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July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.* ”

~ Ps 89

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, 7/3

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 7/4

Independence Day
(Office Closed)
8:15 am | Mass

Wednesday, 7/5

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

Thursday, 7/6

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 7/7

(Office Closed)
8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 7/8

8 am | Confessions
5 pm | Mass



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
 Fridays Closed
 Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekends at the St. John Bosco School MPR:
 Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm
 Weekdays Mon-Fri, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 7/2/2023

7 am | Parishioners
 9 am | Victor Garcia Licona †
 11 am | Mary Ott †
 5 pm | Ben & Evelyn Korczyk †
 Th 7/6 | Lourdes Sanchez †
 F 7/7 | Bill Ball †
 Sat 7/8 | Christina Loh †

Sunday, 7/9/2023

M 7/3 | Margaret Cadaret †
 Tu 7/4 | James Healy †
 W 7/5 | Vicky Silvas †
 7 am | Parishioners
 9 am | Jean Sarnowski †
 11 am | Maura McAuley †
 5 pm | Seuschek Family

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
7/3 Jn 20:24-29
(St. Thomas the Apostle)

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10,
7/4 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8,
7/5 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9;
7/6 Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
7/7 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2,
7/8 3-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11,
7/9 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
Mt 11:25-3

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

May 2023

Actual: \$ 75,516*

Budget: \$ 71,238

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 49,523

Cash/Check: \$ 25,993

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year

July 1, '22 to June 30, '23)

Construction Project

*May 2023
(Month End)*

TOTAL COST: \$8,400,000

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$5,007,968

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$3,392,032

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$3,095,043

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$296,989

Prayer for Independence Day

Father of all nations and ages,

We recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Youth Ministry - *Open*

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610.

A Reflection by Fr. James

“HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.”

The stories in the First Reading and Gospel today remind us that in welcoming ministers and strangers into our homes, we inevitably welcome God. In the First Reading, the widow of Shunem and her husband welcomed the Prophet Elisha to their house. They were kind to him and provided for him without expecting any reward. Prophet Elisha, on the other hand, paid attention to their deepest need and prayed for them asking God to grant them a son. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds the people, *“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward.”*

Throughout the ages, the Catholic Church has relied on the generosity of the faithful to thrive and carry out her mission of evangelization. Missionaries also share in the experiences of Prophet Elisha and Jesus’ disciples to go out to new and often unfamiliar places to preach the Good News of the Gospel while relying on the support of the people to care for their needs. The Scriptures today invite us to reflect on our active roles in supporting the missionary life of the Church. They challenge us to reflect on our ability to see something special about other people in need or in crisis, and confront our willingness to support them from within our families, our church, and in society. In addition, we are given an opportunity to consider our level of kindness toward strangers, how welcoming we are, how approachable we are, and our willingness to pay attention to the needs of people around us.

Hospitality was one of the key principles on which Saint Benedict founded his community. Saint Benedict insisted that no visitor should ever be turned away from his monastery. I am glad that we try our best to live out this same value here within our own St. Benedict parish community. Apart from welcoming everyone to our Masses, we also strive to serve many people who are in need through the various outreach ministries such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, Refugee Resettlement Ministry, among others. May God continue to provide for us as we strive to support the mission of the Church.

Fr. James

Current Events and More

Change of Confession Time

As of July 1, the time for Saturday Confession will change to 8:00 am. It will still be in the St. Benedict Chapel/Conference Room on the parish property.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In July, Adoration will be on **Friday, July 7** between the hours of **9 am and 6 pm** in the St. Benedict Chapel on the church property. 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/puKbjk>. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

St. Benedict Church is currently organizing a trip that will happen **January 20-30, 2024** led by Fr. James. The cost of the trip is \$4,095 per person which includes airfare, accommodation, most meals, and more. For more details, go to <https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=33139>. Brochures are also available at the back of the SJB MPR and in the parish office.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The final application of the EFIS coat of stucco is in progress. Bell tower should be completed soon. The team of workers are moving from the north side of the building to the west side. The brick veneer is scheduled to begin soon. The sheetrock is making progress: choir loft area, restroom, and north side staircase are done with the narthex, cry room and transept being worked upon. The new 20-ton A/C units will ship October 10 with the existing A/C units being utilized until they arrive.

This week's photos:

1. Studding and clean-up is complete in the Chapel area ----->
2. Final coat and color of EFIS stucco on bell tower
3. Sheetrock in the choir loft
4. Main entry of the church



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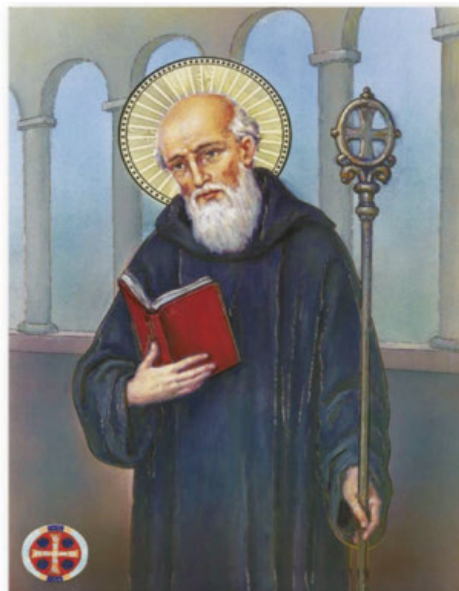
Faith Formation and More

Celebrating St. Benedict

The Memorial of St. Benedict is next week and we would like to celebrate with a special Mass! Please plan to join us on **Tuesday, July 11** at 7 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room for the Mass and reception afterwards.

