

St. Benedict Catholic Church

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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“ The Lord blesses the humble
and gives them the heavenly kingdom. ”**

~ Psalm 146



Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our love and service.

Parish Vision Statement

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments,
- prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- service with and for one another and the greater community.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 1/30
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/31
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 2/1
8:15 am | Mass
3:30 pm | Jubilation
Children's Choir
5:30 pm | SJB Open House

Thursday, 2/2
8:15 am | Mass
9 am | SJB Open House
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 2/3
8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confessions
7 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 2/4
8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Women's Spirituality
5 pm | Mass
6 pm | Bosco Gala

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends and 8:15am Fridays at SJB MPR:
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, St. Benedict Chapel

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/29/2023

7 am Alberto Aguilar (lvg)	F 2/3, 8:15 Mary Curtin †
9 am Fred Montez †	11 am Fr. Bob Binta †
11 am William Smith †	Sat 2/4 Parishioners
5 pm Irene Macko †	

Sunday, 2/5/2023

M 1/30 Hector Ruiz (lvg)	7 am Sonia Aguilar (lvg)
Tu 1/31 Leonora Mattio †	9 am Randy Beauchamp †
W 2/1 Anna Scerba †	11 am Lynne Hutting (lvg)
Th 2/2 Angelica Aguilar (lvg)	5 pm Phyllis Keller †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; 1/30 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 1/31 30-32; Mk 5:21-43 <i>(St. John Bosco)</i>
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 2/1 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; 2/2 Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 <i>(The Presentation of the Lord)</i>
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; 2/3 Mk 6:14-29 <i>(St. Blaise)</i>
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; 2/4 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 2/5 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
Jan 30-Feb 5, 2023*

Monday	8:15 am - Fr. James
Tuesday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Wednesday	8:15 am - Fr. James
Thursday	8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
Friday	8:15 am - Fr. James
Saturday	5 pm - Fr. Manasseh
Sunday	7 am - Fr. Manasseh 9 am - Fr. James 11 am - Fr. James 5 pm - Fr. Manasseh

*Please note: this schedule is subject to change without notice.

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for
Dec 2022

(Plate & Christmas)

Actual: \$ 92,718*

Budget: \$ 86,230

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 56,416

Cash/Check: \$ 36,302

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year
July 1, '22 to June 30, '23)

Construction Project

December 2022 (Month End)

TOTAL COST	\$8,400,000
Total Expenses Paid To Date	<u>\$3,423,564</u>
Remaining Balance of Cost	\$4,976,436
 TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	
(Cash on Hand & Line of Credit)	<u>\$4,208,470</u>
 Additional Funds Need to Raise	\$767,965

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In February, Adoration is on **Friday, February 3** between the hours of **9 am** and **7 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel. All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord.



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

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Youth Ministry - Open

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610.

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Many of us have encountered politicians who try to convince us to vote them into public office by explaining to us what is wrong with the system, what they believe, and how they intend to make our lives better. Some of us have also identified with certain political parties or ideologies because of the manifestos that define and moderate their political worldview. We may also have been lured into relationships with businesses and corporations who got us through compelling advertisements of their mission statements that assured us of their position as our best option.

Jesus came to establish the Reign of God on earth and to reconcile humanity to God. The Gospel passage this weekend presents Jesus laying down His "manifesto," the mission statement, the ordinary but necessary precepts that would be required for membership of this novel kingdom of God He came to establish. St. Matthew situated the Beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount which can be found between the fifth and seventh chapters of his Gospel. In Matthew's account of Jesus' beatific declarations, the new lawgiver goes up on the mountain to teach the people who are gathered around Him. This is reminiscent of Moses' ascension of Mount Sinai from where he brought the decalogue that guided God's relationship with the people of Israel in the Old Covenant. Christ the New Lawgiver ascends the mountain from where He declared the Beatitudes that would regulate the New Dispensation. As we examine the similarity between Moses and Jesus, we immediately observe few but very important differences. While the Law that Moses midwifed was inscribed on stones, and Moses could not claim to be its author, Jesus' Beatitudes emanated from the Divine Redeemer's own authority and were inscribed on the hearts of His listeners through His preaching. In addition, whereas Mosaic Law employed the negative and prohibitory admonition, "thou shall not" to direct compliance, Jesus' Beatitudes are a positive yet, essential admonition aimed at inspiring virtuous living.

