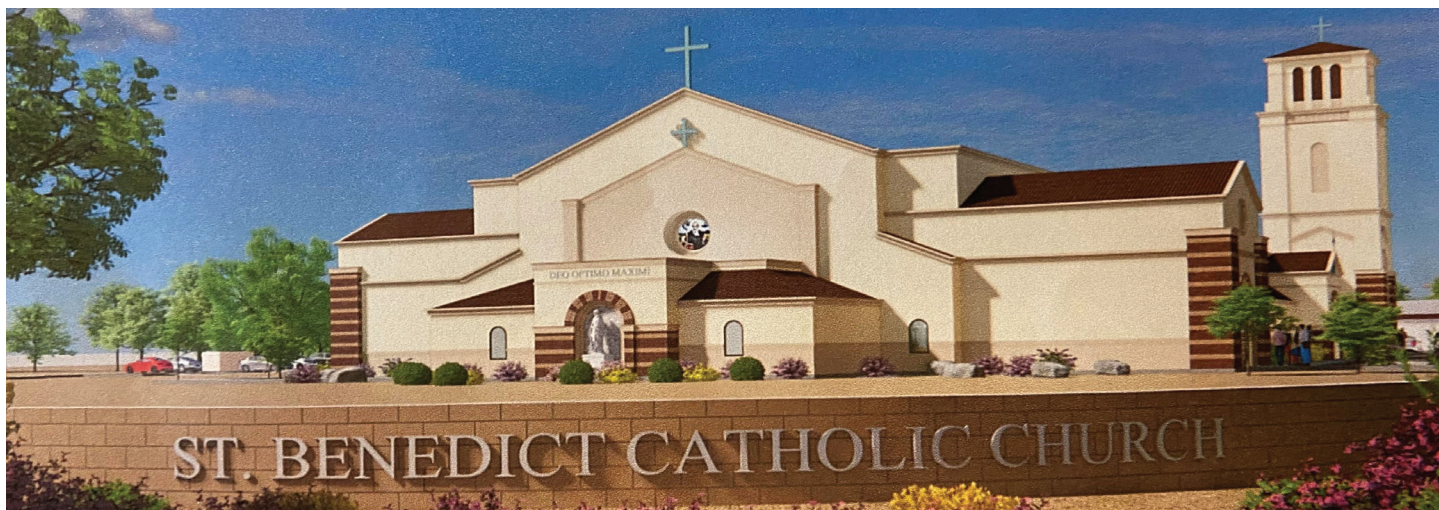




July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ Lord, I love your commands. ”

~ Ps 119

“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 Closed
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm-Spanish, 5 pm
Weekdays Mon-Fri, Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit stbenedict.org/calendar

Monday, 7/27

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 7/28

8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 7/29

8:15 am | Mass
5:30 pm | Legion Mary
7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 7/30

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

Friday, 7/31

Office Closed/Summer
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession
6 pm | BINGO

Saturday, 8/1

8 am | Confession
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 7/26/2026

7 am | Antonio Sanchez †
9 am | Darel Williams †
11 am | Don Sterkowitz †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Ethyl Faye Morrison †

M 7/27 | Mary Zuzich †

Tu 7/28 | Helen Cota †

W 7/29 | Gino Vanguardia †

Th 7/30 | Arturo Corvera †

F 7/31 | Michelle Sanchez †

Sat 8/1 | Christina Loh †

Sunday, 8/2/2026

7 am | Christiana Iorchir †

9 am | Fayette Gore †

11 am | Carol Picco †

1 pm | Parishioners

5 pm | Ariana Ruiz (Ivg)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 7/27 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 7/28 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 7/29 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 (<i>Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>)
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 7/30 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/ 7/31 Mt 13:54-58 (<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>)
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 8/1 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12 (<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>)
Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 8/2 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for
June 2026

