

August 18, 2024

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.* ”

~ Ps 34

“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-Thurs, Chapel: 8:15 am  
Weekdays on Fri 8:15 am, Church

### 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, 8/19**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Tuesday, 8/20**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Wednesday, 8/21**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Children's Choir

**Thursday, 8/22**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4:30 pm | Legion  
of Mary  
6 pm | Adult Choir

**Friday, 8/23**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

**Saturday, 8/24**  
8 am | Confession  
10 am | Bereavement  
Support Group  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 8/18/2024

7 am | John Gore †  
9 am | Antionette Clayton †  
11 am | Geno Coll †  
5 pm | Asuncion Magbanua †

Sat 8/24 | Ofelia Grace  
Archibeque †

#### Sunday, 8/25/2024

7 am | Becky Altuna †  
M 8/19 | Asuncion Magbanua †  
Tu 8/20 | Fr. Bob Binta †  
W 8/21 | Asuncion Magbanua †  
Th 8/22 | Asuncion Magbanua †  
F 8/23 | Rachel Torrez (Ivg)

9 am | Jan & Maria  
Michalski †  
11 am | Parishioners  
5 pm | Darel Williams †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 8/19	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday:</b> 8/20	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30 ( <b>St. Bernard</b> )
<b>Wednesday:</b> 8/21	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16 ( <b>St. Pius X</b> )
<b>Thursday:</b> 8/22	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14 ( <b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> )
<b>Friday:</b> 8/23	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday:</b> 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51 ( <b>St. Bartholomew</b> )
<b>Sunday:</b> 8/25	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 (9a); Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

### Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for

**July 2024**

**Actual: \$ 73,104\***

**Budget: \$ 80,000**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 42,158

Cash/Check: \$ 30,946

(Contributions are recorded

on a monthly basis per  
fiscal year

July 1, '24 to June 30, '25)

### Construction Project

June 2024

Current Estimated Construction Costs:	\$9,280,886**
Donations/ Fundraising:	(\$4,717,907)
Line of Credit/ Debt:	(\$4,500,000)
Additional Funds to Raise:	\$63,979

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



### Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the  
flesh of the Son of Man and drink his  
blood, we do not have life within us. The  
Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian  
life, in every place and in every moment.  
Let us always remember that where there  
is no Eucharist, there is no life.

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### Parish Staff

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Youth/Campus Ministry -

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

## Scripture Reflection

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### EMBRACING THE BREAD OF LIFE

This Sunday's readings invite us to a deeper understanding and acceptance of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Through the wisdom of Proverbs, Paul's exhortations, and Jesus' profound teachings, we are called to embrace the true nourishment that leads to eternal life.

The first reading from Proverbs personifies Wisdom as a woman who has prepared a feast and calls out, *"Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"* (Prv 9:4-5). This invitation to forsake foolishness and advance in understanding is a call to seek true wisdom and nourishment. Wisdom's table represents God's abundant provision and the spiritual insight that leads to a fulfilled life.

The responsorial psalm echoes this theme, inviting us to *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"* (Ps 34:9). The psalmist extols God's continual provision and deliverance, urging us to seek Him and find joy and refuge in His presence. This call to experience God's goodness is a reminder that true satisfaction comes from a relationship with Him.

In the second reading, Paul encourages the Ephesians to live wisely and make the most of every opportunity. He urges them to *"understand what is the will of the Lord"* and to be *"filled with the Spirit"* (Eph 5:17-18). Paul's exhortation to live with purpose and gratitude highlights the importance of aligning our lives with God's will and finding joy in His presence through worship and thanksgiving.

The Gospel continues Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life, with Jesus declaring, *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever"* (Jn 6:51). This statement, met with confusion and dispute among the Jews, emphasizes the necessity of accepting Jesus fully—His flesh and blood—as the true source of eternal life. Jesus' teachings challenge us to go beyond mere intellectual acceptance and to embrace Him in the Eucharist, experiencing His life-giving presence in a deeply personal and transformative way.

