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January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



“
**All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!**”
~ Isaiah 55:1

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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 & 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays: M - F 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 3:30-4:30 pm, in Church

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 1/11
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/12
8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 1/13
8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 1/14
8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Knights of
Columbus

Friday, 1/15
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Reconciliation

Saturday, 1/16
3:30 pm | Reconciliation
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/10/2021

9 am | Paul Joseph Cerutti †

11 am | Pete Sterkowitz †

5 pm | People of the Parish

M 1/11 | Ronald N. Monroe (living)

Tu 1/12 | Ronald N. Monroe (living)

W 1/13 | Stella Rummel †

Th 1/14 | Ronald N. Monroe (living)

F 1/15 | Ronald N. Monroe (living)

Sat 1/16 | Bil Graham †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

For This Week

- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
1/11 Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
1/12 Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
1/13 Mk 1:29-39
(St. Hilary)
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;
1/14 Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc,
1/15 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1/16 Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1/17 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Presider Schedule*

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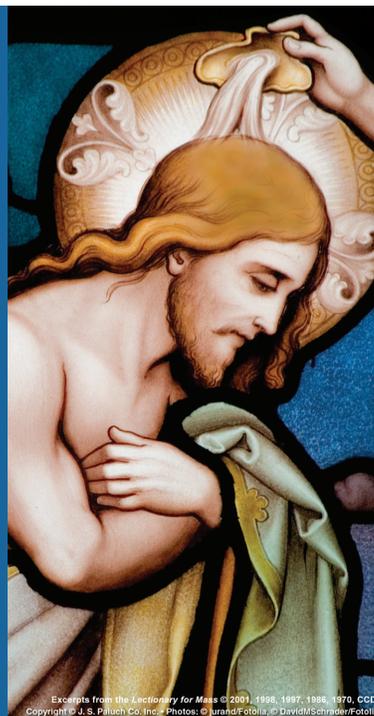
Jan 11 - Jan 17, 2021

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

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

A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11



January
10
2021

THE
BAPTISM
OF
THE
LORD

A Reflection by Fr. James

End of Christmas Season

The Christmas Season ends today with this celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We can now put away all Christmas decorations. We will begin the 1st week in Ordinary Time, Year "B" tomorrow, January 11th. Ordinary Time lasts from this week until Ash Wednesday on February 17th. I thank everyone for their participation in the Christmastide this year. My special thanks to the Art and Environment ministers and the Liturgy Ministry leaders for their effective planning for the Christmas and New Year Liturgies. I also thank those who sent donations for the poinsettias and other gifts to the parish and staff during this time.

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist marks the beginning of His ministry; it was a major turning point in Jesus's life, especially since we know very little of his life between the ages of 12 and 30. As we heard in the Gospel today, right after his Baptism, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of the Lord descended upon him in the form of a dove. The voice of the Father was heard, "This is my beloved son, listen to him." God's voice is heard at the baptism of each one of us reminding us that we are his beloved sons and daughters.

As followers of Jesus, Baptism is our spiritual birthday. It is unfortunate that many Catholics do not take their baptism seriously. While it is nearly impossible for any adult Catholic to not know their date of birth or celebrate their birthdays, in contrast, most Catholics do not remember their date of baptism and sometimes not even the year or the place where they were baptized. Just as our biological birthday makes us members of the human race, our baptism makes us members of God's family: "The Church." Baptism also makes it possible for us to become citizens of Heaven.

At this time last year, life was quite normal around the world; no one ever imagined that we could be where we are right now. As we begin Ordinary Time this weekend, let us renew our hope and trust in God. Let us entrust all our plans to God that he will see us through to the end of this year.

Thank you and remain blessed,

Fr. James

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Current Events & More

End of Year Contribution Statements

The parish is 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. If you would like to request a copy of your financial contributions for tax purposes, simply complete the form on our website, located by clicking on the “*Contribution Statement*” on the home page. (Please note, anyone who has made a single donation of \$250 or more will automatically receive a contribution statement in the mail.)

