

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

“ *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.* ”

~ Ps 27

“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, 5/18 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Porters Trng.	Tuesday, 5/19 8:15 am Mass	Wednesday, 5/20 8:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Legion Mary
Thursday, 5/21 8:15 am Mass 9 am Prayer Blanket 6 pm Sanc of Life 6 pm Spanish Choir Practice	Friday, 5/22 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession	Saturday, 5/23 8 am Confession 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 5/17/2026

7 am Parishioners	F 5/22 Lloyd Klofanda Jr. †
9 am Joe J. Lopez †	Sat 5/23 Sylvester Ross †
11 am Kevin Howard †	
1 pm Parishioners	Sunday, 5/24/2026
5 pm Pacita Rimando †	7 am Anne Bigos †
M 5/18 Julie Peterson †	9 am Eugene Laatsch †
Tu 5/19 Alan Crisostomo †	11 am Margaret Mastergeorge †
W 5/20 Robert Miskowski †	1 pm Parishioners
Th 5/21 Adolfo Pardo †	5 pm Carlos Garcia †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 5/18 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 5/19 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 5/20 33-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1- 5/21 2a, 5, 7-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 5/22 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5/23 5, 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-30, 5/24 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday)

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for
April 2026

Actual: \$ 68,571*
Easter: \$ 18,970*
Budget: \$ 77,500

Apr. Mortgage Support:
\$ 7,834

* Realm

Online: \$ 43,900

Cash/Check: \$ 43,641

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

Debt Reduction

As of Apr 30, 2026

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,123,103
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$169,514
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$148,137



Live the Liturgy

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship – one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

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Gospel Reflection

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings from Acts 1:12–14, 1 Peter 4:13–16, and John 17:1–11 draw us into a profound moment in the life of the early Church: a period between Christ's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These passages are deeply connected through the themes of prayer, perseverance in suffering, unity, and participation in the glory of Christ.

In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples returned to Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension of Jesus from the Mount of Olives. Historically, this is a fragile and uncertain moment. The apostles are no longer walking physically with Jesus. Judas has betrayed the Lord and died. The Roman authorities remain hostile, and the Jewish leaders who condemned Jesus still hold influence. Yet, instead of scattering in fear, the disciples gather in the Upper Room in prayer. This is historically and spiritually important to them because it is the same place where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and instituted the Eucharist, and where He washed the disciples' feet and appeared after the Resurrection saying, "Peace be with you." Now it has become the birthplace of the praying Church. The apostles were "united in heart and mind." The apostles prayed together with the women of Jerusalem, and especially with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. And this reflects one of the clearest biblical images of Mary praying with the Church. Just as the Holy Spirit overshadowed her at the Annunciation in Luke 1:26-38, she now waits with the apostles for the coming of the same Spirit upon the Church. Historically, the early Christians understood that the Church survives not by political power or military strength, but by fidelity in prayer and communion. We are called therefore to be a people of God united in prayer and hope.

The second reading from the first epistle of Peter 4:13–16 was written to Christians suffering persecution in the Roman world. During the first century, Christians were misunderstood, marginalized, and often accused of being enemies of the empire because they refused emperor worship. St. Peter encouraged the early Christians not to be ashamed of suffering for Christ: "Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings." This is a distinctly Christian understanding of suffering. In the ancient world, suffering was often seen as a curse or punishment. But Christianity transformed that understanding through the Cross. Jesus, Himself, suffered unjustly; therefore, suffering united with Him becomes redemptive. Historically, this teaching shaped the courage of the martyrs of the early Church as seen in St. Stephen, the first martyr who was stoned to death for the sake of Christ, Saint Ignatius of Antioch who joyfully faced martyrdom in Rome. They lived Peter's message: suffering for Christ is not defeat but participation in His glory. This reading connects beautifully with Acts because the apostles praying in the Upper Room would soon become witnesses willing to suffer for the Gospel after Pentecost. Prayer prepared them for mission and sacrifice.