These readings collectively call us to a profound decision: to seek and embrace the true wisdom and nourishment found in Christ. Like the invitation from Wisdom, we are called to turn away from superficial pursuits and seek the deep, sustaining relationship with God. Paul's words remind us that living wisely means aligning our lives with God's will and being filled with His Spirit. Jesus' declaration as the Bread of Life invites us to partake in the Eucharist, embracing His presence and receiving the eternal life He offers.

This week, let us open our hearts to the invitation of Jesus, the Bread of Life. As we participate in the Eucharist, may we fully embrace the life-giving presence of Christ, allowing Him to nourish and transform us. Let us seek true wisdom and live in a way that reflects God's love and goodness, making every moment an opportunity to glorify Him. Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

## Current Events and More

### Mass for Fr. Bob Binta

This coming week is the 6th anniversary of the passing of Fr. Bob Binta and we will be having a Mass in his honor on **Tuesday, August 20** at **8:15 am** in the Church.

Fr. Bob was the Pastor here at St. Benedict for five years beginning in July of 2013. He was later diagnosed with cancer and passed away peacefully on August 20, 2018. Each year we remember Fr. Bob. As Fr. Bob was known for saying...

*"God is Good, All the Time!  
And All the Time, God is Good!"*



### Children's Choir

Give your child the gift of music. The St. Benedict Children's Choir (for grades 3 through 8) will begin on **Wednesday, August 28** at 6 pm with a parent meeting plus a choir rehearsal. Regular rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Choir Loft. Our Children's Choir sings once a month and will, again, participate in a nationally-recognized choral festival. For more details, contact Phil Arkfeld at [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org) or **480.961.1610 ext. 311**.

### Videographer Wanted

We're looking for a volunteer with experience in videography to help us develop instruction videos for our liturgical ministries. If interested in helping out, please contact Phil Arkfeld [parkfeld@stbenedict.org](mailto:parkfeld@stbenedict.org), **480.961.1610 ext. 311**.

### Vocations

*"Always give thanks for all things."*

Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at **602.354.2004** or [dphx.org/vocations](http://dphx.org/vocations).

### Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,

May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.

May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.

May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.

Amen.

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### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Gloria Guiga-Pisicolo**, **J.D. Pickett** and **Foster Sdao** 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.



### Arizona Rosary Celebration 2024

Save the date for the 49th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration on **Sunday, October 27** from 2 pm to 4:15 pm at the Phoenix Convention Center (33 S. 3rd St. Phoenix, South Building, Halls F and G). Doors open at noon for confession, adoration and exhibits.

### Employment Opportunity

The parish office is in need of an energetic and enthusiastic individual for the position of a full-time Coordinator of Youth and Campus Ministry. This person will be responsible for implementing the JAM and EPIC programs to the parish youth grades 6-12. For more information and job description, go to the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).

## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

**September 8**

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

**Tuesday, September 10**

JAM

Journey of Faith

**Sunday, September 15**

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

CGS

EPIC

### Faith Formation News

We can't wait to welcome your children and teens to Faith Formation for 2024-2025! Registration for Journey of Faith, CGS, JAM, and EPIC (K-12th grade) is underway. Sign up today!

Wondering why your teen or child should attend faith formation at St. Benedict? Here are five reasons:

1. I want my child or teen to have a personal relationship with Jesus.
2. I want my child or teen to better understand the beauty of Liturgy and the Sacraments.
3. I want my child or teen to develop healthy peer relationships with friends who share Christian values.
4. Knowing my child or teen is gaining knowledge of their faith and a deeper understanding of God is a gift to my own spirituality.
5. Catechesis promotes a missionary spirit that prepares my child or teen to be an active and service-minded Christian in society.

### R.E. Registration

Give your children and teens the gift of faith formation where they grow closer to Christ, become more rooted in their Catholic faith, meet new (and old) friends, and have fun! Online registration for all Faith Formation programs has begun.

