



June 9, 2024

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **With the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption.** ”

~ Ps 130

“where all are welcome”

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### 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  
Fridays 9 am - 12 pm  
Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm  
Weekdays Mon-Fri, Chapel: 8:15 am

### Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am

### Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit [stbenedict.org/calendar](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

**Monday, 6/10**  
8:15am | Mass

**Tuesday, 6/11**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Wednesday, 6/12**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | “Christ in Our  
Neighborhood”

**Thursday, 6/13**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 6/14**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

**Saturday, 6/15**  
8 am | Confession  
5 pm | Mass  
6:30 pm | “State of the  
Church” Mtg.

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 6/9/2024

7 am | Eleanor Estelle  
Sobolewski †  
9 am | Parishioners  
11 am | Fred Montez †  
5 pm | Christine Klee †

F 6/14 | Kevin Biggs (Ivg)  
Sat 6/15 | Cathy Gendron †

#### Sunday, 6/16/2024

M 6/10 | George E. Tracy †  
Tu 6/11 | Greg Petras (Ivg)  
W 6/12 | Patricia Rossi †  
Th 6/13 | Anthony Loh &  
Cheah Siew Kim †

7 am | Bill Ball †  
9 am | Eugene Laatsch †  
11 am | Parishioners  
5 pm | Frank G. Galvan †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 6/10	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6/11	Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:13-16 <i>(St. Barnabas)</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6/12	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b> 6/13	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13; Mt 5:20-26 <i>(St. Anthony of Padua)</i>
<b>Friday:</b> 6/14	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b> 6/15	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
<b>Sunday:</b> 6/16	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34 <i>(Father's Day)</i>

### Parish Contributions

*A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing*

Regular Contributions for  
**April 2024**

**Actual: \$ 71,074\***

**Budget: \$ 78,352**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 43,865

Cash/Check: \$ 27,208

*(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year*

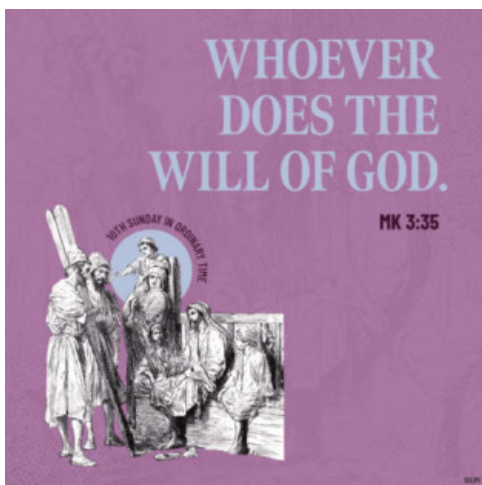
*July 1, '23 to June 30, '24)*

### Construction Project

March 2024

Current Estimated Construction Costs:	\$9,281,993**
Donations/Fundraising:	(\$4,717,907)
Line of Credit/Debt:	<u>(\$4,500,000)</u>
Additional Funds to Raise:	\$64,086

\*\* Includes building permits not previously included, change orders and fluctuating costs of FF&E.



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

God's family is not a country club – you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

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### Parish Staff

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## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

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### “WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.”

We are back to taking our Readings on the weekends from the Ordinary Time after the celebration of Easter, Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. This weekend, the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year B, we are treated to the intriguing dialogue between God the Creator and Adam the disobedient creature after the first fall. Recall that God had created Adam and had placed him and Eve in the Garden of Eden where all that they would need was provided. God gave them just one rule which required them not to eat of the forbidden tree of knowledge at the center of the garden. Tempted to self-deification, power and pride, Adam ate the forbidden fruit, his eyes became opened and as a consequence he suddenly realized that he and his spouse were naked. This is the consequence of sin: the sudden realization that the momentary pleasure that sin and disobedience affords us always gives way to an excruciating feeling of guilt that torments us till we make peace with God and our neighbor. Thus, sin does not truly empower us but reveals our weakness when we choose to stand apart from God. The man who lives without God risks living an unfulfilled life in this world and barely has any hope for a life after this one.

Genesis recounts that after Adam had sinned and was “hiding” from God, the Lord came to the garden to search for Adam, His beloved creature. God did not abandon Adam when Adam sinned but took the initiative to search man out when he was in hiding and fleeing. We must always remember that we are not the ones who search for God, but He who searches for us even when we wilfully drift away from His love. Those of us who “find God” realize, in hindsight, that our journey was being orchestrated by God all along. So God came to the garden and asked, “*Adam, where are you?*” This question is full of meaning and the answer that Adam volunteered is equally instructive. Surely, the omniscient God knew exactly what geographical area Adam could be located. By asking “*Adam, where are you?*” God was in essence asking “*Adam, I made you to be in righteous relationship with Me in obedience, where are you in that relationship?*” “*Are you sure you are where you ought to be, where I made you to be, or are you somewhere else?*” We can apply this same question to ourselves in our relationship with God. Where are you in your relationship with God? Are you doing the will of God? Are you a brother or sister of Jesus, the Son of the Father, who came to teach us how to surrender ourselves to, and find peace in, God’s will?