In the Gospel of John 17:1-11, we see the "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper just before His Passion. Historically, in Jewish tradition, the high priest interceded for the people before offering sacrifice. Jesus now reveals Himself as the true High Priest who intercedes for His disciples before offering Himself on the Cross. In worldly thinking, glory means success, power, and victory. But in John's Gospel, Christ's glory is revealed precisely through His suffering and crucifixion. The Cross becomes the throne of divine love. We share in Christ's glory by sharing in His sufferings. Jesus prays for the unity of the Church and this unity is visible in Acts when the apostles gather together in one heart and mind. The unity Jesus prayed for becomes embodied in the praying Church awaiting Pentecost.

In the first reading, the church responds in prayer as the disciples remain faithful, united with Mary, waiting for the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, the church endures suffering empowered by the Spirit, the early Christians courageously endured persecution and witness to Christ and in the Gospel, Jesus prays for the Church by entrusting his disciples to the Father. The readings reveal the identity of the Church: A praying Church, A united Church, A suffering Church, And a Spirit-filled Church.

The readings challenge us to ask: Do I persevere in prayer like the apostles? Do I seek unity or division? Can I remain faithful when faith becomes difficult? Do I see suffering as something that can unite me more deeply with Christ? The presence of Mary in Acts reminds us that devotion to Mary always leads us toward deeper communion with Jesus and openness to the Holy Spirit. The message of Peter reminds us not to be ashamed of Christian identity in a world that may reject Gospel values. And Jesus' prayer in John reassures us that before we ever pray to Him, He has already prayed for us. May Jesus grant us the grace to be prepared and remain faithful as we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More

Anointing Mass

The next St. Benedict Anointing Mass will be on **Saturday, May 30** at 11 am in the church. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. Please RSVP with Amy in the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.



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, May 21** at 9 am in Annex 1. If you would like to help make Prayer Blankets, email Shannon at smdurham65@gmail.com

Want to Know How to Crochet?

The Prayer Blanket Ministry will offer classes in crocheting, knitting, and quilting on the **Thursdays in June**. Yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles, material and sewing machines will be available for use during the classes. And, of course, patient teachers will be available. If you are ready to try out a new skill, which you might use for personal projects and to assist fellow parishioners, please attend.

St. Benedict Security Ministry

The Porters of St. Joseph are looking for a few more good men to help oversee security during Masses. For more information or to volunteer, contact Greg Bedell at security@stbenedict.org

Pentecost Next Week - Wear RED!

Next week is Pentecost Sunday and we would like to remind everyone to **wear red!** Red is a symbol for the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came down to the early followers of Jesus.



Let's give the Fathers a reason to smile when they look out into the church to see everybody wearing red!

Summer Vacation and Realm

Are you planning your get-aways and vacations for the summer? Consider online giving to St. Benedict through Realm so that your weekly gift can reach us when you cannot. Visit our website at stbenedict.org and click on the "Make a Gift Now" button, and at the Realm page click on "Give Online". Here you can schedule your online giving throughout the summer and more if you wish to. Questions? Contact Maryola at the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 309**.

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**.

Email and Text Alert

Some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest Fr. Manasseh, our deacons or staff are requesting a favor or a gift. These are "**SPAM**" and should be **immediately deleted**. We would never send an email or text for these reasons. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.

Faith Formation and More

Attention all Rising Freshman to Graduating Seniors

Steubenville West Conference
July 17-19th
Tucson, AZ

Steubenville Conference is a life-changing weekend where high school students from all across the country encounter Christ in a real and powerful way. Through dynamic speakers, authentic worship, and the Sacraments, teens are invited to grow deeper in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of the Church. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to be renewed, challenged, and sent out on mission.




Scan to Register

Any Questions please email Erin Fish at efish@stbenedict.org

St Benedict Youth Ministry

SHOE DRIVE

Join Our Shoe Drive and Make a Difference

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
 LABELED BOX IN CHURCH NARTHEX

ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM
MAY 1ST - JULY 1ST

Got gently worn or new sneakers you no longer need? Give them a second life by donating to our Shoe Drive Event!

We accept all Sizes (Childrens and Adult Sizes)
 Only Athletic Shoes/ Sneakers
 Help us reach our goal of 500 pairs

Any Questions:
Contact Erin Fish
efish@stbenedict.org

Catechists Needed - We Want You!

Do you, or someone you know, enjoy working with children or young people? Are you looking for a way to share your faith and continue growing in it, as well?

