

October 20, 2024

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“  
**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
 as we place our trust in you.**”

~ Ps 33

“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 - 3 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, 10/21

8:15 am | Mass  
 6:30 pm | Bible Study

#### Tuesday, 10/22

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

#### Wednesday, 10/23

8:15 am | Mass  
 5:30 pm | Finance Council  
 6 pm | Children’s Choir

#### Thursday, 10/24

8:15 am | Mass  
 4:30 pm | Legion  
 of Mary  
 6 pm | Adult Choir

#### Friday, 10/25

8:15 am | Mass  
 5 pm | Confession

#### Saturday, 10/26

8 am | Confession  
 10 am | Bereavement  
 Support Group  
 5 pm | Mass  
 5 pm | Harvest Fest

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 10/20/2024

7 am | Parishioners  
 9 am | Alexander Mastores †  
 11 am | Lourdes Sanchez †  
 5 pm | Becky Altuna †

F 10/25 | Anna & Richard  
 Morice †

Sat 10/26 | Jack Fink †

#### Sunday, 10/27/2024

M 10/21 | Floyd Heinrich †  
 Tu 10/22 | Rita Rodrigoe †  
 W 10/23 | Tex Petras †  
 Th 10/24 | Giselle Alcasid (lvg)

7 am | Alfred Gomez III (lvg)

9 am | Parishioners

11 am | Don Morgan †

5 pm | Asuncion Magbanua †

**Liturgy & Administration**

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 10/21 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 10/22 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 10/23 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10/24 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 10/25 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 10/26 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 10/27 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

**Parish Contributions**

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

Regular Contributions for **September 2024**

**Actual: \$ 69,082\***

**Budget: \$ 87,500**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 42,280

Cash/Check: \$ 26,802

(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**

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant's heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.

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**Parish Staff**

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC x 302 [fraboyi@stbenedict.org](mailto:fraboyi@stbenedict.org)

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Parish Manager -

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Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610

## Scripture Reflection

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### The Path of True Greatness

This Sunday's readings reveal that true greatness is found not in power or prestige, but in selfless service and sacrifice. The first reading from Isaiah points to the suffering servant who, through his afflictions, brings redemption: *"Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear"* (Is 53:11). This foreshadows Christ, who offered His life to redeem humanity, showing that true greatness often comes through humble sacrifice.

The responsorial psalm emphasizes our dependence on God's mercy: *"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you"* (Ps 33:22). Trusting in God's unfailing kindness and protection enables us to persevere, knowing He is our refuge in every challenge.

In the second reading, we are reminded that Jesus, our high priest, sympathizes with our weaknesses. He was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. This gives us confidence to approach Him, knowing we will receive grace and mercy when we need it most.

In the Gospel, James and John ask for positions of honor in Jesus' kingdom, but He teaches them that greatness in God's eyes is measured by service: *"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant"* (Mk 10:43). Jesus leads by example, stating that He came *"not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mk 10:45). His life of service becomes the model for all of us to follow.

This week, let us reflect on how we can embody true greatness through humble service, placing others before ourselves, just as Christ did. In serving with love and compassion, we participate in the greatness of God's kingdom. Amen.

Fr. Augustine Acheme, VC

## Current Events and More

### Employment Opportunity

St. Benedict Church has an opening for a full-time Parish Manager. Under the supervision of the Pastor, this individual will oversee all temporal aspects of the parish, plant facilities, office management, parish administration, and human resources. The Parish Manager will be a member of a collaborative team that is charged with seeing that the parish operation is driven towards the overall vision and mission of the parish.

For details and to apply, go to the parish website and click on the appropriate banner, or go here: <https://dphx.org/job/st-benedict-catholic-church-phoenix-az-17-parish-manager/>

### 2024 Annual Report

The 2023-2024 Annual Report for St. Benedict Catholic Church and St. John Bosco School is now available to view on the parish website at [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org). A few paper copies are also available from the parish office.

### Mass of Remembrance

On behalf of St. Benedict Catholic Church and our Pastoral Care Ministry, we invite you to remember our deceased loved ones and join us for the Mass of Remembrance on **Monday, November 4** at 7 pm in the Church.

Bring in a photo of your deceased loved one(s) on October 26, onward, to add to the tables located at the back of the church. Be sure to include your name and number on the back of each photo. These photos will be on display from October 26 to November 24.

On the tables you will also find a Book of the Names of the Dead for you to add names of loved ones who have passed. If you lost a loved one this past year, November 3, 2023 through November 2, 2024 and would like to have them remembered, contact Kathy McCluskey at [pastoralcare@stbenedict.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenedict.org) by Oct 27.

