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January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.** ”
~ Isaiah 62:2

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, 1/17

Office Closed - Holiday
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 1/18

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 1/19

8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 1/20

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

Friday, 1/21

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confession

Saturday, 1/22

8:30 am | Confession
11 am | Anointing Mass
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 1/16/2022

7 am | John Greene †
9 am | Jack Kaske †
11 am | Tony Wolter †
5 pm | People of the Parish

M 1/17 | Mass of Thanksgiving

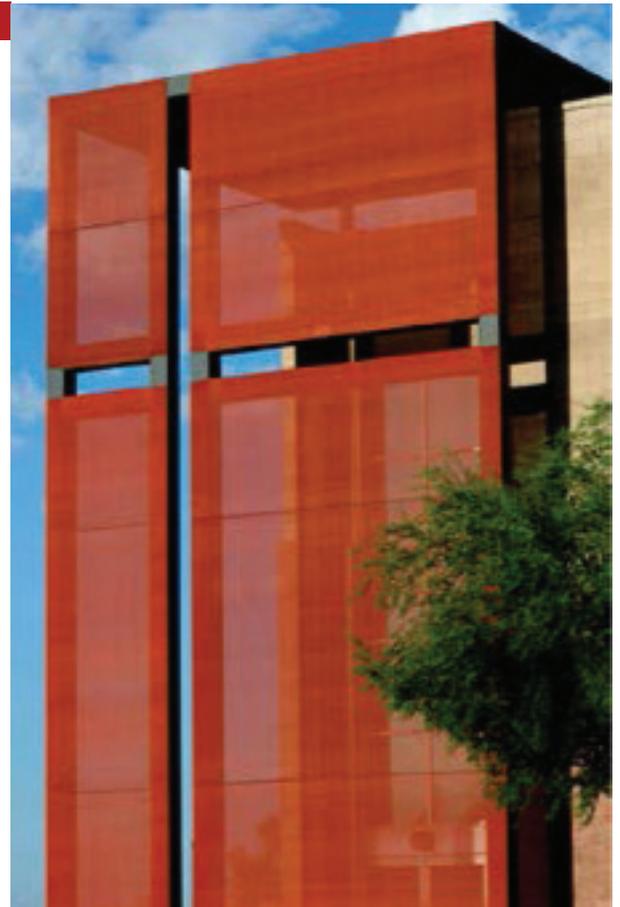
Tu 1/18 | Jaime Manzano †

W 1/19 | Mass of Thanksgiving

Th 1/20 | Gloria Costello †

F 1/21 | Mary Pellrine †

Sat 1/22 | People of the Parish



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1/17	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22 <i>(St. Anthony the Abbot)</i>
Tuesday: 1/18	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1/19	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1/20	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1/21	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19 <i>(St. Agnes)</i>
Saturday: 1/22	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21 <i>(Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)</i>
Sunday: 1/23	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Presider Schedule*

*the Week of
Jan 17-23, 2022*

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

**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 **November 2021**

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

Actual: \$ 66,835*

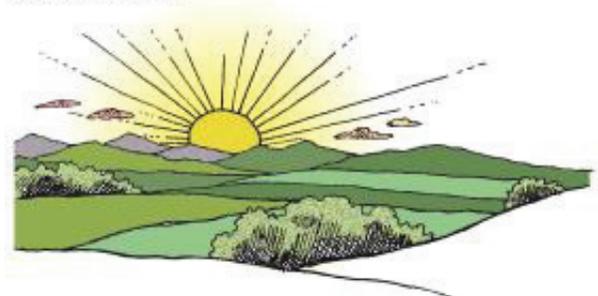
Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 49,157

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,296

Check Contributions: \$ 13,382

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“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign

As of November 2021

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859

Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,578,835

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU”

On the very first day of the year, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Apart from reflecting on her virtues, we were encouraged to humbly seek her unfailing maternal intercession for our world and for our individual selves. Two Sundays later, the Gospel presents to us how effective her maternal intercession can be, even when it is unsolicited.