Whether you have just a few minutes each week or more time to offer, there is a place for you in the St. Benedict Faith Formation Ministries. This includes the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word, Journey of Faith and Teen Sacrament Prep on Tuesdays, and/or the Life Teen program on Sundays.

For Children's Liturgy of the Word and Journey of Faith, please contact Sr. Novie, OP in the parish office at 480.961.1610 ext. 307. For the Life Teen program, please contact Erin Fish at ext. 303.

8th Grade, High School, and College Graduates

JOIN US FOR
Graduation Mass

MAY
 SUN **31** 5 PM

Come to Mass in your Cap and Gown
 Arrive to Mass before
4:45pm

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 16223 S. 48th St.
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Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

"God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to sheep those who love Him along the same lines as the life of his son. He sees the original intended shape, live there in Him." (Romans 8.29)

"From the very beginning, God's plan has been to make you like his Son, Jesus. God announced this intention at creation: "then God said, let us make human beings in our image and likeness." (Genesis 1:26)

What does it mean to be made in God's image? Like God, you are a spiritual being. Your spirit is immortal and will outlast your earthly body. You are intellectual. You can think, reason and solve problems. You are relational. You can give and receive real love. You have a moral consciousness. You can discern right from wrong, which makes you accountable to God.

There is a problem: the image of God in you is incomplete and has been damaged. So God sent Jesus on a mission to restore the full image that you, and anyone else ever born, have lost.

Live like an image bearer today so that when people look at you, they'll think of how much you are like your heavenly Father.

Announcements:

This month we recognize three Knights for their contributions. We honor Michael Greco for his great job as Chairman for our State Raffle. We also honor Paul Spatz and Rich Barlow for an exceptional job they did with this year's Golf Tournament.

Thank you to all Brothers that helped make these events a huge success.

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

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Please consider donating any of the following this week:



- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Dish Soap
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper

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**.

Blood Drive on Sunday

On Sunday, May 17, from 8 am to 1 pm, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive for the parish. The Bloodmobile will be parked in front of St. John Bosco School and walk-ins are welcome.

Sanctity of Life Ministry

The new Sanctity of Life Ministry is meeting this week on **Thursday, May 21** at 6 pm in the Children's Room (Cry Room) in the Church.



For more information, contact Julie at life@stbenedict.org

FORMED

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"
2. Enter "85048" and select St. Benedict
3. Enter your name and email address

Now you're ready to start exploring!

Ministries & More

Gift Shop

Congratulations to Teri Gomez for being the Mother's Day Raffle Basket winner last weekend! Many thanks to everyone who participated!

The gift shop is open on the weekends, before and after Masses, and during the week (by request to the parish office).



Visit the Gift Shop!

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Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection next weekend, **May 23/24**, to support our mortgage payment plan. We kindly invite you to contribute to this effort by giving a little extra each month. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt. Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and are in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help!

FAQ: Why Should I Register at Saint Benedict Catholic Church?

1. A sense of belonging and identity within the parish community.
2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
3. Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you, in good times and in bad.
4. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will have a statement for income tax purposes.
5. Registered, active members are eligible to be sacramental sponsors and Godparents.
6. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.
7. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and register as a member independent of their parents.

How Do I Register?

You can register online at the parish website:

www.stbenedict.org

Registration forms can also be found in the parish Narthex at the back of the church. Submit your completed form to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or the office drop box located outside the office window.

Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DE PASCUA



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Las lecturas de Hechos 1, 12-14; 1 Pedro 4, 13-16 y Juan 17, 1-11 nos sumergen en un momento trascendental de la vida de la Iglesia primitiva: el período comprendido entre la Ascensión de Cristo y la venida del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Estos pasajes están estrechamente relacionados a través de los temas de la oración, la perseverancia en el sufrimiento, la unidad y la participación en la gloria de Cristo.