Beginning the week of **January 25** we will be fulfilling these requests. While we would love to have statements ready earlier than **January 25**, this would not allow enough time to ensure that all financial gifts be properly recorded in our system.

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

Verse to Remember

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.”

~ Isaiah 55:6

Have you ever lost your phone, wallet, or car keys and scrambled to find whatever was lost? For those brief moments while searching, our hearts race and we look every single place we might have left that precious item. At that time, nothing else matters except finding what was lost.

Now ask yourself, “*Do I have this same intensity and fervor when seeking the Lord?*” Too often we put our relationship with God on the back burner and don’t seek His presence in our daily life. Let us all take some time this week seeking out God’s presence as if He was the most important thing to us.

Urgent Appeal for A Kidney

Your local Knights of Columbus Council has a special urgent request of all brother knights and parishioners in our caring parish.



Fr. Bitrus Maigamo is a highly-regarded Catholic priest from Nigeria who has studied for years in Rome. He has recently been assisting the Diocese of Phoenix in several capacities, including working with priests in parish ministries. Fr. Bitrus is currently assigned to St. Paul’s Parish in Phoenix. At this very moment, Father is a candidate for an immediate kidney transplant at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale and has been receiving dialysis treatment during the last seven months.

Fr. Bitrus has now reached a level of high risk on the transplant list at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. He has been advised by the Clinic that his kidney must be replaced soon. Your Council is requesting your personal assistance in securing a kidney for Fr. Maigamo. Please consider what the gift of a kidney would have for Father and our Catholic Church, both in the United States and in Africa. If Fr. Bitrus can recover from this disease through a kidney transplant, he can return to Africa to counsel and teach new seminarians, a position for which he has been selected by numerous Bishops in Africa. All priests are special, and Fr. Bitrus is certainly no exception.

If for one reason or another you cannot provide one of your kidneys to Fr. Maigamo, please pray for him and those working on his behalf. Many prayers are needed. Also, tell everyone you know about this important effort by the Knights of Columbus.

If you would like further information, please call Anthony Weber at **928.301.0801**. Please leave a message indicating your interest in helping Fr. Maigamo. God bless you. Thank you for your help in this endeavor.

Faith Formation and More

Children's Liturgy Of the Word

During the season of Christmas, Churches and altars have been decorated with whites and golds as we have celebrated the birth of Jesus. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Christmastide. Tomorrow we move into "Ordinary Time." We will now see lots of green in churches and on the altars. Perhaps the green reminds us of plants and other living things that grow.

In Mark's gospel, as John the Baptist baptized Jesus, a voice said *'You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased.'* When our ears and hearts hear words that affirm and encourage, we feel happy, joyful, peace-filled, and full of energy to carry on. As we enter into these days that invite us to grow in the ways we know, love and serve God, let us start with remembering that God made each of us and loves us just as we are! This week, let us take some time as a family (maybe before a meal or bedtime) to quiet ourselves and reflect on the words Mr. Fred Rogers famously said: *'You've made this day special just by being you. There's no person in the whole world like you, and I like you just the way you are.'*

God loves us just as we are, and challenges us to keep growing! As a family, talk about ways you can challenge yourselves to continue learning and growing this week. Here are some ideas to start your brainstorming: use your words to encourage a co-worker or friend; give a little 'hello' to a neighbor; text or call someone who might need an extra smile; thank someone in your family for the 'behind the scenes' tasks they do with love.

~ By Catechist Stephanie Sommers-Stout

Youth Ministry XLT

EPIC and JAM will be kicking off their Spring semesters with XLT, a night of praise and worship! All high school and middle school families are invited to join us **Sunday, January 17** for upbeat worship music, an inspiring message, and Eucharistic Adoration. This is a great way to grow your faith and encounter the living Jesus Christ!

Face masks and social distancing will be in place to promote health and safety regulations. To RSVP, email David Rees at drees@stbenedict.org



"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

~ Psalm 29

Youth Ministry Calendars

Our EPIC and JAM calendars for the Spring semester are now available! Printed calendars may be picked up in the lobby and digital calendars can be received by emailing David Rees at drees@stbenedict.org

All middle school and high school teens are encouraged to join us this semester as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and one another! Having a firm foundation of faith is the surest way to a life of peace, joy, love, and fulfillment. New teens are always welcome!