Adam’s response was literally what we do most times after we realize that we have done something wrong: blame everyone else but ourselves. So Adam blamed Eve, and ultimately God for giving him Eve, who led him to eat the forbidden fruit. Genesis Chapter 3 tells the story of Adam’s lack of moral leadership and acceptance of responsibility for his moral cowardice and sloth. Like Adam, we often fail to take responsibility for our actions that lead to sin, rather, we blame the devil, our spouse, our family, our parents, our colleagues, even our children, everyone else and even everything other than ourselves. We should realize that the return to righteousness begins with the acceptance of responsibility and the admittance of our need for God’s mercy.

In the dialogue between God and Adam, we see that God does not abandon Adam but gifts him a fair hearing. It is interesting that when the Son of God was brought to trial before the sons of Adam, He received no fair hearing as the sons of Adam screamed, “*away with Him, crucify Him, crucify Him*”. May Divine assistance enable us to always return to our original innocence, a righteous relationship with our maker which God bestowed on us when He made us, may we seek to do God’s will at all times and in all things and so be the true brothers and sisters of Jesus, the eternal Son of God.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Current Events and More

### “State of the Church” Meeting

Join us for the next Parish Information Night on **Saturday, June 15** at 6:30 pm in the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room...right after Mass! Fr. James will share information about various topics including the new Parish Strategic Plan, the 2024-25 fiscal year budget for the parish and the school, our debt reduction plan, an update on the Senior Living Facility, and more. Time will be allotted for Q&A. Please plan to attend!

### Vacation Bible School This Week

Please say a prayer for all the children, teachers and volunteers actively involved in the St. Benedict Vacation Bible School this week, **June 10-14!** Many thanks to all who graciously donated gifts cards and made purchases from our Amazon Wishlist, helping to make this year's VBS a possibility for the kids!



### Fry's Rewards

Did you know that you can support St. Benedict simply by shopping at Fry's using your Fry's VIP Card? It does not cost you anything, but greatly benefits our parish!

Go to “My Account” (top right corner under your name), click on “Community Rewards” (on the left), and select “Parish of St. Benedict” as your choice, Organization Number PF507. Each quarter you will get a total of the amount donated...we thank you in advance!

### Water Drive

The temperatures are creeping up again, so we are collecting bottles of water for the homeless and the St. Vincent de Paul dining halls. Please bring your much appreciated donations of water to the parish lobby before Mass or anytime during office hours. Thank you!



### “Christ in Our Neighborhood” Meeting

If you are looking for a way to grow in your love for God and connect with others, please join us for a “Christ in Our Neighborhood” meeting on **Wednesday, June 12** at 6 pm in Annex 1. Come and learn from Joyce Coronel with the Diocese of Phoenix how to pray with Scripture and prepare for the upcoming weekend Mass in small groups, consisting of your friends, family or other St. Benedict parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity through the study of Scripture, to come to know Christ better and make Him known! All are welcome to attend this event.

### Get Back on Track

Feeling the stress of life's changes? Struggling with behavior problems? Having relationship issues? Coping with the loss of a loved one?

Catholic Charities Community Services is here to support you. The trained counseling staff provides understanding, compassionate support to strengthen families and assist those in crisis. They help set goals, overcome barriers, access resources, and help people better understand themselves, their abilities and their potential. Fees are on a sliding scale. For more information call **602.749.4405**.

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Joe Wertzberger** who died recently. We pray that his family and friends will feel God's healing embrace through the prayers and support of our faith community.



Faith Formation and More

2024 Teen Summer Bible Sharing & Social

Attention: High School Students! Join us as we get together on Sundays for a combination of Scripture reflection and informal fun! Don't miss out on this great



opportunity to get to know more about The Word of God and meet our fellow Catholic teens before the school year. Incoming Freshman are welcome to join! Save the dates of June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Annex 1 Conference Room. Come to one or come to all! Bring a Bible and a friend. Facilitated by Dewayne Byrnes and Nolan Pollio. For more information email [srdelia@stbenedict.org](mailto:srdelia@stbenedict.org).

New Parishioners

- Danyella Garcia
- Albert, Rachael, Alaina and Ariana Gutierrez
- Kevin and Kathleen Harty

Save the Date for Family Promise

Family Promise is returning to St. Benedict June 23-30! Join us as we welcome families and provide a safe shelter and delicious dinners. This is a perfect opportunity for families to volunteer in a grassroots ministry, helping those who are less fortunate. Service hours can be earned by volunteering.