Traducción realizada con la versión gratuita del traductor DeepL.com. En la primera lectura, tomada de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, los discípulos regresaron a Jerusalén tras haber presenciado la Ascensión de Jesús desde el Monte de los Olivos. Históricamente, se trata de un momento frágil e incierto. Los apóstoles ya no caminan físicamente junto a Jesús. Judas ha traicionado al Señor y ha muerto. Las autoridades romanas siguen mostrándose hostiles, y los líderes judíos que condenaron a Jesús aún conservan su influencia. Sin embargo, en lugar de dispersarse presas del miedo, los discípulos se reúnen en el Cenáculo para orar. Este lugar reviste una gran importancia histórica y espiritual para ellos, pues es el mismo en el que Jesús celebró la Última Cena e instituyó la Eucaristía, y donde lavó los pies de los discípulos y se le apareció tras la Resurrección diciendo: «La paz esté con vosotros». Ahora se ha convertido en la cuna de la Iglesia orante. Los apóstoles estaban «unidos en corazón y en espíritu». Los apóstoles rezaban juntos con las mujeres de Jerusalén, y especialmente con María, la Madre de Jesús. Y esto refleja una de las imágenes bíblicas más claras de María rezando con la Iglesia. Así como el Espíritu Santo la cubrió con su sombra en la Anunciación, en Lucas 1, 26-38, ahora ella espera con los apóstoles la venida del mismo Espíritu sobre la Iglesia. Históricamente, los primeros cristianos comprendieron que la Iglesia no se mantiene gracias al poder político ni a la fuerza militar, sino a la fidelidad en la oración y la comunión. Por eso, estamos llamados a ser un pueblo de Dios unido en la oración y la esperanza.

La segunda lectura, tomada de la Primera Carta de Pedro 4, 13-1, fue escrita para los cristianos que sufrían persecución en el mundo romano. Durante el siglo I, los cristianos eran incomprendidos, marginados y, a menudo, acusados de ser enemigos del imperio por negarse a adorar al emperador. San Pedro animó a los primeros cristianos a no avergonzarse de sufrir por Cristo: «Alégrense en la medida en que participan de los sufrimientos de Cristo». Esta es una concepción claramente cristiana del sufrimiento. En el mundo antiguo, el sufrimiento se consideraba a menudo una maldición o un castigo. Pero el cristianismo transformó esa concepción a través de la Cruz. El propio Jesús sufrió injustamente; por eso, el sufrimiento unido a Él se convierte en redentor. Históricamente, esta enseñanza forjó el valor de los mártires de la Iglesia primitiva, como se ve en San Esteban, el primer mártir que fue lapidado por causa de Cristo, y en San Ignacio de Antioquía, que afrontó con alegría el martirio en Roma. Ellos vivieron el mensaje de Pedro: sufrir por Cristo no es una derrota, sino una participación en su gloria. Esta lectura encaja maravillosamente con los Hechos de los Apóstoles, porque los apóstoles que oraban en el Cenáculo pronto se convertirían en testigos dispuestos a sufrir por el Evangelio después de Pentecostés. La oración los preparó para la misión y el sacrificio.

En el Evangelio de Juan 17, 1-11, encontramos la «Oración sacerdotal» de Jesús durante la Última Cena, justo antes de su Pasión. Históricamente, en la tradición judía, el sumo sacerdote intercedía por el pueblo antes de ofrecer el sacrificio. Jesús se revela ahora como el verdadero Sumo Sacerdote que intercede por sus discípulos antes de ofrecerse a sí mismo en la cruz. Según el pensamiento mundano, la gloria significa éxito, poder y victoria. Pero en el Evangelio de Juan, la gloria de Cristo se revela precisamente a través de su sufrimiento y su crucifixión. La Cruz se convierte en el trono del amor divino. Participamos de la gloria de Cristo al participar de sus sufrimientos. Jesús reza por la unidad de la Iglesia, y esta unidad se hace visible en los Hechos de los Apóstoles cuando los apóstoles se reúnen con un solo corazón y una sola mente. La unidad por la que Jesús rezó se hace realidad en la Iglesia orante que espera Pentecostés.

En la primera lectura, la Iglesia responde con la oración mientras los discípulos permanecen fieles, unidos a María, a la espera del Espíritu Santo. En la segunda lectura, la Iglesia soporta el sufrimiento fortalecida por el Espíritu; los primeros cristianos soportaron con valentía la persecución y dieron testimonio de Cristo; y en el Evangelio, Jesús reza por la Iglesia al encomendar a sus discípulos al Padre. Las lecturas revelan la identidad de la Iglesia: una Iglesia que reza, una Iglesia unida, una Iglesia que sufre y una Iglesia llena del Espíritu.