For more information on our programs and how to get involved, contact David Rees at drees@stbenedict.org

Current Events & More

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 18** for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Morning Mass will be celebrated and live-streamed at 8:15 am, with Communion offered afterwards.

For emergencies requiring a priest, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 7**.

“Gospel of Life” Appeal

Next weekend is the Gospel of Life collection. This collection supports the work of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Phoenix which promotes clear teachings of the Catholic Church. Envelopes can be found in the lobby and near the entrances.



Knights of Columbus:

The Knights of Columbus are partnering with Vitalant to host a blood drive on **Sunday, January 24**. The drive will be held from 8 am to 1 pm in Annexes 1 and 2.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. With your help, hospital patients are able to receive life-saving transfusions and continue living life to the fullest. Sign up today to help save up to three lives!

Appointments can be made by visiting www.bloodhero.com and using the code “stbenedict”.

May Our Lord and Savior Jesus Bless You.

Vivat Jesus,

Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246

GK@kofc12246.org

480.747.8000



St. Vincent de Paul

Our on-site pantry is basically full at this point, with only a few items in need this week:

- Beef Stew
- Mustard
- Tissues
- Cookies
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Marcy Dawson**, **Gladys Misiewicz** and **Ora Randolph** 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.

Marriage Encounter

“I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Invite the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next virtual weekend is on **January 16/17, 2021**. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information or to register for a weekend, go to www.wmearizona.com

Vocations

“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Please contact the Vocation Office at **602.354.2004** or dphx.org/vocations/contact

For advertising in the back of the bulletin, go to <https://www.jspadbuilder.com>

More

Feast of Faith: “The Sign of the Cross”

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” - three persons, one God. The sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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Catholic Fun Fact Test

What does the word “Catholic” mean?

1. Holy
2. Universal
3. Happiness
4. Devotion

(For the correct answer, please see below.)

Source: howstuffworks.com

The “Desert Nun Run”

Sign up to walk or run with the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at their 12th Annual Nun Run on **Saturday, March 6** in Tempe at Kiwanis Park! This is a family-friendly event and all profits assist the Nuns in building their new cloistered Monastery in Tonopah, AZ.

To register online, go to desertnunrun.com/registration

Correct Answer is #2! The word Catholic stems from both the Latin and Greek languages. It originally comes from the Greek word “katholikos,” which means universal. That comes from the Greek phrase of “katholous,” which means “on the whole.”

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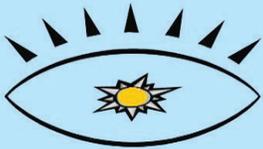


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A Note From The Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Happy 2021! And good riddance 2020! St. John Bosco Catholic School welcomed our students back to campus on January 4th. Teachers and staff alike were overjoyed to see our students again for in-person instruction in addition to several new students. We continue to offer virtual instruction for those not quite comfortable with returning to campus.

Congratulations are in order for two of our Jr. High teachers, Mrs. Kelly Rafford and Mr. Hogan Macdonald. They have been selected as recipients of the Xavier College Preparatory Golden Gator Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Golden Gator Award is Xavier's long-standing custom of asking incoming freshwomen to nominate an outstanding 7th- or 8th-grade teacher who inspired and successfully prepared her for high school. Kudos to Kelly and Hogan! As members of our highly-qualified junior high team, their strengths work in concert with each other and the entire junior high team.

As we begin this new year, we are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic will soon be behind us now that the COVID-19 vaccine has arrived. We are told that teachers will receive the vaccine during Phase 1B of the distribution process, expected in late January/early February. Vigilance regarding our COVID-19 protocols will continue, however; masks, social distancing, and cohorts will be maintained throughout the second half of the school year as these strategies served us well keeping infections to a minimum during the first half of the school year.

Blessings to all for a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Anita Petitti, Principal

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