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December 12, 2021



Third Sunday of Advent

“ *With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.* ”

~ Isaiah 12:3

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 - 5 pm

Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends & Friday at SJB MPR: Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 12/13

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 12/14

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | SVdP

Wednesday, 12/15

8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 12/16

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Ministry Leaders

Friday, 12/17

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 12/18

8:30 am | Confession
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 12/12/2021

7 am | David Padilla †

9 am | Apolinar & Lucia Samin †

11 am | Roberto Garcia †

5 pm | People of the Parish

M 12/13 | Jack Kaske †

Tu 12/14 | Betty Walske †

W 12/15 | Maria Gil †

Th 12/16 | Ann Bayer †

F 12/17 | Marlene Engel †

Sat 12/18 | Bill & Evy Bunda †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

For This Week

Monday: 12/13	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: 12/14	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32 <i>(St. John of the Cross)</i>
Wednesday: 12/15	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: 12/16	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: 12/18	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: 12/19	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 <i>(Fourth Sunday of Advent)</i>

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

Dec 13-19, 2021

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 pm - Fr. Fr. James
Saturday	5 pm - Fr. Fr. James
Sunday	7 am - Fr. Manasseh 9 am - Fr. Manasseh 11 am - Fr. Manasseh 5 pm - Fr. James

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

Parish Contributions

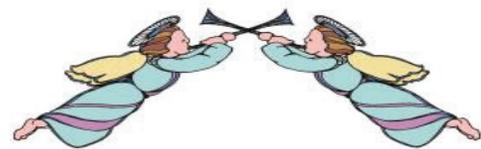
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Regular Contributions for **October 2021**
(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Actual: \$ 80,271*
Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 55,565
Cash Contributions: \$ 6,687
Check Contributions: \$ 18,019

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**“Living Our Faith,
Building Our Home”
Capital Campaign**

As of October 2021

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,573,511



A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

We celebrate this weekend, the third Sunday of Advent, which is designated Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. The Church invites all her children to rejoice and be glad because our salvation is near. The first and second readings reflect this theme of joy and gladness in anticipatory celebration of Christ’s arrival. In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah invites Jerusalem and her inhabitants to rejoice because God, the King of Israel, is in her midst to remove judgement against her and instead renew her in His love. St. Paul repeatedly exhorts the Philippians to rejoice and have no anxiety because the Lord is near. We are privileged to be invited to experience today a foretaste of the joy and gladness that Christ brings at Christmas and ultimately at His second coming.

To experience this unquantifiable joy in Christ, we ought to properly and adequately prepare ourselves for the imminent Christ experience. The Gospel this Sunday presents John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, delving into the specifics of proper and adequate preparation for Christmas. John had been asked by the crowd, tax collectors and soldiers about what each group needed to do in order to be ready for the arrival of the Messiah in order to become beneficiaries of God’s reign. John counselled the crowd to share with others their talent and treasure. He cautioned tax collectors against corruption and injustice, encouraging them to carry out their essential duty with honesty and fairness. To the soldiers, the precursor strongly recommended was sincerity and contentment.

Like the Israel of old, we joyfully await the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our question today and everyday of Advent like that of the crowd, tax collectors and soldiers should be: “*What should we do?*” Inherent in this question is a profound renunciation of our pride and feeling of self-sufficiency, as well as a humble admission of our perpetual need for God’s grace. Be convinced that, should we ask this right and important question, God would certainly invite us to share the joy of Christ’s birth with each other, practice justice, charity, contentment, and be the visible face of mercy in our community.

May God aid us to realise how much we need grace and guidance. May sharing and caring be our moral refrain as we prepare for Christmas, and may Jesus find us still joyfully witnessing to the kingdom of God when he comes again.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

Friday, Dec 24 at 4*, 6*, 8, and 11 pm

* Masses Celebrated Outside in SJB Courtyard

Christmas Day Mass:

Saturday, Dec 25 at 10 am (no 5 pm Mass)

New Years' Eve:

Friday, Dec 31 at 11:59 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Saturday, Jan 1 at 10 am



Retirement Fund for Religious

Tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall, with gratitude, their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet, years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift this weekend to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Thank you for your generosity.

Scouts Gathering Mistletoe

Each year the Scouts of the parish head up to northern Arizona to collect fresh mistletoe to have available for our holiday decorating! This weekend, be sure to stop by their table outside the MPR after Mass and help them with their fundraiser that helps to pay for their activities. Thank you!



Seating for Christmas Masses

To better accommodate our parishioners and guests, seats may **not** be saved prior to any of the Christmas Eve Masses, except for those Knights of Columbus directing traffic.

For Masses with high attendance, our Hospitality Ministers are instructed to fill empty seats as people arrive, ensuring that all seats are filled before asking those arriving to stand for Mass. We appreciate your help and ask that entire groups arrive together.

The gates will open at 3 pm for the outdoor 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. For the remaining Masses (6 pm outdoor, 8 pm, and 11 pm), guests will be invited to enter after the completion of the previous Mass.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to celebrating this most special feast day with you!

Crossed Arms in the Holy Communion Line



Some people cross their arms in the Holy Communion line signifying that the person is not properly disposed to receive Communion, for whatever reason, and wishes to receive a blessing instead. Possible reasons might be that the person is not Catholic, they are not in a state of grace, and the like. Please feel free to invite your non-Catholic Christmas Mass guests to come up to receive a blessing during Communion by crossing their arms in front of themselves.