The Gospel according to St. John presents this event as the first miracle worked by Jesus during His public ministry. An unnamed fellow was having a wedding feast and had extended an invitation to Jesus and His mother Mary among other guests. At some point during the event, they ran out of wine, an essential beverage at Jewish marriage celebrations. Knowing who Jesus was and His Divine abilities, Mary approached her Son with a simple yet profoundly faith-laced request: “They have no wine.” Jesus’ initial objection that His time “has not yet come” did not deter her. She was so convinced of His Divine ability, as well as His favorable disposition towards her, that without argument she went to the servers and instructed them to “do whatever He tells you.” Mary’s unsolicited intercession and absolute trust in her Son saved the day.

Without much fanfare, in honor of His mother’s request and to the complete ignorance of the host, Jesus instructed the servers to fill six stone water jars with water, to fetch it and present some to the steward of the event. The servers fetched water from the stone jars without complaint or doubt, they presented it to the steward in obedience to this seemingly ludicrous instruction, and he drank the best wine.

It is very revealing that Jesus’ first messianic sign was worked at a marriage feast, the celebration of the very institution that begets the family. This should spur those who are hesitant or skeptical, and even those already considering a marriage commitment, to make a leap of faith by not only entering into the marriage covenant but also doing so accompanied by Jesus and Mary.

Not only does Mary show in this didactic story the efficacy of her intercession even when unsolicited, she also teaches us to trust and obey Jesus even when it seems His response to our concerns does not meet our expectations. “Do whatever He tells you” is her consistent and perpetual refrain for all who desire a relationship with her Divine Son. Like the servers, we should be willing to obey Christ even when the path He leads us on does not seem straight and “perfect” to our mortal senses.

May the Virgin Mother continue to intercede for all families, especially those currently experiencing marital turbulence. May Jesus continue to anticipate and provide our material and spiritual necessities, and may we be aided by grace to trust and obey Him in all things and at all times.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 17** for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am in the Annex 2 Chapel.

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

*“Proclaim his marvelous deeds
to all the nations!”
~ Psalm 96*



Save the Date: Parish Picnic Sunday, February 20, 12:30 to 3 pm

It's going to be a beautiful day to be at the park! Plan to attend this year's event at Desert Breeze Park for a wonderful day of food, fun and getting together with our parishioners! Lawn games, music and more! Enjoy a free lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers that our Knights of Columbus will grill up for us. Bring your own picnic blankets and chairs to relax. RSVP on the parish website today at stbenedict.org

If you would like to volunteer at this special event, please contact Lani at events@stbenedict.org

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 next week we will be fulfilling these requests. While we would love to have statements ready earlier than **January 24**, 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, ext. 304**.



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Register at sjbosco.org

Faith Formation and More

Welcome Back to Journey of Faith!



All K-5th grade Journey of Faith sessions return this **Tuesday, January 18** from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm on the St. John Bosco campus. Meet in the MPR to sign your children in for another great Spring semester of faith and fellowship!

New to Religious Education at St. Benedict? It's not too late to sign up and join us for the Spring semester. Visit our website at stbenedict.org/family-journey and register online today!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resumes next **Sunday, January 23** in the Atrium for Level I and Level II Group A.



A special welcome to the newest member of our CGS family, baby Lincoln, born to one of our dedicated Catechists, Miss Stephanie, on January 8. Congratulations to Stephanie and Wayne and the entire Herring family!

Volunteers Needed for JAM & EPIC

Are you a young adult with a passion for your Catholic faith and interested in developing your leadership skills, forming relationships with teens to lead them to Christ, honing your theology, and celebrating Catholic community? Please contact Clare Gisla at cgisla@stbenedict.org for more information on how to volunteer as a Core team member for the middle school or high school youth ministry programs at St. Benedict.

Calling All Teens!

January is the perfect time to join the St. Benedict youth groups for middle (6-8th) and high schoolers! Email cgisla@stbenedict.org for more information. You're also welcome to bring a friend--the more the merrier!



First Reconciliation News

The First Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 29** for all children preparing for First Reconciliation at St. Benedict. We will begin promptly at 9 am in the St. John Bosco MPR. Parents, watch your email for important information.

First Reconciliation will be **Saturday, February 5** in the St. John Bosco MPR. Children will be assigned staggered arrival times beginning at 8:30 am. Fr. James, Fr. Wilfred and Fr. Manasseh will all be present to hear Confessions. Family members are invited to join their children on this special morning.