Las lecturas nos invitan a preguntarnos: ¿Persevero en la oración como los apóstoles? ¿Busco la unidad o la división? ¿Soy capaz de mantenerme fiel cuando la fe se vuelve difícil? ¿Considero el sufrimiento como algo que puede unirme más profundamente a Cristo? La presencia de María en los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos recuerda que la devoción a María siempre nos lleva a una comunión más profunda con Jesús y a una mayor apertura al Espíritu Santo. El mensaje de Pedro nos recuerda que no debemos avergonzarnos de nuestra identidad cristiana en un mundo que puede rechazar los valores del Evangelio. Y la oración de Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan nos asegura que, antes incluso de que le recemos, Él ya ha rezado por nosotros. Que Jesús nos conceda la gracia de estar preparados y de permanecer fieles mientras esperamos la venida del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Oglia, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Jesús nos dice que la vida eterna consiste en conocer a Dios. No se trata de poder ni de logros. No se gana ni se conquista. No es un premio, y desde luego no es una meta. Es una relación, una relación que nos corresponde a nosotros iniciar. ¿Cómo conoceremos a Dios esta semana?

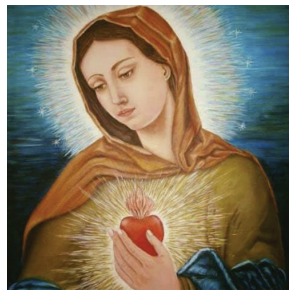
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Campaña de donación de sangre el domingo

El domingo 17 de mayo, de 8:00 a 13:00, los Caballeros de Colón organizan una campaña de donación de sangre para la parroquia. La unidad móvil de donación de sangre estará aparcada frente al colegio St. John Bosco y se aceptan donantes sin cita previa.

Llama de Amor

«Llama de Amor» es un ministerio de oración arraigado en la espiritualidad de la Llama de Amor del Inmaculado Corazón de María. Las reuniones se celebran en pequeños grupos de oración («cenáculos»), donde los participantes rezan el rosario y ofrecen sus intenciones por las familias, la Iglesia y el mundo. Este ministerio invita a todos a profundizar su relación con Cristo a través de la amorosa intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María y a crecer en un espíritu de conversión, unidad y confianza en Dios. El grupo se reúne en la capilla parroquial a las 18:00 h cada dos lunes de cada mes; por favor, consulte el boletín parroquial para conocer las fechas concretas.



San Vicente de Paúl

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La iglesia de St. Benedict realizará una segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana, el 24 de mayo, para ayudar a financiar nuestro plan de pago de la hipoteca. Les invitamos cordialmente a apoyar esta iniciativa aportando una pequeña cantidad adicional cada mes. Cada contribución, grande o pequeña, nos acerca un paso más al pago total de la deuda. Encontrarán sobres para la colecta destinada a la hipoteca en los bancos de la iglesia y en los sobres que reciben por correo.

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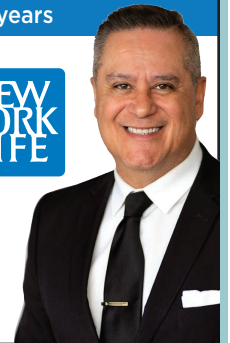
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Last week, at the Friday morning all-school Mass, we enjoyed a bonus blessing of our littlest learners praying with us. If you joined us, you know what a treat it was to the entire congregation!

Under the watchful eyes of their preschool teachers, not only did these 3- and 4-year-olds enchant Mass attendees as they marched up the aisle toting symbols of gifts to the soon-to-be graduates, but they sat incredibly still in their seats with the utmost reverence to miracles taking place on the altar, and thoroughly captivated us with their adorable “Guardian Angel” song to the outgoing 8th-graders! There were more than a few tears of joy shed amongst the congregation during their performance!



It was also a bittersweet moment at the same Mass when we witnessed our eighth-graders consecrating their hearts to Mary, on this, their last school Mass as St. John Bosco School students. It was impossible to miss the stark distinction between the preschoolers and eighth-graders, knowing that less than a

decade ago these tall adolescents were just starting their academic careers as preschoolers themselves. Hearing their thoughtful responses to Fr. Manasseh’s questions and watching their reverence as they huddled with their classmates before the beautiful statue of Blessed Mary was indeed a moment to savor.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

