

February 22, 2026  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

“ *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.* ”  
 ~ Ps 51

“Where All Are Welcome”

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**Parish Mission Statement** \_\_\_\_\_

*We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that celebrates the presence of God in all creation through 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** \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 5 pm, Sun 7, 9, 11 am, 1 pm-Spanish, 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)

<b>Monday, 2/23</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Tuesday, 2/24</b> 8:15 am   Mass	<b>Wednesday, 2/25</b> 8:15 am   Mass 7 pm   Parish Rosary
<b>Thursday, 2/26</b> 8:15 am   Mass 6 pm   Adult Choir 6 pm   Spanish Choir	<b>Friday, 2/27</b> 8:15 am   Mass 5 pm   Confession 6 pm   Stations (Eng) 6:30 pm   Fish Fry 7 pm   Stations (Sp)	<b>Saturday, 2/28</b> 8 am   Confession 5 pm   Mass

**Mass Intentions** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sunday, 2/22/2026</b> 7 am   Parishioners 9 am   Mike Gomez † 11 am   Charity Dowd † 1 pm   Parishioners 5 pm   Kevin Howard †	F 2/27   Ben & Evelyn Korcezyk † Sat 2/28   George & Patricia Tracy †
M 2/23   Jane Peck (lvg) Tu 2/24   Hans Olsson † W 2/25   Mary Alys Klofanda † Th 2/26   Bobbi Frink (lvg)	<b>Sunday, 3/1/2026</b> 7 am   Margie Flynn † 9 am   Bunny Perrero † 11 am   Marito Roque † 1 pm   Parishioners 5 pm   Olivia I. Gonzalez †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b> 2/23	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 ( <i>St. Polycarp</i> )
<b>Tuesday:</b> 2/24	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b> 2/25	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b> 2/26	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b> 2/27	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b> 2/28	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday:</b> 3/1	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18- 19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9 ( <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> )

### Parish Contributions

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

Contributions for  
January 2026

**Actual: \$ 73,976\***

**Budget: \$ 77,500**

**Jan. Mortgage Support:  
\$ 15,182**

\* *Realm*

*Online: \$ 40,331*

*Cash/Check: \$ 33,645*

*(Contributions are recorded  
on a monthly basis  
per fiscal year  
July 1, '25 to June 30, '26)*

### Debt Reduction

*As of Jan 31, 2026*

Church Construction	
Loan:	\$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	\$4,199,912
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	\$115,447
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	\$105,834



### Live the Liturgy

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

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## Gospel Reflection

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### WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF LENT



The Season of Lent is a season of grace when through the tripartite holy practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we strive to climb and arrive at the glorious mountain of Easter, the season of renewal. The Lenten Season, which runs between Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday, has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The Catechumens, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by Penance for the renewal of their Baptismal promises. During Lent we shall "retire" the "Alleluia" and the "Gloria," wear mostly purple vestments, desist from adorning the Altar with flowers, and musical instruments shall be played only to give necessary support to the singing. All these are aimed towards enabling a reflective liturgical environment for preparation for the glorious Season of Easter.

The First Reading at the Liturgy on this first weekend of the Holy Season of Lent traces the origin of man and his eventual fall which led to sin and death. By the disobedience of Adam, the first man, together with Eve, the first woman, man chose sin and death that were packaged and presented to them as enlightenment and freedom even from the promptings of God. Pride is the devil's favorite vice and our forebears get easily enticed by its allure. The pursuit of freedom to extreme heights without seeking discernment with the help of the Holy Spirit continues to cause us to drift away from grace into sin and death. Adam lacked the help that the Holy Spirit provides that enables us to discern and navigate spiritual challenges in such a way that we know ourselves better and grow stronger in our commitment to a faithful and righteous relationship with God. The temptation of Jesus, in whose steps we intend to journey in this Holy Season of Lent, is a demonstration of what we can achieve if we align our lives with the promptings and the Divine assistance of the Holy Spirit.

As we enter into the "desert" of Lent, the church presents, for our reflection, the account of Jesus doing spiritual combat with the devil in the wilderness. The devil threw at Him the "threefold concupiscence," that is, the most common three ways in which we experience temptation to sin, namely: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Lust of the flesh is physical lust for food, sex, drugs, comfort and so on. Lust of the eyes is greed or avarice, the desire to own and possess things of beauty and value. Pride of life is sinful pride and the temptation to achieve self-sufficiency that has no place for God. Jesus conquered disobedience by rejecting the lure to satisfy the body, ignoring the false promise of earthly power and influence, and renouncing decisively the crave for fame, vain adulation and popularity through sensationalism. Accepting the promptings of the Holy Spirit, total obedience to the will of the Father and a deep understanding of the content and true intent of Scripture, were the tools with which Jesus responded to each of the temptations thrown at Him.

