

February 8, 2026  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“ ***The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*** ”  
 ~ Ps 112

**“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](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

<b>Monday, 2/9</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   M.S. Youth Ministry	<b>Tuesday, 2/10</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   Teen Sac Prep 6:15 pm   JOF	<b>Wednesday, 2/11</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5:30 pm   Legion of Mary
<b>Thursday, 2/12</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   Adult Choir 6 pm   K of C 6 pm   Spanish Choir	<b>Friday, 2/13</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5 pm   Confession	<b>Saturday, 2/14</b> 8 am   Confession 9:30 am   Baptism Class 5 pm   Mass

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

<b>Sunday, 2/8/2026</b> 7 am   Thomas Schenach † 9 am   Laura Arkfeld-Mohr † 11 am   Donald Amadee † 1 pm   Juan Ortiz † 5 pm   Parishioners	Th 2/12   Maria Gil † F 2/13   Apolinar & Lucia Samin † Sat 2/14   Parishioners
<b>M 2/9</b>   Deceased Parents of Dominican Sisters † <b>Tu 2/10</b>   Donna & Tom Fortunato (lvg) <b>W 2/11</b>   Mary Alys Klofanda †	<b>Sunday, 2/15/2026</b> 7 am   Claude Jean Roi Rouleau † 9 am   Esperanza McLeod † 11 am   Mike Gomez † 1 pm   Deceased Members of Hoffman Family † 5 pm   Paisley Rose Leier †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-2/9 7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 2/10 4, 5, 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 ( <i>St. Scholastica</i> )
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-2/11 31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 2/12 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 2/13 81:10-11ab, 12-15/Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 2/14 106:6-7ab, 19-22/Mk 8:1-10 ( <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius</i> )
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 2/15 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

### Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing*

Contributions for  
January 2026

**Actual: \$ 73,976\***

**Budget: \$ 77,500**

**Jan. Mortgage Support:  
\$ 15,182**

\* *Realm*

Online: \$ 40,331

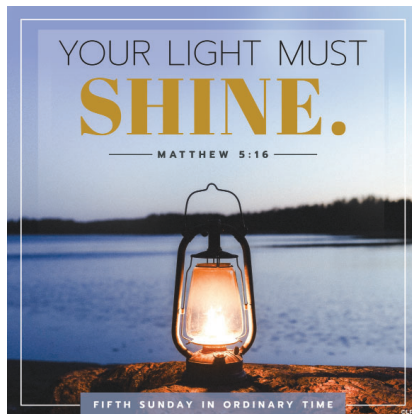
Cash/Check: \$ 33,645

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

### Debt Reduction

*As of Jan 31, 2026*

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,199,912
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$115,447
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$105,834



### Live the Liturgy

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

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## Gospel Reflection

### THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEED AND GLORIFY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER



The Gospel passage this weekend is taken from the “Sermon on the Mount” that immediately follows Jesus’ proclamation of the Beatitudes, the ordinary and necessary precepts for a true Christian life. Here, Jesus used concrete images of light and salt to demonstrate that glorifying God is the purpose for which we are called and chosen to be His disciples and to be witnesses to the Gospel. Something is considered good only to the extent that it fulfills the purpose for which it exists. A Christian is a good disciple of Jesus if he lets the light that Christ is (John 1:9) shine through him or her and becomes salt that lends a righteous taste of the world. When light shines no more and salt loses its taste, they become shadows devoid of usefulness, purpose and goodness. This is what a Christian (and I dare say the Church) risks becoming if he is no longer kind, has no compassion, becomes selfish and is not merciful.

Salt and light are well known agents of change. Apart from providing a change in taste, salt possesses purifying and preservative properties that cause the initial state of food to change when applied. At the time Jesus employed the imagery of salt to describe His disciples, the Jewish cultic priests made heavy use of it, sprinkling salt on sacrifices as a symbol of purity and as a seasoning and preservative for the sacrificial meat intended for human consumption. Thus, when Jesus declared that His disciples were “Salt of the Earth,” He simply intended them to know they were sacred agents of positive change introduced into a “tasteless” world of ungodliness, injustice and vice, in order to purify it, positively influence it and preserve the reign of God in it. However, Jesus warned that should the salt of the earth lose its taste, its distinctive character and the purpose for which it is needed, it would be fit only to be used for traction on roads. Should individual Christians and the Church lose their propensity for goodness and love, we would simply degenerate into empty hypocrites that should best be ignored. Here we need to ask ourselves if the world is not trampling us underfoot. When the world keeps reminding the hierarchy of the Church to be true to her own moral standards, when unbelievers have to remind Catholic politicians that life begins from conception and that all people should be treated with dignity until natural death, when friends have to remind you to be there for your aged parents, when your own children draw your attention to sinful or morally unacceptable behavior, when atheists have to invite us to be charitable and kind, and when unbelievers have to literally drag us into being aware and responding to the unjust and unfair treatment of people on the fringes of life in our world and sometimes in our communities, we do not need a prophet to tell us that we have become salt that has lost its taste.