During these final days of preparation, we ask the St. Benedict community to keep all of the children in your prayers as they continue to learn about God's grace and this healing sacrament.

Current Events & More

Mass of Anointing

It has been quite awhile since we have had a Mass of Anointing. Join us next **Saturday, January 22** at 11 am, in the St. John Bosco School Multi-purpose room. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, to come forward and join us. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Monique Kistner** 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.

Knights of Columbus

This weekend, and always, we give thanks for the New Year. With our world continually faced with viruses and crimes against humanity, let us ask Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to give us peace and solitude for our world. Allow our world leaders to act with justice to do what is right; ethically, morally and spiritually. We give thanks for our families, school, parish and priests.

Soon we will be announcing some of the events forthcoming this month and in the first quarter of the year such as the Blood Drive, Basketball Free Throw, Parish Picnic and March For Life. Have a safe and blessed week.

Become a Knight at: www.kofc.org/joinus. Key in Council 12246, Code: TMOORE

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St. Vincent de Paul

Everyday, God gives us signs of His love so we can also respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, giving them reason to believe and trust. The SVdP donation boxes are located in the SJB MPR during weekend Masses, and in the parish lobby during weekdays. You can also use Faith Direct for your donations. Thank you for your giving.



Marriage Encounter

Come and learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives! Sign up to attend an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Phoenix on **February 5/6, 2022**. For more dates, more information, or to sign up, go to www.wmearizona.com/.



Blood Drive

Each donation of blood can save up to three lives. That's a good reason to sign up to give blood at our next blood drive on **Sunday, January 23** between 8 am and 1 pm at one of the Bloodmobiles that will be **located in the St. John Bosco parking lot**. (Please disregard typo at sign-up.)

Sign up online at donors.vitalant.org

Rummage Sale Cancelled

The annual parish rummage sale has been cancelled for this year due to pending construction, lack of storage areas, and covid. Hopefully, next year we will be back on track.

In the meantime, think about something fun like RSVP-ing to the parish picnic! Go to the parish website to do so at stbenedict.org.

More

Stewardship and Development - By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

"Just One More Time"

Last weekend, I came across two quotes that challenged me to inventory how I live my life and serve God. Although we covered the gift of time last week, I ask that you bear with me as we look at it just one more time!

- "The great scandal of the age is that those without sacraments are so often superior in charity to the 'practicing Catholic' who partakes of the Eucharist and then stands by while his brother is exploited, starved, beaten, and goes on living his bourgeois life." - Dorothy Day
- "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ. I'd be Christian if it were not for the Christians." - Mahatma Gandhi

These experiences that Dorothy Day and Gandhi had cut me to the heart and cause me to evaluate the times I have missed the mark in charity (love). I can recall the times I had a bad attitude and the joy of Christ was not evident in me. I recall the times I was judgemental of others - forgetting that I have my own struggles and weaknesses. I regret the times I was not quick to forgive, when God has forgiven me for so much!

Let us strive to become more like Christ by pondering areas where we can grow in Christian charity and give the gift of time to God by being generous and kind to others.

"And I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me." - Galatians 2:20

Catholic Men's Conference

On **Saturday, February 12, 2022** the Men of Christ, of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix, presents the 15th Annual Men's Conference featuring Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk, Msgr. James Patrick Shea, President of the University of Mary, Bishop Joseph Coffey, and more. For more than a decade, through the leadership of Bishop Thomas Olmsted, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix has striven to deliver content and speakers to assist the men of the Diocese of Phoenix in growing in their faith, discerning their vocation and leading their family. Please join us at Xavier College Prep!

For more information or to register for the Conference, go to cmfp.org/.

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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

We are two weeks into 2022 and back in full swing of the school routine – learning new lessons, navigating classes, participating in after-school clubs, signing up for spring sports, and of course, socializing. It’s all part of the SJB in-person education experience.

Indeed, we are looking forward to the end of the month when we have the distinct privilege of celebrating all the advantages of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week. All are invited to our Open House to see what we are so excited about here at St. John Bosco Catholic School. The campus will be alive with excitement as students tour campus to view Science Fair projects, Art projects and STEM projects too. Please see our school website at sjbosco.org to RSVP for this FUN event!



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Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, Principal