Actual: \$ 71,183*

Budget: \$ 77,500

**June Mortgage Support:
\$ 6,076**

* Realm

Online: \$ 41,545

Cash/Check: \$ 29,638

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

Debt Reduction

As of June 30, 2026

Church

Construction

Loan: \$4,500,000

Current Loan

Balance: \$4,056,762

Monthly Mortgage

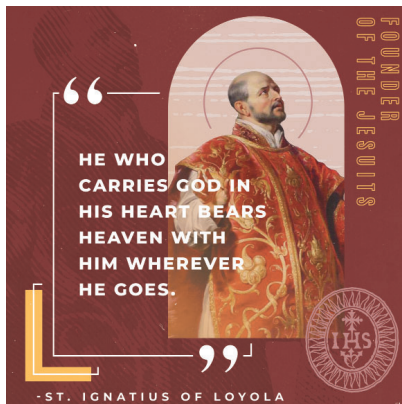
Payment: \$21,682

Fiscal YTD

Principal Paid: \$230,189

Fiscal YTD

Interest Paid: \$176,293



Live the Liturgy

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

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Gospel Reflection

REQUEST IN HUMILITY, FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings today challenge us to think about what we value most in life. Rather than focusing on the obvious themes of wisdom or the Kingdom of God, there are quieter details in each reading that offer us powerful lessons for our daily lives.

In the first reading, we see that true greatness begins with knowing our limitations (1 Kings 3:7) When God invited Solomon to ask for anything, Solomon's first words were not about wisdom but about his weakness: *"I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties."* His humility became the doorway to God's blessings. Humility is like a fruitful tree: the more fruit it bears, the lower its branches bend. In the same way, the wisest and holiest people become more humble, not more proud. Nature teaches us that water always flows to the lowest place, and it is there that life flourishes; likewise, God's grace flows most abundantly into humble hearts. The Church teaches that humility is the foundation of all virtues because it opens us to God, to learning, and to loving others without seeking our own glory. As St. Augustine said, *"If you ask me what is the first virtue of the Christian religion, I will answer: first, humility; second, humility; third, humility."* In a world where everyone wants to appear strong, confident, and successful, Solomon teaches us that God works most powerfully through those who honestly admit their need for Him. Real maturity begins when we stop pretending to have all the answers. Families become stronger, leaders become wiser, and relationships become healthier when people are humble enough to say, *"I need God's help."*

In the second reading, we see God's hidden work shaping the future (Romans 8:28-30) St. Paul tells us that *"all things work together for good for those who love God."* What is often overlooked is that Paul speaks of God's work before we can even see the outcome. Long before success appears, God is quietly preparing hearts, opening doors, and shaping lives.

The Gospel echoes this hidden meaning: The treasure lies buried, and the pearl is discovered only by those who are searching. God's greatest blessings are often hidden beneath ordinary experiences, painful trials, unexpected delays, or quiet acts of faithfulness. What seems like an obstacle today may become tomorrow's greatest blessing. St. Augustine beautifully reminds us: *"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."* Our deepest treasure is not wealth, status, or achievement it is Christ Himself. Everything else finds its true value only when it leads us closer to Him.

This Sunday invites us to ask two simple questions: *Am I humble enough to admit that I need God's wisdom every day? Am I looking only for visible success, or trusting God to work quietly in the hidden moments of my life?* May the Lord give us Solomon's humility, St. Paul's confidence in God's providence, and the courage to give up everything for the treasure that never fades the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More

Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection this weekend, **July 26/27**, 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.

Safe Environment Renewal Time

The Safe Environment Training (SET) year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year; thus, your existing certification has expired. **EVERYONE** who wishes to volunteer in ANY capacity at St. Benedict Church and/or St. John Bosco Catholic School must renew. Simply visit <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> to log in and take the renewal.

If you need assistance with a password, or have never taken the SET, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Debbie Smith, at 480.529.4828 or email her at dsmith@stbenedict.org



In Person BINGO raffle and Bake Sale!