Similarly, light possesses disinfectant and preservative properties. The tiniest glimmer of light in the midst of darkness cannot go unnoticed. Our world is plagued with the darkness of sin, immorality, violence, injustice and many other evils that the Christian and the Church cannot afford to abdicate her mandate to be the sign of hope, truth and peace in a world that is yearning for light. Through faith, hope and love, the Church and indeed each individual Christian is called to be the beacon of light raised high, shining throughout the world and giving all people cause to glorify God. The Church throughout history, and in spite of her numerous failures and weaknesses, has always beamed the light of Christ to enlighten a world that is darkened by evil and violence, utilizing the instrument of Catholic hospices, hospitals, schools, universities, shelters, kitchens, and orphanages to bring hope and healing to many and to prick the consciences even of unbelievers into creating such institutions of their own. However, each of us should ask ourselves, “Am I letting the light of my personal good deeds shine before others as a witness to the Gospel, thereby inspiring people to glorify my heavenly Father”?

May the light of Christ in us never be dimmed by the distractions and persecutions of this world and may Christ continue to impart taste and purpose to our witnessing so that our actions may glorify God our Father.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

## Current Events and More

### Charity & Development Appeal

In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to live as people of light: *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16). Faith lights the way when we allow Christ’s light to guide our lives and be shared with the world. Our faith is not meant to be hidden but placed on a lampstand—shining brightly so others may encounter Christ through us.



When we live out our faith through acts of love, generosity, and service, others come to know God’s goodness through us. This is the heart of the Faith Lights the Way theme for the Charity and Development Appeal. Through your support, our faith shines brightly in works that serve the poor, strengthen families, form future leaders, and bring hope to those most in need. Please prayerfully consider making your gift today at [give.dphx.org](http://give.dphx.org) and help let Christ’s light shine through you.

### Ash Wednesday, February 18 Mass/Service Schedule



Mass with Ashes:

6:30 am, 8:15 am, 5 pm, 7 pm

Service with Ashes:

12 Noon

### Bring in Your Palms

This is *the last week* to bring in your old palms! Ash Wednesday, on **February 18**, is next week and we are in need of the ashes that come from burning the palms.

Palms will be accepted through Friday, February 13 at 3 pm. Drop them in either of the baskets located in the parish lobby or near the south door. Thank you for your help!

**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](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)**

## Faith Formation and More

### Children and Youth Faith Formation

**Sunday, Feb 8**

*Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)*

**NO H.S. Youth Ministry  
Teen & Young Adult Mass**

**Monday, Feb 9**

*M.S. Youth Ministry*

**Tuesday, Feb 10**

*Journey of Faith  
Teen Sacramental Prep*

**Sunday, Feb 15**

**NO Liturgy of the Word with Children  
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

*H.S. Youth Ministry  
Teen & Young Adult Mass*

### Fasting & Abstinence During Lent

As Catholics we fast and abstain from certain foods during Lent. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, All Catholics, 14-years and older, abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays during Lent.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast, around midday, or in the evening depending upon when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or butter.



### Baby Bottle Drive

The Aid to Women Center offers resources and compassionate care for those facing planned or unplanned pregnancies. This weekend we will hear about their efforts and they will distribute empty baby bottles to fill with a donation (cash or check). Next weekend they will be collecting the filled baby bottles. Thanks so much for your donation.

### Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class at St. Benedict for parents and godparents is on **Saturday, February 14** from 9:30 am to 11 am in Annex 3. To RSVP, contact Sr. Liza at [srliza@stbenedict.org](mailto:srliza@stbenedict.org).

### Vocations

*"You are the light of the world."  
(Matthew 5:14)*

On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity.