Email and Text Alert

Some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest that our priests or deacon are requesting a favor. These are "spam" and should be immediately deleted. We would never send an email or text asking for a favor. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.



Faith Formation and More

Teens: Need Gift Ideas?

Hey, teens! Are you trying to think of some Christmas gift ideas for your family? Check out these gifts that are completely free!

1. Wake up early and make breakfast for your parents.
2. Write an affirmation letter to a sibling letting them know how much they mean to you.
3. Give up technology for one night so that you and your family can play board games together.
4. Offer to clean the house while your parents go out on a date night.
5. Make a list of all of the things you are grateful for and leave it under the Christmas tree to be read Christmas morning.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd News

This weekend, **Sunday, December 12**, is the last Atrium session for Level II "A" group. Next weekend **Sunday, December 19** is the last Atrium session for Level I and Level II "B." CGS families will be sent a new Atrium schedule for Spring.

Service Opportunity

Sign up for the *Feed My Starving Children* service opportunity on **Saturday, January 22** from 9 am to 10:45 am! Come pack meals for starving children all over the world at the *Feed My Starving Children* building in Mesa with your St. Benedict community. Reserve your spot today by emailing Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org.



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Current Events & More

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This **Sunday, December 12**, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Spanish Mass at 1 pm in the St. John Bosco School Multipurpose Room. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of our Diocese and her feast day commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in 1531. Join us!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Bob Binta Council Degree team will be hosting the Charity-Unity-Fraternity Degree Ceremony this weekend on **Sunday, December 12** in the chapel at St. John Bosco School at 10 am.

This event is for any first-degree Knight of Columbus to be fully exemplified into all 3 Degrees. These ceremonies, that were once private and exclusive to the membership, are now open to the public. All parishioners, friends and family are invited to come witness this ceremony.

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to this year's Christmas Coats for Kids Program. You have made children smile!

Attention: all men of the parish. If you are at least 18 years of age, become a Knight at: www.koc.org/joinus. Enter code: TMOORE and Council 12246 for your first year of free dues. Do this before the end of the year since the offer expires on December 31.

Have a safe and blessed week.

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
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St. Vincent de Paul

God is good all the time
All the time God is good!



St. John Bosco held a school-wide "Fill the Pantry" food drive for our SVDP pantry on Thursday! And fill the pantry they did! We are so grateful for their generosity. The food and toiletries they donated will enable us to better serve our less fortunate neighbors. The families at St. John Bosco Catholic School are such a blessing to our community. Thank you so much! We wish each and everyone a Blessed Christmas season!

Advent Penance Service

The Communal Advent Penance Service for St. Benedict will be on **Tuesday, December 21**, at 7 pm at the St. John Bosco School MPR and Courtyard. The evening will begin together in the MPR with prayer and an examination of conscience. Individual confessions will follow. Priests from our neighboring parishes will be available to hear confessions.

More parish schedules include:

Tues Dec 14, 7 pm ----- St. Andrew

Thurs Dec 22, 9am-8pm ---- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Bingo Night!

Save the date for Bingo! **Friday, January 7** from 6 - 8 pm. If you didn't make it last time you missed an all ages night full of pizza, baked goods, BINGO and over 100 prizes!

We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, or you get a Christmas gift that's not your style, donate them for BINGO prizes! Stay tuned for additional information! Please email events@stbenedict.org with questions or prize donations!



More



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This year, Mass for the Solemnity of Mary will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 1, 2022** at 10 am in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room. This feast day celebrates the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel!”
~ Isaiah 12

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Geraldine Klemy** who died recently. We pray that her family and friends will feel God’s healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.



Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the following child who recently celebrated her Baptism:

Charlotte Dixon



“No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.”

~ John 3:5



AmazonSmile and Fry's Rewards

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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are enjoying a peaceful Advent thus far in preparation for the Christmas season. It's a challenge to do so in the midst of so many excited children looking forward to our annual Christmas Program this Wednesday night at 6:00pm. Much singing may be heard throughout the school day as classes practice their songs and roles.

Not to be overlooked, however, are two other St. John Bosco School pre-Christmas events. One is "Santa's Workshop," where children get to shop for low-cost gifts for their family in the pop-up gift shop held in our own library. Also, "Pancakes with Santa" takes place on the morning of the last day of school before winter break where children (and their parents!) may stop in the MPR wearing a favorite Christmas shirt and enjoy a \$5 pancake breakfast and photo with Santa, hosted by our fabulous PTO and Dads' Club. Both events are immensely enjoyed by the students and add to the excitement of the last week of school and the last time they'll see their classmates in 2021!

We all have high hopes for a healthy, holy, and happy 2022, especially when imagining our newly renovated church this time next year. Although nobody likes disruption, the blessing in disguise is that the staffs of SJB and St. Benedict have been seeing a lot of each other! Indeed, not only are Masses held on the SJB campus during the renovation but we also enjoyed a combined Christmas Party in the festively-decorated courtyard. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know each other and realize what a blessing it is to work together in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

Continued blessings for an Advent filled with peace, love, hope, and joy.

Jamie Bescak, Principal



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