Family fun for everyone!

RSVP (optional) on the Church Website!



- **Friday, July 31, 2026 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the SJB MPR**
- **\$20 for Adults, \$10 for teens, \$5 kids - pizza, bingo cards and water included!**
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For more info email events@stbenedict.org



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Saint John Bosco School



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 Sept 8th

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 - First year Foundational classes
 - Second year Sacrament specific classes
- Weekly classes focused on Scripture, Catholic teaching, prayer, and the Sacraments.



Any Questions Contact Erin Fish at efish@stbenedict.org or call the Parish office

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Praying with you! Praying for you!

Join us for our Parish Rosary on this coming Wednesday, July 29 at 7 pm in the St. Benedict Chapel. We, the Knights of Columbus of St. Benedict Catholic Church, are honored to lead this important monthly event. If you are needing or wanting prayers come join us.

"Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there."
(Matthew 18:20)

Many families have experienced losses and we are praying for them.

As Knights, our sword and shield is the word of God. The Rosary our most powerful weapon.

Vivat Jesus,

Luis Acosta, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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Grief Support Group

St. Benedict Church and Corpus Christi Church are teaming up to present a 7-session support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one. Each session covers elements of grief with opportunities for sharing and receiving support. The concluding topic is "Coping with Grief During the Holidays." Sessions will meet at Corpus Christi Church on Thursdays from 9:30am to 11am with the first session being on **September 3**. The group is limited to 12 participants and sign ups are now being taken. Don't delay, use the QR code to sign up today or go to corpuschristiphx.org and look for the banner.



Cub Scout Pack 77 Invite

Cub Scout Pack 77, sponsored by St. Benedict Church, is back for its second year! Boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join. Kick-off events begin the week of August 10. For more information, email the Pack Committee Chair, Alyssa Bolger ASAP, at alyssa.blasco@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel this week, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. We are grateful to our parish community for their continued support of our SVdP ministry. Thank you, and thank you for your donations of the following:

- Taco Kits
- Salsa
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Meal Kits
- Canned Meals
- Canned Chicken

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**.

Online R.E. Registration Open

We can't wait to welcome your children and teens to Faith Formation for 2026-2027. Online registration for Journey of Faith, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Liturgy of the Word With Children and LifeTeen has begun on the parish website at www.stbenedict.org

Water Drive Ongoing

The temperatures remain high here in the Valley of the Sun, so please continue to donate cases of refreshing water to the parish lobby.



Each week the SVdP Water Truck stops by and picks up all the donations and distributes them to the homeless on the streets and to the St. Vincent de Paul dining halls. Please bring your much-appreciated donations of water to the parish lobby before Mass or anytime during office hours throughout the summer. Thank you for your help!

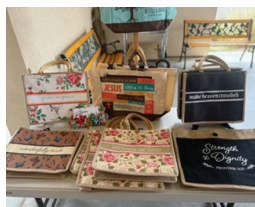
St. Benedict Security Ministry

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

Ministries & More

Gift Shop

Remember to stop by the gift shop under the bell tower to see what is new! Come and see the large selection of beautiful woven canvas totes.



We are always looking for volunteers to help out after Masses. To find out more, please contact Lisa at giftshop@stbenedict.org.



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Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On June 24, a series of powerful earthquakes devastated communities across Venezuela. Families lost their homes overnight, and access to food, clean water, and medical care remains critical for thousands.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working hand-in-hand with Caritas Venezuela—one of Venezuela's largest and most trusted humanitarian organizations—delivering emergency shelter, safe water, food, and medical assistance to those hit hardest.

The USCCB has asked parishes nationwide to respond, through prayer and through giving, via the Venezuela Emergency Relief Fund.

This isn't a distant headline. It's a home to rebuild for the families in Venezuela—and a deep heartache felt by our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here, far from those they love. Let's stand together in solidarity with the families here and in Venezuela trying to recover from the tragedy and working to rebuild their lives.

