power of our Lord. His working in your life depends on you and your response to Him. Call on Him and let Him in. He is there and waiting for you.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 7 - Valentine's Dinner & Dance at the SJB MPR.
BYOB. Tickets are \$80 dollars per couple, sold after all Masses

Feb 12 - Council Meeting, 7 pm, Annex 1.

Vivat Jesus,
John Garrity, Grand Knight
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St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. Your gift of food to SVdP proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in need.



Please consider donating the following:

- Pasta Sauce
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- Condiments
- Oatmeal
- Snack/Breakfast Bars
- Cookies/Crackers

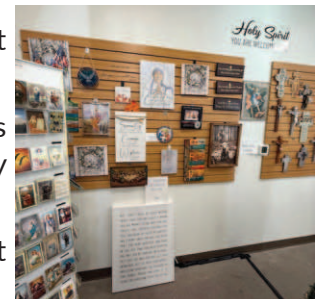
As always, if you find yourself in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

Gift Shop

Did you know St. Benedict Church has a gift shop?

Many new and unique items are available. Please stop by and take a look!

For questions or requests, contact Lisa at giftshop@stbenedict.org



Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Jon Madison** who died recently. We pray that his family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.

Marriage Encounter

"Now the child grew, and he was strengthened with the fullness of wisdom. And the grace of God was with him."



Seek this wisdom in your marriage by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter on **February 14-15, 2026** in Phoenix, or **April 18-19, 2026** in Tucson. For more information, go to wwme.org or call **520.661.3644**.

Ministries & More

Bring in Your Palms

It is time to get ready for Lent! Ash Wednesday, on **February 18**, will be here before you know it and we need the ashes that come from burning last year's palms.

Please bring in your palms between now and no later than **Friday, February 13**, and drop them into one of the baskets located in the lobby or the south door.



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WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING –
WE'RE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
10:00 - MEETING AT ANNEX 2

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: FIELD TRIP TO AUTOM
(ROESER AND 32ND ST) AS WE PREPARE FOR
LENT

ALL WOMEN 18+ ARE WELCOME!



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS - PLEASE EMAIL NMPHILLIPS@COX.NET

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This collection provides funding for the Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Thank you for your support.

Sanctity of Life Ministry

Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith this Lenten Season? We invite you to begin Lent by learning more about the new Sanctity of Life Ministry at St. Benedict Church on **Thursday, February 19**, 6 pm in the parish Children's Room (Cry Room).

This new ministry is primarily a prayer movement:

Prayers for the unborn, expectant mothers and abortion workers; Prayers for Arizona and United States legislators; Prayers for others in Pro-Life Ministry; Supporting pro-life resources like Aid to Women Center; Connecting with a well-established Catholic pro-life network.

Mother Teresa said, "God does not call the equipped, He equips the called." We are not looking for protesters, but we are looking for prayer warriors who are a promise of God's love and mercy.

Come and find out more! RSVP with Julie Hoffman at Life@stbenedict.org

Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

BIENAVENTURADOS LOS MISERICORDIOSOS, PORQUE ELLOS SERÁN MISERICORDIOSOS.



La Biblia es una historia de dos pactos, el Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento. Cada pacto tenía sus preceptos y un proceso mediante el cual estos se transmitían a las personas que decidían asociarse con Dios en un pacto. En el Antiguo Testamento, Moisés se convirtió en el mediador a través del cual Dios dio el decálogo que codificaba los preceptos del pacto, hecho por Dios con los patriarcas y renovado en el monte Sinaí con el pueblo de Israel que se dirigía a la tierra prometida. Éxodo 19 y 20 relatan cómo, a través de Moisés, Dios instruyó al pueblo para que se preparara y se reuniera alrededor del monte Sinaí, desde donde Dios se dirigiría a ellos. El pueblo hizo lo que Moisés le indicó y recibió el decálogo, que se convirtió en los principios rectores de su relación de alianza con Dios.

En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús, el nuevo Legislador, de quien el Padre había dicho en su bautismo y más tarde en su Transfiguración: «Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo complacencia. Escuchadle», necesitaba establecer los preceptos ordinarios y sin embargo necesarios de la Nueva Alianza para los «justos remanentes» y el Nuevo Israel. Al igual que el Padre en el Antiguo Testamento, Jesús decidió reunirse con su pueblo en la montaña y hablar desde allí. Sin embargo, a diferencia del Antiguo Testamento, Jesús evitó por completo promulgar leyes codificadas que contuvieran prohibiciones morales y optó más bien por decretar una letanía de bienaventuranzas, bendiciones positivas que experimentarían aquellos que eligieran vivir en la rectitud. Las Bienaventuranzas son una contradicción absoluta de lo que el mundo considera sabio y justo. Mientras que el mundo aplaude la autodefensa y el orgullo por los logros personales, las Bienaventuranzas destacan la pobreza de espíritu y la mansedumbre como virtudes dignas que atraen un estado de bienaventuranza. Mientras que los instintos humanos anhelan una justicia punitiva por las ofensas contra otros, las Bienaventuranzas invitan al cristiano a ser misericordioso para obtener la misericordia de Dios. Las Bienaventuranzas son una ventana a lo que debería ser la vida en el Espíritu con Cristo. Nos ofrecen una vida de amor y felicidad impulsada por la conversión interior y no por el miedo a las consecuencias de infringir la ley de Dios. Jesús nos muestra en las Bienaventuranzas que la felicidad, la buena vida, no reside en alcanzar el éxito personal, un estatus elevado o los sueños y deseos individuales. Más bien, la buena vida reside en el servicio humilde y desinteresado a los demás, y en esforzarse por hacer el bien a los demás.