"The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a 'delight to the eyes' and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death." (CCC 2847).

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, let us ask the Lord for His Holy Spirit to help us discern the hurdles of life as we prepare to celebrate the feasts ahead so that at Easter we will joyfully celebrate the new life with Christ.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

## Current Events and More

### Ideas for Lenten Devotions

Here are some ideas of things to do to nurture and grow in your spirituality during Lent:

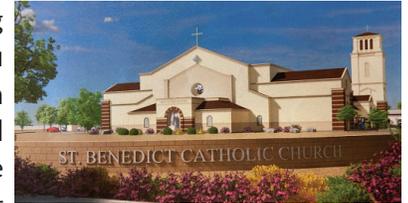
- Attend Daily Mass as often as possible.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143).
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up, and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.

*“When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.”*

~ Psalm 91

### Mortgage Support Collection

This weekend, during the announcements, you will see the collection baskets passed around again for donations to the parish Mortgage Support



Collection. We kindly invite you to contribute to this effort by giving a little extra once a month. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to paying down the debt.

Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and in the parish lobby. Thank you for your help!

### Stations of the Cross/Fish Fry

On Fridays, during Lent, we have the Stations of the Cross in English at 6 pm, and Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 7 pm in the church.



Between 6:30 and 7:30 pm, our Events Committee is offering a Fish Fry in Annex 3. You get 2 pieces of fish, coleslaw, chips, dessert and water for \$10 a plate which benefits the church. All are welcome to observe the Stations and the Fish Fry each Friday during Lent.



### Prayer for the Charity and Development Appeal

Generous and loving God, You call us to be disciples of your son Jesus, and good stewards of all your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.

With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

Amen



## Faith Formation and More

### Children and Youth Faith Formation

**Sunday, Feb 22**

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)  
H.S. Youth Ministry  
Teen & Young Adult Mass

**Monday, Feb 23**

M.S. Youth Ministry

**Tuesday, Feb 24**

Journey of Faith  
Teen Sacramental Prep

**Sunday, March 1**

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)  
H.S. Youth Ministry  
Teen & Young Adult Mass

### Family Promise and St. Benedict Church/St. John Bosco

The Family Promise program, since its inception in the year 2000, has helped hundreds of families, enabling them to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. St. Benedict and St. John Bosco School help to host homeless families through this program by giving them a place to stay for a week while they are acquiring the tools and training they need to get back on their feet. Twice a year our community helps to make the hosting event a success.



The next opportunity to help is between **Sunday, March 8** and **Sunday, March 15**, and a great number of volunteers are needed. Please contact Tracy Ryan at [tracyryan18@cox.net](mailto:tracyryan18@cox.net) for more information. An online sign-up with volunteer opportunities is available on the parish website: [www.stbenedict.org](http://www.stbenedict.org)

## St. Benedict Catholic Church Rummage Sale March 7, 2026 7 am to 1 pm in the SJB MPR

**Beginning January 31, 2026  
Drop off your donations at Annex 2!  
Before and after all weekend Masses**

**Please note:** We are unable to accept certain items - including mattresses, light fixtures and chandeliers, tube or older televisions, car seats, china hutches, large appliances, particle-board furniture, ceiling fans, broken or stained items, and large Christmas trees. Thank you for understanding

for more info or to schedule a large  
pickup email  
[Rummagesale@stbenedict.org](mailto:Rummagesale@stbenedict.org)



or call Debbi at 602-  
617-3321

## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "NO" to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. (Titus 2:11-12)*

Grace is not about excuses for our sins, but about a deep-seated thanksgiving for pardon and a life-changing commitment to say "NO" to all that is evil, corrupt, and wicked, no matter how alluring or how pervasive those temptations and desires may be and no matter how prevalent they are in our culture.

As Paul taught the Ephesians, we have received mercy and grace so that we could be saved FROM sin, death, and hell. (Ephesians 2:7-8), so we can be saved FOR doing what is good. (Ephesians 2:10).

#### Announcements:

Thanks to one of our most generous brothers, Fr. Emmanuel will soon be driving new wheels. The Knights have also donated \$500 to fix some minor issues on the car.

A big thank you, as well, to Luis Acosta for organizing a wonderful Valentines Dinner/Dance.

#### Upcoming Events:

Feb 25 - Parish Rosary, 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Mar 5, 6, 7 - Parish Rummage Sale set up and help, SJB School, Time to be announced.

Mar 8 - Family Promise set up, 8 am, SJB multipurpose room.