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Sessions begin in September and meet most weeks through April 2025. For a complete schedule, visit our parish website at [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)

- **EPIC YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9th-12th):**  
Sundays from 3 pm to 4:45 pm
- **JAM MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6th-8th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm
- **JOURNEY OF FAITH (Grades K-5th)**  
Tuesdays from 6:15 pm tp 7:30 pm
- **\*CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**  
Sundays from 9 am to 10:15 am Level I (3-6 years)  
Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:30 am Level II (6-9 years with Level I experience)

\*Limited space is available for both CGS sessions.

REGISTRATION COSTS for 2024-2025 per child:  
\$75 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Journey of Faith & JAM Middle School  
\$75 - EPIC High School Youth Ministry

All families with multiple children have a maximum total registration cost of \$140 regardless of program. Financial assistance and scholarships are available for any family in need. We never want cost to prevent your child from participating in faith formation programs or youth ministry events. Contact Sr. Delia in the parish office for assistance or questions at **480.961.1610 ext. 307.**



## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

The Old Testament is a beautiful covenant of love, as God redeems fallen humanity and set in motion on his promises and plans for grace to bring us Jesus through the descendants of Abraham. But as powerful as that old covenant was, we have come to a superior covenant. It is far superior to theirs. Why? The mediator of this new covenant is Jesus who is a better priest and a perfect sacrifice and guarantee of God's great promises coming to his people and the lost world.

#### Announcements

- The Knight of the Month goes to Dave Belousek for his help in building room dividers for Family Promise.

#### Events

- Mass for Father Bob Binta will be held on Tuesday, August 20 at 8:15 AM in the chapel. Please make plans to attend.
- Knights Membership Drive this weekend, August 17 and 18th after all Masses. Please stop by our table and see what the Knights of Columbus are all about.

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

Vivat Jesus,  
John Garrity, Grand Knight  
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### St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people. With love for your neighbors who have so little, please help SVdP to feed, heal and house those in need through food or financial donations. Please consider helping others by donating the following:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats/Spam
- Cereal
- Chunky Soups
- Flour/Sugar
- Broth
- Mustard/Catsup/Mayo
- Salt

### Praying the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am, before the regular morning Mass, in the Parish Chapel.

Later this month (and on the last Wednesday of every month) the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish Rosary on **Wednesday, August 28**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Come and pray with us!

### Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, September 14** from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in Annex 1. For questions or to RSVP, contact Sr. Liza at [srliza@stbenedict.org](mailto:srliza@stbenedict.org).

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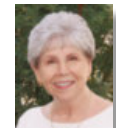
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## A Note From The SJB Principal



### 23rd Annual Bosco Gala Vintage Vegas - Come to Play. Win for the Kids Saturday, September 28, 2024

The Hilton Phoenix/Chandler, 2929 W. Frye Rd., Chandler, AZ 85224

Cost: \$85 Individual Ticket OR a Reserved Table for 10 for \$1,100

Dress: Cocktail "Vegas" Attire

Please join the St. John Bosco community at our annual Gala, "Vintage Vegas." The Gala is the school's largest fundraiser and a fun social event for the community. There will be a casino with raffle prizes, dinner, and live and silent auctions with some great items and experiences. Plan to attend this fun event and support our beloved St. John Bosco students, teachers, staff, and community!

It takes our whole community to make this event a success!

We are actively seeking items for the Gala's live and silent auction. Do you, your friends, or family members:

- Own a business?
- Have a season sports ticket?
- Own a timeshare/vacation home?
- Know a celebrity?
- Have gift cards or gift certificates that you are not going to use?

Email [theboscogala@sjbosco.org](mailto:theboscogala@sjbosco.org) if you can help!

We are also graciously asking local businesses to help support the Gala by becoming a Sponsor. See our website [sjbosco.org/gala](http://sjbosco.org/gala) for more details.