For more information or to volunteer, go to the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).



**RSVP today (optional) on the Church Website!**

Friday – July 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. in SJB MPR  
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Family fun for everyone!  
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- \$20 for Adults, \$10 for teens, \$5 kids (pizza, bingo cards and water included!)
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the SJB MPR
- Prize donations and bake sale items needed!! Drop off at the Parish office, give to Lani or bring to the event!



For more info email [events@stbenedict.org](mailto:events@stbenedict.org)



Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!



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**Father's Day!**  
Sunday, June 16th  
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## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart. Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

#### Announcements

- Thank you to all who attended Adoration on Friday, June 7

#### Events

- Monthly Council meeting on **Thursday, June 13** at 7 pm in Annex 1
- Dads Choir, **Sunday, June 16** at the 9 am Mass
- Parish Rosary, **Wednesday, June 26** at 7pm in the parish Chapel.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and code "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,

Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

480.748.1449

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### Ministry Contacts

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### St. Vincent de Paul

"There is no act of charity that is not accompanied by justice or that permits us to do more than we reasonably can."



- St. Vincent de Paul

- Tomato Sauce
- Salad Dressings
- Soups
- Salsa
- Enchilada Sauce
- Taco Meal Kits

In April, we assisted 66 households with \$5,800 in financial help, and 93 bags of groceries. We are grateful for your support through Realm and the 5th Sunday collection donations.

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

### Position Opening at St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco Catholic School is hiring a talented person to fill the following position:

- Preschool Instructional Assistant

If you are interested or know of any individuals who would like to join our team, go to <https://catholicschoolsphx.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> for more details and/or to apply. For more information, contact Principal Jamie Bescak at [jbescak@sjbosco.org](mailto:jbescak@sjbosco.org)

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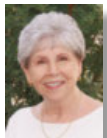
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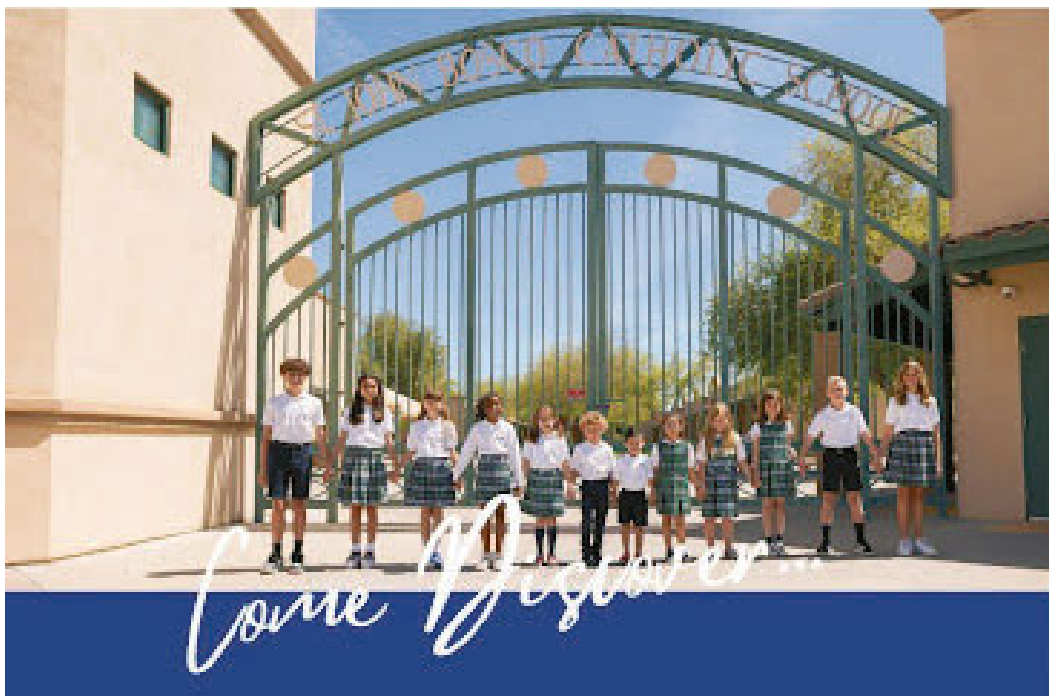


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The word is out, and St. John Bosco School is answering the call! We invite you to encourage your friends and family to see what all the excitement is about. Schedule a tour of our campus while there are still a few spots available. Though our enrollment continues to climb, we stand by our mission to educate the whole child and maintain our 25:1 ratio in K-8 classrooms. Please help spread the word!

If you would like to schedule a tour, contact the Admissions Office at **480.219.4848** or email **admissions@sjbosco.org**. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you and your family!

Joyful Blessings,  
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.  
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