Although all the Beatitudes speak to our need of God's blessedness and inspire us to virtue, the eighth Beatitude, which declares the state of blessedness on those persecuted for the sake of righteousness, invites us to a deep reflection on the palpable persecution of the righteous even in our time and sometimes in communities in which we live. The righteous is usually persecuted for being a painful reminder to others of their ungodliness, wrong choices, and sometimes an impediment to the vicious fulfilling of their evil desires because he would not cooperate with them. This is why pro-lifers, religious freedom crusaders, equal rights activists and social justice preachers have to face hyperbolic venom through slander, "cancel culture," threats and even actual death orchestrated by the other sides. This is also why Catholics in some communities, and Christians in many Muslim and communist countries, continue to experience unspeakable persecutions while the world acts like all is well. To all who are persecuted in whatever form for bearing witness to truth and justice, persecution comes with a blessing. It is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.

May we aspire to the blessedness of the Kingdom of God by firmly situating ourselves within the virtues promoted by Christ as the ordinary, but necessary requirements for citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

End of Year Contribution Statements

We are so grateful for the support we receive each week from our parishioners. It is your gifts that sustain the parish, allowing us to continue being the warm, inviting community that we are.

It's that time of year when you may request a copy of your financial contributions for tax purposes. Simply complete the form on our website at stbenedict.org, then clicking on the "Request Contribution Statement" on the home page. Beginning the week of **January 30** we will be fulfilling these requests.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane at the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 304**.

Stained-Glass Window Update

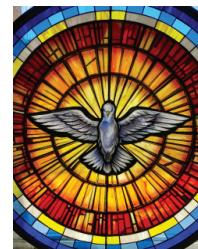
Work has begun on the creation of our stained-glass windows. Please contact Maryola in the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 309** or mfabilena@stbenedict.org if you are interested in sponsoring a window.

Current stained-glass windows completed:

* St. Benedict



* Holy Spirit



Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

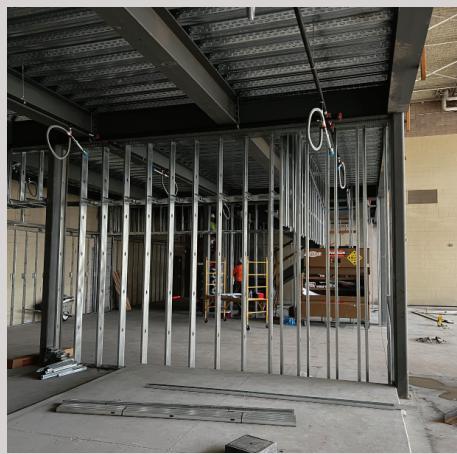
A new storage container has been ordered and delivered. This container will be utilized to store the office furniture. This will allow the offices to be updated with new flooring, ceiling and lighting. The existing restroom will also be updated to match the new northside restrooms. The offices were cleared out last week, and work began on Jan 27.

The old duct work has been removed. Saw cutting for the new duct work began on Jan 27. The arched stained-glass window openings will also be cut during this process. The electrician will fix the north parking lot lights next week. He will also trench for the power to the two new monument stub walls. The framing for the 3rd floor of the bell tower will be completed next week allowing for the decking and the ladders to be installed.

We are still on schedule for a third-quarter completion.

Photos for this week:

- All of the large beams have been installed,
- The future cry room metal studs have been installed,
- Getting ready to install the roof above the transepts and Sanctuary.



Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Saturday, January 28

First Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday, January 29

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
EPIC

Tuesday, January 31

JAM

Journey of Faith

Sunday, February 5

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
EPIC

Tuesday, February 7

JAM

Journey of Faith



"STELLAR" Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for **June 12-June 16** when we will have a BLAST together! That is when we will have a week of faith, fun and new friends at the "Stellar" Vacation Bible School! All children currently in Kindergarten - 5th grade are welcome and dozens of volunteers are needed. Stay on the lookout for more details coming this Spring.

It's going to be Out of this World!



First Reconciliation News

St. Benedict is excited to welcome the 44 children who have been preparing for sacraments to make their First Reconciliation, along with their families, on **Saturday morning, February 11**.

Parents, watch your email for your child's arrival time.

Charity and Development Appeal

Next weekend the annual Charity and Development Appeal begins, serving thousands of individuals and families in the Diocese of Phoenix. Will you be the hands and feet of Jesus in their lives through a gift to the CDA? www.give.dphx.org

Blessing of the Throats

This Friday is the Feast 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 **Friday, February 3** at the 8:15 am Mass in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room.



RSVP for the Parish Picnic!

IT'S FREE!

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

**Sunday, February 19, 2023 12:30 - 3:00 at Desert Breeze Park
660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd East, Chandler, AZ 85226
Chandler, AZ 85226 (South side of Park)**

RSVP on the Parish Website: www.stbenedict.org

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you." Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Announcements:

We had 46 successful donations during the recent Blood Drive on Sunday, January 22, and want to thank everyone who donated blood.

We also want to thank all parishioners and Brother Knights who attended the monthly Parish Rosary on Wednesday, January 25.

Activities:

Officer's Meeting - **Thursday, Feb 2**, St. Benedict Conference Room.

Street Clean Up - **Saturday, Feb 4**, 8 am. Meet at Kyrene del Milenio parking lot, 4630 E. Frye Rd.

State Raffle - Ticket sales begins **Saturday, Feb 4** after each Mass and ongoing every other week.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and "GKWP".

Vivat Jesus,
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St. Vincent de Paul

We pray for God's continued blessings as we serve those in need. Please consider donating the following so we may help our neighbors. Thank you!



- Cereal
- Refried Beans
- Green Chilies
- Progresso Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce (jar)
- Applesauce (jar)

Please consider donating via Realm or the Poor Box to allow us to continue helping those in need. If you need to contact us, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

Gospel of Life Appeal



Please be generous to the Gospel of Life Appeal that helps the Diocese of Phoenix promote the right-to-life of all people from conception to natural death. Thank you for your tax-deductible gift.

New Parishioners

- Greg Bedell
- Cynthia Jarrad
- Christina Lefua
- Kristine Mantohac
- Fabio Pinzon
- Luke Scott



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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Catholic Schools Week is finally here and we can hardly contain our excitement! We have an entire week of events planned celebrating the many benefits of an authentic Catholic education. In fact, you may have noticed some children wearing their school uniform at Mass this weekend to show their Catholic school pride. We instill in them the investment their parents make to enroll them in a Catholic school, although now, with Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, **EVERYONE** can afford a Catholic Education! Indeed, we have recently welcomed many wonderful new families to SJB, and we invite you also to check out ESA. Visit <https://www.azed.gov/esa> and visit us at our Open House Wednesday evening or Thursday morning! (See details below)



Immediately following Catholic Schools Week is one of St. John Bosco's most dazzling events and YOU are cordially invited! The Annual Bosco Gala, "Cheers to 21 years of Celebrating Academic Excellence, Faith, and Service" will be held on **Saturday, February 4** at the Four Points by Sheraton (Elliot & 48th St.) The Gala is the school's largest fundraiser and a fun social evening for adults in our community. The event features a casino with raffle prizes, dinner, and live/silent auctions offering unique items & experiences. Plan to attend this fun event and support our beloved St. John Bosco students, teachers, staff, and community!

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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