### 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 the Knights of Columbus will host a Parish Rosary on **Wednesday October 30**, at 7 pm in the Parish Chapel. Please join us!

**Join us for the next St. Benedict Dining Event!**



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*Don't forget to mention St. Benedict's fundraiser at time of order*

### All Souls Novena

November is just around the corner and is the month when we especially remember and pray for all those who have died.

Have your deceased loved ones remembered in our Novena of Masses which will be held **November 2-10** at 12 pm each day. Pick up an "All Souls Novena" envelope in the parish office or lobby. Write the names of your departed loved ones on the envelope and return it with your optional donation to the parish office.

Throughout the Novena a basket with the names of our loved ones will be placed before the altar. At the end of the Novena the lists of names will be burned with incense at the 5 pm Mass on **Sunday, November 10**.



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

**Sunday, Oct 20**

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

CGS

*Teen Sacramental Prep*

EPIC

**Tuesday, Oct 22**

JAM

*Journey of Faith*

**Sunday, Oct 27**

*Children's Mass*

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

CGS

*Teen Sacramental Prep*

EPIC

### Children's Monthly Mass

On **Sunday, October 27**, we will have the monthly Children's Mass held at 9 am. This Mass is led by our St. Benedict youth who joyfully serve as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, Choir Members and Altar Servers.

If your child is interested in serving in one of these ministries during the monthly Children's Mass, please call Phil Arkfeld at **480.961.1610, ext. 311**.

### Sacrament Parent Meeting

There will be a Confirmation and First Communion Parent Meeting on **Thursday, October 24**, at 6:30 pm at the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room. This meeting is for parents of St. John Bosco, Journey of Faith, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students whose child/children are preparing for their Confirmation and First Communion by 2025.

See you there and thank you so much!

### OCIA Meets Regularly on Sundays

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process where adults and children, seven years old or older, are prepared for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Adults in other faith traditions who have been baptized and are wanting to become Catholic, as well as adults who were baptized Catholic but have not received other sacraments, participate in this process as well. Classes are ongoing and meet on Sundays.

If you have questions, contact Sr. Liza at [srliza@stbenedict.org](mailto:srliza@stbenedict.org) or call **480.961.1610 ext. 308**.



### Harvest Fest

This year St. Benedict and St. John Bosco School are teaming up for the annual Harvest Fest held at the school!

Join us on **Saturday, October 26** from 5 pm to 9 pm at the school (entrance at southeast gate only).

For more information or to get your tickets, go to <https://sjbosco.org/harvestfest/>.

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*Oh Lord, you have searched me, and you know me. You know when I sit, and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O Lord (Psalm 139:1-4)*

Your purpose in life is chosen by God. This is your blueprint from God..and the same way that He had a specific purpose in mind for Jesus when He sent Him to the Earth, He has a specific purpose in mind for your life.

Each of us must ask why we are involved in an activity. Is it a God activity, or just a good activity?

Today, take steps to ensure you are aligned with your purpose.

#### Announcements

- Congratulations to Mike Low and Michael Scheller becoming the Knights of the Month for September and for exceeding goal at the Blood Drive!

#### Events

- Ministry Fair on November 9 and 10.
- Only 2 seats available on the bus to the Arizona Rosary Celebration on October 27. Sign up in the church lobby.

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

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

[grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)

602.743.8015

### Ministry Contacts

Audio-Visual... Scott, [av@stbenedict.org](mailto:av@stbenedict.org)

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Knights of Columbus... John, [grandknight@kofc12246.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc12246.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells His disciples, "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

This week, personal and household items are needed:

- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Hygiene
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Shaving Needs

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



#### Christian Toth's Eagle Project:

Laying the stone in the background of the St. John Bosco statue on the north side of the church. Thank you, Christian and Troop 77!

Lectors... Melissa, [melissa729@gmail.com](mailto:melissa729@gmail.com)

Legion of Mary... Heidi Hill, [stblom@stbenedict.org](mailto:stblom@stbenedict.org)

Music/Choir... Phil A., 480.961.1610 ext. 311

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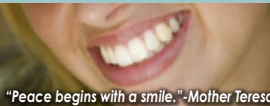
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### A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear Parishioners,

I invite you to join us at our annual November Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on **Monday, November 11**. I encourage you to invite family and friends with 3-5-year-olds to spend Veterans Day morning with us. Let us showcase the excellence of our preschool and kindergarten education!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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