Vivat Jesus,  
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### St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call our church. They are, in effect, calling us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please refer them to SVdP so that together we can help the suffering and the poor.



Here are some items needed in our onsite pantry:

- Refried Beans
- Baking Items
- Taco Kits
- Canned Fruit
- Salsa
- Applesauce

As always, if you find yourself in need of St. Vincent de Paul assistance or information, please call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

### SVdP: Many Thanks to the Scouts

Last weekend, Scouting America held a national food drive to benefit local food banks. St. Vincent de Paul had **A LOT** of food donated to our on-site food pantry. Troop 278 from the Lakewood neighborhood donated 840 lbs of food! We also had donations from our own St. John Bosco School and from Scouts near Corpus Christi Church. We are so blessed that the Scouts thought of SVdP - donating food enables us to better serve our neighbors in need. We are so very grateful!

### Praying the Rosary

Why pray the Rosary alone when you can pray with fellow parishioners? Join us **Monday** through **Thursday** mornings at 7:45 am in the parish Chapel before morning Mass.

Also, on the last Wednesday of each month, the Knights of Columbus host a Rosary in the parish Chapel. This month we invite all to gather on **Wednesday, February 25**, at 7:00 pm. Come and pray with us!



## Ministries & More

### Welcoming Sunday

Next weekend, after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to the monthly parish Welcoming. Here you can mix and mingle with our priests, members of the Pastoral Council, Staff and new parishioners in the Narthex at the back of the church. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Ignacio Mena** 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.

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### Marriage Encounter

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

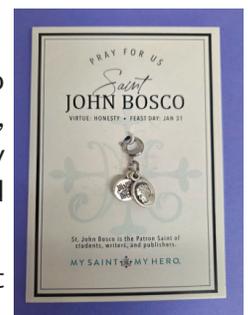


Learn how to truly listen to your spouse on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **MAY 30-31, 2026** in Tucson. For more information, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call **520.661.3644**.

### Gift Shop

Our gift shop has St. John Bosco charms to clip on backpacks, zippers, jewelry and more! Many new and unique items. Stop by and take a look.

For questions or requests, contact Lisa at [giftshop@stbenedict.org](mailto:giftshop@stbenedict.org)



## Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

### BIENVENIDOS A LA TEMPORADA DE CUARESMA



La Cuaresma es un tiempo de gracia en el que, a través de las tres prácticas sagradas de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, nos esforzamos por ascender y llegar a la gloriosa montaña de la Pascua, tiempo de renovación. La Cuaresma, que va desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta la Misa de la Cena del Señor, excluyendo el Jueves Santo, tiene un doble carácter, a saber, preparar tanto a los catecúmenos como a los fieles para celebrar el Misterio Pascual. Los catecúmenos, tanto con el Rito de Elección y los Escrutinios, como con la catequesis, se preparan para la celebración de los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana; los fieles, cada vez más atentos a la Palabra de Dios y a la oración, se preparan mediante la penitencia para la renovación de sus promesas bautismales. Durante la Cuaresma «retiraremos» el «Aleluya» y el «Gloria», vestiremos principalmente ornamentos morados, desistiremos de adornar el altar con flores y los instrumentos musicales solo se tocarán para dar el apoyo necesario al canto. Todo ello con el fin de crear un ambiente litúrgico reflexivo que prepare para la gloriosa temporada de Pascua.

La primera lectura de la liturgia de este primer fin de semana de la Cuaresma traza el origen del hombre y su eventual caída, que condujo al pecado y a la muerte. Por la desobediencia de Adán, el primer hombre, junto con Eva, la primera mujer, el hombre eligió el pecado y la muerte, que les fueron presentados como iluminación y libertad, incluso de las indicaciones de Dios. El orgullo es el vicio favorito del diablo y nuestros antepasados se dejan seducir fácilmente por su encanto. La búsqueda de la libertad hasta extremos sin buscar el discernimiento con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo nos sigue alejando de la gracia y nos lleva al pecado y a la muerte. Adán carecía de la ayuda que nos brinda el Espíritu Santo, que nos permite discernir y afrontar los desafíos espirituales de tal manera que nos conocemos mejor a nosotros mismos y nos fortalecemos en nuestro compromiso con una relación fiel y justa con Dios. La tentación de Jesús, cuyos pasos pretendemos seguir en este tiempo santo de Cuaresma, es una demostración de lo que podemos lograr si alineamos nuestras vidas con las indicaciones y la ayuda divina del Espíritu Santo.