St. Benedict was born around 480 and had a twin sister, St. Scholastica, who became a saint, as well. He died on March 21, 543 after a high fever on the exact day God told him he would die.

St. Benedict is the patron saint of students and Europe and is best known for his Rule of St. Benedict, a collection of his beliefs and instructions on religious life. The Rule contains 73 chapters and still directs religious life after 15 centuries.



The medal of St. Benedict is one of the oldest and most honored medals used by Christians and, due to the belief in its power against evil, is also known as the “devil-chasing medal.”

Front: On the front of the medal is the image of St. Benedict holding a cross in his right hand as the Christian's symbol of salvation. In Benedict's left hand is his Rule. On a pedestal to the right of Benedict is the poisoned cup, shattered when he made the sign of the cross over it. On a pedestal to the left is a raven about to carry away a loaf of poisoned bread that a jealous enemy had sent to Benedict. Above the cup and the raven are the latin words: **Crux s. patris Benedicti** (*The Cross of our holy father Benedict*). On the margin of the medal, encircling the figure of Benedict, are the latin words: **Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!** (*May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death!*). Below Benedict we read: **ex SM Casino MDCCCLXXX** (from holy Monte Cassino, 1880). This medal was struck to commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict.

Back: On the back of the medal, the cross is dominant. On the arms of the cross are the initial letters of a rhythmic latin prayer: **Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!** (*May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my guide!*). Above the cross is the word **pax** (*peace*), which has been a Benedictine motto for centuries. Around the margin of the back of the medal, the letters **VRSNSMV - SMQLIVB** are the initial letters of a latin prayer of exorcism against Satan: **Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!** (*Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!*)



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

July 2 in History:

* 1962 - American businessman, Sam Walton, opened the first Walmart store in Rogers, Arkansas.

* 1964 - Civil Rights Act signed on this day in 1964 by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, perhaps the most important U.S. law on civil rights since Reconstruction (1865–77) and a hallmark of the American civil rights movement.

* 1979 - The United States first issued the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin, making Anthony the first woman to be depicted on U.S. currency.

Announcements:

- Thank you to all the parishioners who made the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive a success!
- We appreciate everyone who attended the Monthly Rosary on June 28.

Activities:

Council Meeting - Thursday, July 6 in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1).

To have one year of free membership, join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul



We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to both the Knights of Columbus and our parishioners for their generous donations of both time and food for our pantry last weekend. 120 bags of food and toiletries were collected! Our shelves are now stocked and we're able to assist our neighbors in need much better! Your generosity and willingness to assist those in need are appreciated by those we serve—as well as by our SVdP Conference! Thank you!

Safe Environment Time

On July 1, you should have received a reminder from the Diocese of Phoenix to renew your Safe Environment Certification. Every volunteer in any ministry **MUST** take the certification class in order to volunteer. More details to follow.

Let's Go To BINGO

Get ready to win at the next St. Benedict BINGO Night on **Friday, July 14** from 6 pm to 8 pm in the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room. Lots of prizes, pizza, fun and fellowship!

The fees are (paid at event):

\$20 per adult, 18+ (6 cards),

\$10 for ages 12-17 years (3 cards),

Kids 11 and under are \$5 each (1 card).



RSVP on the parish website at stbenedict.org.

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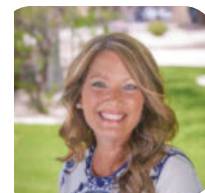
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth of July! I hope you find time for some rest and relaxation with family and friends to celebrate our great country’s independence.

The school campus will be closed July 3–7 to allow our staff to take some well-earned time off before final preparations for the upcoming school year. If you have questions about our school during this week, please see our school website at www.sjbosco.org. There you will find a plethora of updated information that may answer most of your questions. Our summer office hours will resume on July 10, 8 am to 1 pm. Please stop by or give us a call at 480.219.4848.

Until then, below are some upcoming events to usher in the 2023-2024 school year:

- New Family Night, July 26 @ 5:30 pm**
 Parents of new students are invited to learn more about the beginning of the school year, protocols, dress code, and how we make Catholic Education affordable. (A parent-only event.)
- Meet the Teacher, August 7 from 3:30–5:30 pm**
 Parents and students are invited to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies before the first day of school.
- First Day of School, August 9 @ 7:45 am**
 Preschool–8th grade students begin the 2023-24 school year!

Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak,
M.Ed., Principal
480.219.4848

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