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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“ *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.* ”

~ Psalm 23

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, 3/20 8:15 am Mass	Tuesday, 3/21 8:15 am Mass 6:15 pm Prayer Sessions	Wednesday, 3/22 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Finance Council
Thursday, 3/23 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Choir Practice	Friday, 3/24 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confessions 6 pm Stations (SJB)	Saturday, 3/25 8:30 am Confessions 5 pm Mass



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, 3/19/2023

7 am | Parishioners
9 am | William Smith †
11 am | Hans Olsson †
5 pm | Jack Mellert †

F 3/24 | Special Intention
Sat 3/25 | Christina Loh †

Sunday, 3/26/2023

M 3/20 | Paolo Aguilar (lvg)
Tu 3/21 | Tom McGonigle †
W 3/22 | Donna Branson †
Th 3/23 | Christina Loh †

7 am | Curt Major †
9 am | Parishioners
11 am | Apolinar & Lucia Samin †
5 pm | Kevin Day †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 3/20 (St. Joseph)	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Tuesday: 3/21	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: 3/22	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd- 14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-3
Thursday: 3/23	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 3/24	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: 3/25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a,8b- 9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 (The Annunciation of the Lord)
Sunday: 3/26	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

Feb 2023

(Plate)

Actual: \$ 72,986*

Budget: \$ 71,230

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 46,314

Cash/Check: \$ 26,672

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

Construction Project

February 2023

(Month End)

TOTAL COST: \$8,400,000

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$3,736,529

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$4,663,471

TOTAL AMOUNT

AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$4,026,325

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$637,146



Soon we will be having a restaurant fundraiser with Nello's of Ahwatukee! Join us on **Sunday, March 26**, for dine in or take out and, by saying you are supporting St. Benedict Church, 15% of your food and drink purchase will be donated to the St. Benedict Building Fund. Nello's is located at 4710 E. Warner Rd. (NW corner of Warner and 48th St.) and their number for take out is **480.893.8930**.

St. Benedict Church Charity & Development Appeal Totals March 14, 2023

Number of Donors: 165

Amount Donated: \$88,414

Donations Goal: \$85,000

Parish Staff

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC Ext. 302
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Youth Ministry - Open

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610.

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD.”

Beginning last weekend, using the Gospel of St. John and forming a trifacta of liturgical weekends, the Church introduced us to the mysteries of the Sacraments. This is to increase the understanding of the Catechumens about the mysteries they are about to receive, and to the Baptized, a renewal and recommitment to the fruits of the Sacraments. The Readings last weekend exposed the mysteries of sanctifying Grace which Christ bestows on all believers through the Sacraments in order to graciously grant them eternal life. This weekend, the Readings are themed around anointing and light.

In the First Reading, God directs Samuel to anoint David as King over Israel in order to replace Saul who was lost to disobedience. As soon as David is anointed in the presence of witnesses, Scripture testifies that the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him and remained with him from that day onward.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus meets a man who was born blind and decided to change his life by granting him sight. After anointing his eyes with clay on which Jesus spat, Jesus asked him to “*go and wash in the pool of Siloam.*” By using clay (which indicates a connection with the original material with which Adam was made) and directing him to “*go and wash...*”, Jesus recreated this man, moving him from darkness to light, and revealed the true effect of the Sacrament of Baptism which effectively washes away from us Original Sin. This man, now enlightened, pulls off a spirited defense of the person and mission of Christ, thereby practically demonstrating the ontological change that happens when one is recreated by the power of the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism. The Holy Spirit grants, among other gifts, courage to witness to the truth with conviction.

A significant part of the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the dual-anointing of the candidate. One anointing is effected on the chest of the Catechumen before the actual “*washing away of original sin*” by water. During this initial anointing, the minister declares to the one being anointed, “*we anoint you with the Oil of Salvation in the name of Christ, our Savior, may He strengthen you with His power...*”. The second anointing takes place after the actual Baptism is completed and it is effected by the anointing of the Baptized with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead, conferring on them the triple privileges of Priest (the common priesthood of the Baptized), Prophet and King. With these anointings, the Christian, like David in the First Reading, is empowered with the Holy Spirit and, like the blind man who was healed, receives spiritual enlightenment and is no longer in darkness. Thus, the newly enlightened is encouraged by St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (the Second Reading), “*...to live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth.*” This is essentially what our Catechumens will embrace at their Baptism, and what each of us is invited to recommit to at Easter. We are, with the newly Baptized, exhorted to take no part in the fruitless works of darkness, but rather expose them and learn to do what is pleasing to God. If we have received enlightenment (Baptism) but have blurred our vision with lukewarmness and sin, St. Paul strongly encourages us to “*awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead.*”

May the Light, which our Catechumens receive during Easter, never be conquered by the darkness of this world, and may Jesus keep the flame of faith ever alive in the hearts of all Christians.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

Stations of the Cross

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross gatherings outside in the St. John Bosco School courtyard. Each **Friday** at 6 pm during Lent a ministry or group will lead us through the Stations. Afterwards we are having a Fish Dinner for \$10 per person, including fish, fries, coleslaw, cornbread and water.