How you can help:

- **Pray** — especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Venezuela's patroness
- **Give** — through CRS's online giving portal at: <https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake?ms=agicrs0226veq00but00> or by scanning the QR code ----->
- **Share** — let others in our community know their support matters



Every gift, no matter the size, helps a family rebuild.



Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

PIDE CON HUMILDAD LO QUE MÁS IMPORTA



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a reflexionar sobre lo que más valoramos en la vida. En lugar de centrarnos en los temas más evidentes, como la sabiduría o el Reino de Dios, hay detalles más sutiles en cada lectura que nos ofrecen importantes lecciones para nuestra vida cotidiana.

En la primera lectura, vemos que la verdadera grandeza comienza por reconocer nuestras limitaciones (1 Reyes 3, 7). Cuando Dios invitó a Salomón a pedir lo que quisiera, las primeras palabras de Salomón no se refirieron a la sabiduría, sino a su debilidad: «No soy más que un niño y no sé cómo cumplir con mis obligaciones». Su humildad se convirtió en la puerta de entrada a las bendiciones de Dios. La humildad es como un árbol fructífero: cuanto más fruto da, más se inclinan sus ramas. Del mismo modo, las personas más sabias y santas se vuelven más humildes, no más orgullosas. La naturaleza nos enseña que el agua siempre fluye hacia el lugar más bajo, y es allí donde florece la vida; del mismo modo, la gracia de Dios fluye con mayor abundancia hacia los corazones humildes. La Iglesia enseña que la humildad es el fundamento de todas las virtudes, porque nos abre a Dios, al aprendizaje y a amar a los demás sin buscar nuestra propia gloria. Como dijo san Agustín: «Si me preguntas cuál es la primera virtud de la religión cristiana, te responderé: primero, la humildad; segundo, la humildad; tercero, la humildad». En un mundo en el que todo el mundo quiere parecer fuerte, seguro de sí mismo y exitoso, Salomón nos enseña que Dios actúa con mayor fuerza a través de aquellos que admiten con sinceridad que le necesitan. La verdadera madurez comienza cuando dejamos de fingir que tenemos todas las respuestas. Las familias se fortalecen, los líderes se vuelven más sabios y las relaciones se vuelven más sanas cuando las personas son lo suficientemente humildes como para decir: «Necesito la ayuda de Dios».

En la segunda lectura, vemos la obra oculta de Dios dando forma al futuro (Romanos 8, 28-30). San Pablo nos dice que «todas las cosas cooperan para el bien de quienes aman a Dios». Lo que a menudo se pasa por alto es que Pablo habla de la obra de Dios antes incluso de que podamos ver el resultado. Mucho antes de que se manifieste el éxito, Dios está preparando en silencio los corazones, abriendo puertas y dando forma a las vidas.

El Evangelio se hace eco de este significado oculto: el tesoro yace enterrado, y la perla solo la descubren quienes la buscan. Las mayores bendiciones de Dios suelen estar ocultas bajo experiencias cotidianas, pruebas dolorosas, retrasos inesperados o actos silenciosos de fidelidad. Lo que hoy parece un obstáculo puede convertirse mañana en la mayor bendición. San Agustín nos lo recuerda de forma maravillosa: «Nos has creado para ti, Señor, y nuestro corazón está inquieto hasta que descansa en ti». Nuestro tesoro máspreciado no es la riqueza, el estatus ni los logros, sino Cristo mismo. Todo lo demás solo encuentra su verdadero valor cuando nos acerca más a Él.