Al entrar en el «desierto» de la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos presenta, para nuestra reflexión, el relato de Jesús luchando espiritualmente contra el diablo en el desierto. El diablo le lanzó la «triple concupiscencia», es decir, las tres formas más comunes en las que experimentamos la tentación de pecar, a saber: la concupiscencia de la carne, la concupiscencia de los ojos y la soberbia del vida. La concupiscencia de la carne es el deseo físico por la comida, el sexo, las drogas, el confort, etc. La concupiscencia de los ojos es la codicia o avaricia, el deseo de poseer y tener cosas bellas y valiosas. El orgullo de la vida es un orgullo pecaminoso y la tentación de alcanzar la autosuficiencia, en la que no hay lugar para Dios. Jesús venció la desobediencia rechazando la tentación de satisfacer el cuerpo, ignorando la falsa promesa del poder y la influencia terrenales, y renunciando decididamente al ansia de fama, adulación vana y popularidad a través del sensacionalismo. Aceptar las indicaciones del Espíritu Santo, la obediencia total a la voluntad del Padre y una profunda comprensión del contenido y la verdadera intención de las Escrituras fueron las herramientas con las que Jesús respondió a cada una de las tentaciones que se le presentaron.

«El Espíritu Santo nos hace discernir entre las pruebas, que son necesarias para el crecimiento del hombre interior, y la tentación, que conduce al pecado y a la muerte. También debemos discernir entre ser tentados y consentir a la tentación. Por último, el discernimiento desenmascara la mentira de la tentación, cuyo objeto parece ser bueno, «agradable a los ojos» y deseable, cuando en realidad su fruto es la muerte» (CIC 2847).

Al comenzar este tiempo santo de Cuaresma, pidamos al Señor que su Espíritu Santo nos ayude a discernir los obstáculos de la vida mientras nos preparamos para celebrar las fiestas que se avecinan, de modo que en Pascua podamos celebrar con alegría la nueva vida con Cristo.

El reino unido de Israel había desaparecido

Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Nuestro Señor es tan humilde que nos permite verlo experimentar la tentación. La vulnerabilidad de este momento es increíble de contemplar. Aprendamos de la interacción de Jesús con el diablo y seamos transformados por ella. Digamos, con él: "Aléjate, Satanás".

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Tienda de regalos

¡Nuestra tienda de regalos tiene colgantes de St. John Bosco para poner en mochilas, cremalleras, joyas y mucho más! Muchos artículos nuevos y únicos. Pásate y échales un vistazo. Si tienes alguna pregunta o solicitud, ponte en contacto con Lisa en [giftshop@stbenedict.org](mailto:giftshop@stbenedict.org)

Domingo de bienvenida

El próximo fin de semana, después de la misa del domingo a la 1 pm, están invitados a asistir a la bienvenida mensual de la parroquia. Se pueden reunir con nuestros sacerdotes y nuevos feligreses en el nártex, en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Habrá un refrigerio.

San Vicente de Paúl

La Cuaresma es un llamado a «dar limosna a los pobres». Dondequiera que vivas, hay familias pobres a poca distancia de tu hogar. Cuando lo necesitan, llaman a nuestra iglesia. En efecto, nos están llamando a nosotros. ¿Conoces alguna familia que necesite ayuda? Por favor, remítelos a SVdP para que juntos podamos ayudar a los que sufren y a los pobres. Estos son algunos de los artículos que se necesitan en nuestra despensa:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
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Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

As an authentically Catholic school, the staff and students of St. John Bosco have the unique opportunity to unabashedly participate in all liturgical rituals of sacred seasons.

In the days prior to Ash Wednesday, students learn about the three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – and discern how they will incorporate these practices into their lives in our collective attempt to walk with Christ through His final journey on earth. Students make thoughtful Lenten commitments they hold close to their hearts and revisit them throughout Lent.

Last Tuesday, the entire student body gathered in the MPR to witness the annual “Resting the Alleluia,” signifying the last time we will utter the word “Alleluia” until Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we attended the all-school Mass and received ashes on our foreheads, with a poignant message delivered by Parochial Vicar Fr. Emmanuel, clarifying why we as Catholics observe Lent the way we do.

But the message doesn’t stop after Ash Wednesday Mass. Throughout the season of Lent, teachers make a concerted effort to intertwine Lenten lessons in subjects to help students see the relevance of their Catholic Faith in their lives. Friday Fish Frys, Stations of the Cross on our school campus for teachers/classes to visit, Holy Thursday classroom retreats, All-Staff Lenten Retreat, the annual 6th-grade production of the Passion Play, and the 8th-grade-led Living Stations of the Cross also make these 40 days deeply enriching and help us all to take active participation in this most sacred season of the year.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal  
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