Como coherederos con Cristo del reino de la gracia en la Nueva Alianza, esforcémonos por hacer de nuestras vidas demostraciones visibles y vivas de la bendición que supone vivir imitando con humildad y amor la bondad de Dios.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Bienaventurados los pobres, los mansos, los perseguidos. Son palabras radicales en un mundo que insiste en lo contrario: bienaventurados los ricos. Bienaventurados los poderosos. Bienaventurados los acomodados. ¿Tenemos lo que hay que tener para ser radicales?

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Tienda de regalos

¿Sabías que la iglesia de San Benito tiene una tienda de regalos? Hay muchos artículos nuevos y únicos. ¡Pásate y échale un vistazo! Si tienes alguna pregunta o solicitud, ponte en contacto con Lisa en giftshop@stbenedict.org

Bendición de las gargantas

Este martes es la conmemoración de San Blas, que fue médico, obispo y mártir. Uno de los milagros que realizó durante su vida fue curar a un niño que tenía una espina de pescado clavada en la garganta. A partir de este hecho, y dado que Blaise había sido médico, se creó la creencia de que San Blas podía curar la mayoría de las enfermedades, pero especialmente las de la garganta. Así comenzó la bendición de las gargantas. Los católicos creen que a través de esta bendición especial no solo nos liberamos de la enfermedad, sino de todo lo que nos aleja de Dios.

Acompáñenos el martes 3 de febrero a las 8:15 a.m. en la misa de la capilla parroquial para la bendición de las gargantas.

Domingo de bienvenida

Este fin de semana, después de la misa del domingo a la 1 p.m., están invitados a asistir a la bienvenida mensual de la parroquia. Aquí podrán conversar y relacionarse con nuestros sacerdotes, miembros del Consejo Pastoral, personal y nuevos feligreses. Se ofrecerá un refrigerio. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!

San Vicente de Paúl

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos da las Bienaventuranzas, que encarnan una visión radicalmente alternativa de la vida, y descubrimos que Dios nos llama verdaderamente a la bienaventuranza. Tu donación de alimentos a SVdP proclama el Evangelio del Reino y trae sanación a los corazones quebrantados de quienes viven en la necesidad.



Por favor, considere donar lo siguiente:

Jalea/Mermelada	Condimentos
Galletas/Crackers	Copos de avena
Salsa para pasta	Barritas para merendar/desayunar

Como siempre, si necesita ayuda o información de San Vicente de Paúl, llame a la oficina parroquial al **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

Picnic parroquial

Domingo, 15 de febrero, de 12:30 a 15:30

¡El picnic anual de la parroquia de St. Benedict en Desert Breeze Park es un día estupendo para disfrutar de la comida, la diversión y la compañía de nuestros feligreses! Acompáñenos el domingo 15 de febrero, de 12:30 p. m. a 3:30 p. m. Habrá juegos en el césped, música y perritos calientes y hamburguesas gratis que nuestros Caballeros de Colón prepararán a la parrilla para nosotros. Traiga sus propias mantas y sillas de picnic para relajarse. Es necesario confirmar asistencia en la página web de la parroquia: www.stbenedict.org



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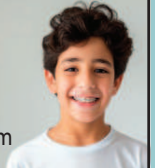
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

We are fresh off an invigorating Catholic Schools Week and feeling newly grateful for the privilege of attending and working at a Catholic school.

Our entire community came together to celebrate Catholic Schools Week through a variety of engaging events. We sincerely thank our dedicated SJB families, faculty, and staff for investing their time and effort to make the week extraordinary for our students. The teamwork among teachers, staff, parents, and students shows that St. John Bosco is much more than a school; it's a thriving community.

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at the Open House, admiring the students' impressive art and science displays and enjoying the choir's performance. Special thanks to our School Advisory Board members and Campus Ambassadors who provided campus tours for prospective families. Watching our seventh- and eighth-grade students confidently guiding tours and sharing their own St. John Bosco experience was truly a proud moment. Not long ago, these students were in preschool!

Open Enrollment is now accessible to the general public, and we've already welcomed a sizable number of new students for the coming year. We can't wait to introduce them to all that SJB has to offer, and we're certain they'll love being part of our National Blue Ribbon School.

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal
St. John Bosco Catholic School