March 24

St. John Bosco School

March 31

Altar Servers

Staff Lenten Service Outing

On **Wednesday, March 22**, the parish office will be closing from 10:30 am to 1 pm. During this time, the Staff will be participating in a service outing at the Kyrene Family Resource Center sorting items and preparing the space for children and families in need within our local community.

Each year the KFRC provides hundreds of families with food, gently-used clothing and shoes for school, hygiene supplies, school supplies and connections to outside agencies and employment resources.

Enter Raffle to Win a Basket or Fr. James' Bicycle!

The Events Committee is sponsoring a Raffle with the chance to win 1 of 5 items! We will have a "Glamping Basket," a "Gift Card Tree Basket," a "T-shirt Basket," and a "DIY Basket," and Fr. James' bicycle! Raffle ticket sales begin next weekend and are 5 for \$20, or \$5 each. The drawing will take place on Easter Sunday at the 8 am Mass. Email Lani at events@stbenedict.org with any questions and good luck!

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

Framing and the A/C duct work continues to progress. Decking has begun to be installed, starting with the bell tower then proceeding to the southside of the building. The team will continue to work around the building. A ladder, which is the only access to the upper roof, has been installed. The power to the 2 future monument signs have been installed, one by the south entry drive and one by the north entry drive.

This week's photos:

1. One of the future exterior gathering areas.
2. The north wall cutouts for stained glass. The cutouts are rectangular that will have arched aluminum framing.
3. The Chapel wall cutouts for stained glass.



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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 21

*JAM
Journey of Faith*

Sunday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 28

*JAM
Journey of Faith*

New Children's Mass

Join us for the next Children's Mass on **Sunday, March 25** at 9 am. Not only will we be led in song by our wonderful Children's Choir, but children will also serve in the other liturgical roles as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Altar Servers.

These new monthly Children's Masses are a great way for young people to become more involved with our parish community and more engaged with the sacredness of Mass.

If your child would like be trained as a liturgical minister, please contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend is the Catholic Relief Services Collection which supports six Catholic agencies that touch nearly 121 million of the world's poorest people each year. With your help, CRS offers innovative solutions to tough problems like poverty, hunger, drought, disease and emergencies. Thank you for your contribution.

Divine Mercy Novena Invitation

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. To prepare for this, we have a 9-day Novena beginning at 11 am on Good Friday, April 7. *"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death"* (St. Faustina Diary, 1209).

In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion each afternoon at the three-o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross. In addition, there are Extraordinary Graces promised by Jesus, and a Plenary Indulgence decreed by St. Pope John Paul II. In her *Diary*, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus (699), and in three places she records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces (1109).

Please join the Divine Mercy Prayer group on **Good Friday, April 7**, at 11 am in the St. Benedict Chapel for the first day of the Novena. Each day afterwards the Novena will be said at 3 pm in the St. Benedict Chapel, up to and including Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16.

"Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!"

For more information, please contact Letty at tish@alcasid.com



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus. Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

Announcements:

Thank you to the Brother Knights and family members who helped in the Adopt-A-Street clean up on March 18.

Activities:

Stations of the Cross - Friday, March 24, 6 pm at the SJB courtyard.

Window Selection Survey - Knights, Remember to vote on your favorite window.

Safe Environment Training - Sunday, March 26. All members of the Knights of Columbus must comply.

Pray the Rosary - Wednesday, March 29 beginning at 7 pm in the St. Benedict Chapel.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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St. Vincent de Paul

We pray for God's continued blessings as we serve those in need. The pantry is in need of the following:



- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Pancake Mix
- Applesauce
- Syrup for Pancakes
- Toothpaste

In February, we helped 49 families with 98 bags of groceries, \$715 in grocery cards for meat, and \$3,533 in financial assistance thanks to your generous donations. If you would like to help us further, consider donating via Realm or the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

If you are in need assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

New Parishioners

- TraLorena Conde
- Jennifer Lowry
- Tanya Martinez



Catholic Singles Society

The Catholic Singles Society at Holy Spirit Parish (1800 E. Libra Dr., Tempe) is having a Hors d' Oeuvres Walk on **Saturday, March 25** at 7 pm for \$15 cash per person. Basically, you walk around to small tables, answer questions about the Catholic faith, then enjoy the Hors d' Oeuvres at that table. After the event enjoy a guitar solo on the patio with your new friends. Save the date for this fun, educational, and delicious evening with other single Catholics of all ages!

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