*O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.*

*Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.*

### 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](mailto:Rummagesale@stbenedict.org)



or call Debbi at 602-617-3321

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*And anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

(Matthew 10:38-39)

Jesus wants us to seriously look into our hearts and surrender those things that hold us back from fully following and serving Him. He comes to us with His scarred hands and reminds us that he gave up everything to redeem us. He now wants us to surrender to the Cross all the things that distract us and hold us back from wholly yielding to Him.

Let's do it today! Only in Jesus will we find true, fulfilling, and eternal life. After all, He told us, "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

#### Announcements:

Feb 21 - Basketball Free Throw Contest

The Knights are holding a basketball free throw contest on Saturday, February 21 at 10 am at the St. John Bosco School basketball courts. Ages 9 - 14, boys and girls. Trophies will be awarded. Come on out and join in the fun!

#### Upcoming Events:

Feb 12 - Council meeting, 7 pm, Annex 3

Feb 15 - Parish picnic, 12:30-3:30 pm, Desert Breeze Park, south side ramadas

Feb 25 - Parish Rosary, 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Vivat Jesus,  
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### St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to SVdP.



Please consider donating the following:

- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes

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**.



### Thank You, St. John Bosco School

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Benedict extends a heartfelt "Thank You!" to the students of St. John Bosco Catholic School for bringing food and toiletries to our on-site pantry during the Catholic Schools Week "Cans Across Campus" food drive. They donated 862 items! That was a tremendous effort and we are grateful for our partnership! God is Good!

### Gift Shop

Did you know St. Benedict Church has a gift shop? We have many new and unique items, including St. Valentine's Day cards. Stop by and take a look!

For questions or requests, contact Lisa at [giftshop@stbenedict.org](mailto:giftshop@stbenedict.org)

## Ministries & More

### Prayer Blanket Ministry

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 Prayer Blanket Ministry is open to all those who crochet, knit, or quilt (or would like to learn). Our next meeting is on **Thursday, February 19** at 9 am in Annex 3. If you would like to help make Prayer Blankets, email Shannon at [smdurham65@gmail.com](mailto:smdurham65@gmail.com)

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### 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](http://wwme.org) or call **520.661.3644**.

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Robert Miskowski** and **Rene Lopez Ramirez** 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.



## Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

### PARA QUE VEAN VUESTRAS BUENAS OBRAS Y GLORIFIQUEN A VUESTRO PADRE CELESTIAL



El pasaje del Evangelio de este fin de semana está tomado del «Sermón de la Montaña», que sigue inmediatamente a la proclamación de Jesús de las Bienaventuranzas, los preceptos ordinarios y necesarios para una verdadera vida cristiana. Aquí, Jesús utilizó imágenes concretas de la luz y la sal para demostrar que glorificar a Dios es el propósito por el que somos llamados y elegidos para ser sus discípulos y testigos del Evangelio. Algo se considera bueno solo en la medida en que cumple el propósito para el que existe. Un cristiano es un buen discípulo de Jesús si deja que la luz que es Cristo (Juan 1, 9) brille a través de él o ella y se convierte en sal que da un sabor justo al mundo. Cuando la luz deja de brillar y la sal pierde su sabor, se convierten en sombras desprovistas de utilidad, propósito y bondad. Esto es en lo que un cristiano (y me atrevo a decir que la Iglesia) corre el riesgo de convertirse si ya no es amable, no tiene compasión, se vuelve egoísta y no es misericordioso.