Este domingo nos invita a plantearnos dos preguntas sencillas: ¿Soy lo suficientemente humilde como para admitir que necesito la sabiduría de Dios cada día? ¿Busco únicamente el éxito visible, o confío en que Dios obra discretamente en los momentos ocultos de mi vida? Que el Señor nos conceda la humildad de Salomón, la confianza de san Pablo en la providencia de Dios y el valor para renunciar a todo por el tesoro que nunca se desvanece: el Reino de Dios. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Cristo compara el Reino de los Cielos con un tesoro enterrado: el hallazgo de toda una vida, por el que uno estaría dispuesto a arriesgarlo todo para conservarlo. ¿Estamos haciendo todo lo posible por aferrarnos a este tesoro que hemos tenido la suerte de descubrir? ¿Qué valor tiene para nosotros el Cielo?

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Ayuda humanitaria tras el terremoto de Venezuela

El 24 de junio, una serie de fuertes terremotos devastó varias comunidades de toda Venezuela. Las familias perdieron sus hogares de la noche a la mañana, y el acceso a alimentos, agua potable y atención médica sigue siendo crucial para miles de personas.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) colabora estrechamente con Cáritas Venezuela —una de las organizaciones humanitarias más grandes y de mayor prestigio de Venezuela— para proporcionar refugio de emergencia, agua potable, alimentos y asistencia médica a las personas más afectadas.

La USCCB ha pedido a las parroquias de todo el país que respondan, mediante la oración y las donaciones, a través del Fondo de Ayuda de Emergencia para Venezuela.

No se trata de un titular lejano. Es un hogar que hay que reconstruir para las familias de Venezuela, y un profundo dolor que sienten nuestros hermanos y hermanas venezolanos aquí, lejos de sus seres queridos. Unámonos en solidaridad con las familias de aquí y de Venezuela que intentan recuperarse de la tragedia y trabajan para reconstruir sus vidas.

Cómo puedes ayudar:

- **Reza** — especialmente por intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, patrona de Venezuela
- **Dar** — a través del portal de donaciones en línea de CRS en: <https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake?ms=agicrs0226veq00but00> o escaneando el código QR -----> 
- **Compartir** — Hagamos saber a los demás miembros de nuestra comunidad que su apoyo es importante.

Cada donación ayuda a una familia a rehacer su vida.

San Vicente de Paúl



En el Evangelio de este fin de semana, vemos que lo que exige la vida cristiana cotidiana es dedicar nuestra vida, ante todo, a la búsqueda del Reino de Dios. Agradecemos a nuestra comunidad parroquial su apoyo constante a nuestro ministerio de la SVdP. Gracias, y gracias también por vuestras donaciones de lo siguiente:

- Kits de tacos
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- Pollo en conserva

Si usted se encuentra en necesidad de asistencia o información de San Vicente de Paúl, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

¡Noche de BINGO!

La noche de BINGO tendrá lugar el viernes 31 de julio, de 18:00 a 20:00, en la sala polivalente de St. John Bosco. ¡Acompáñanos en una divertida velada para todas las edades! Habrá pizza, repostería, mucho BINGO y más de 100 premios.

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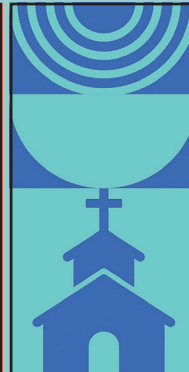
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

This week marks the official return of our St. John Bosco faculty. The energy is already building as they prepare with excitement for the new school year. While the office staff has been here all summer keeping things running smoothly and preparing for the new school year, the campus is now filled with teachers bustling in and out of classrooms, setting up fresh materials, colorful bulletin boards, and engaging learning aids to welcome our students.

We are truly blessed at St. John Bosco to have such talented and dedicated teachers. They are the best of the best — highly educated, rich in experience, deeply rooted in faith, and wholeheartedly devoted to the growth and well-being of every child.

If you're still looking for an outstanding Catholic school for your child, we invite you to schedule a private tour of our beautiful campus. Although we have waiting lists for some grade levels, a few openings remain in others.

Please give us a call — we would love to show you around and share what makes SJB so special!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