La sal y la luz son agentes de cambio bien conocidos. Además de proporcionar un cambio en el sabor, la sal posee propiedades purificadoras y conservantes que provocan un cambio en el estado inicial de los alimentos cuando se aplica. En la época en que Jesús empleó la imagen de la sal para describir a sus discípulos, los sacerdotes del culto judío la utilizaban mucho, espolvoreándola sobre los sacrificios como símbolo de pureza y como condimento y conservante de la carne sacrificada destinada al consumo humano. Por lo tanto, cuando Jesús declaró que sus discípulos eran «la sal de la tierra», simplemente quería que supieran que eran agentes sagrados de cambio positivo introducidos en un mundo «insípido» de impiedad, injusticia y vicio, con el fin de purificarlo, influir positivamente en él y preservar el reino de Dios en él. Sin embargo, Jesús advirtió que si la sal de la tierra perdía su sabor, su carácter distintivo y el propósito para el que era necesaria, solo serviría para ser utilizada como tracción en las carreteras. Si los cristianos individuales y la Iglesia perdieran su propensión a la bondad y al amor, simplemente degeneraríamos en hipócritas vacíos a los que sería mejor ignorar. Aquí debemos preguntarnos si el mundo no nos está pisoteando. Cuando el mundo sigue recordando a la jerarquía de la Iglesia que debe ser fiel a sus propios estándares morales, cuando los no creyentes tienen que recordar a los políticos católicos que la vida comienza desde la concepción y que todas las personas deben ser tratadas con dignidad hasta la muerte natural, cuando los amigos tienen que recordarte que debes estar ahí para tus padres ancianos, cuando tus propios hijos te llaman la atención sobre un comportamiento pecaminoso o moralmente inaceptable, cuando los ateos tienen que invitarnos a ser caritativos y amables, y cuando los no creyentes tienen que arrastrarnos literalmente para que tomemos conciencia y respondamos al trato injusto e inequitativo que reciben las personas marginadas en nuestro mundo y, a veces, en nuestras comunidades, no necesitamos que un profeta nos diga que nos hemos convertido en sal que ha perdido su sabor.

Del mismo modo, la luz posee propiedades desinfectantes y conservantes. El más mínimo destello de luz en medio de la oscuridad no puede pasar desapercibido. Nuestro mundo está plagado de la oscuridad del pecado, la inmoralidad, la violencia, la injusticia y muchos otros males, por lo que los cristianos y la Iglesia no pueden permitirse renunciar a su mandato de ser signo de esperanza, verdad y paz en un mundo que anhela la luz. A través de la fe, la esperanza y el amor, la Iglesia y, de hecho, cada cristiano individualmente, están llamados a ser un faro de luz elevado, que brille en todo el mundo y dé a todas las personas motivos para glorificar a Dios. A lo largo de la historia, y a pesar de sus numerosos fracasos y debilidades, la Iglesia siempre ha irradiado la luz de Cristo para iluminar un mundo oscurecido por el mal y la violencia, utilizando el instrumento de los hospicios, hospitales, escuelas, universidades, refugios, comedores y orfanatos católicos para llevar esperanza y sanación a muchos y para despertar la conciencia incluso de los no creyentes para que creen instituciones similares. Sin embargo, cada uno de nosotros debería preguntarse: «¿Estoy dejando que la luz de mis buenas obras personales brille ante los demás como testimonio del Evangelio, inspirando así a las personas a glorificar a mi Padre celestial?».

Que la luz de Cristo en nosotros nunca se vea atenuada por las distracciones y persecuciones de este mundo, y que Cristo continúe impartiendo sabor y propósito a nuestro testimonio, para que nuestras acciones glorifiquen a Dios nuestro Padre.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

## Ministerio hispano y más



### Vivir la liturgia

La sal sin sabor ya no es sal. La luz que no ilumina nada ya no es luz. Como cristianos, debemos ser lo que hemos sido hechos para ser. Así que piénsalo, cuidadosamente: ¿qué se interpone entre tú y ser quien fuiste hecho para ser?

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### Tienda de regalos

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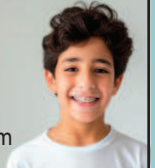
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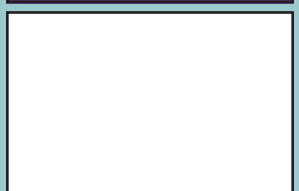


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Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Did you attend the rousing Science Fair during Catholic Schools Week? I am now happy to announce this year's winners:

Top honors went to eighth-grader **Jalen Robertson** for his project on "AI and Bias."

Second place went to eight-grader **Sam Root** for his look at "AI and Proper Exercise Form." And seventh-grader **Brody Rivas** took third place for his investigation on the difference between medicine in liquid and pill form, and asked the question: "Why aren't all medicine pills?"

Congratulations to these budding scientists and to all of our brilliant SJB students for their ambitious investigations and impressive science projects displayed during our Celebration of Learning Open House.

Open Enrollment is now available to the general public and has already attracted many new students for the upcoming school year. We are eager to introduce these newcomers to the excitement at St. John Bosco Catholic School, and we are confident they will thoroughly enjoy being part of our school community.

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