

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent

“ **If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.** ”

~ Ps 95

“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-Fri, 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

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| Monday, 3/9 8:15 am Mass | Tuesday, 3/10 8:15 am Mass | Wednesday, 3/11 8:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Legion Mary |
| Thursday, 3/12 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Adult Choir 6 pm K of C 6 pm Spanish Choir | Friday, 3/13 8:15 am Mass 9 am Adoration 6 pm Stations (Eng) 6:30 pm Fish Dinner 7 pm Stations (Sp) | Saturday, 3/14 8 am Confession 9:30 am Baptism Class 5 pm Mass 6 pm Lenten Mission |

Mass Intentions _____

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| Sunday, 3/8/2026 7 am Laura Ann Smith † 9 am Joe J. Lopez † 11 am Parishioners 1 pm Deceased Members of Hoffman Family † 5 pm Emil Senn † | Th 3/12 Margaret McDermott (Ivg) F 3/13 Janet Creger (Ivg) Sat 3/14 Kevin Howard † |
| M 3/9 Susana Pentinio † Tu 3/10 Margaret McDermott (Ivg) W 3/11 Margaret McDermott (Ivg) | Sunday, 3/15/2026 7 am Fr. Jim Thorton † 9 am Esperanza McLeod † 11 am James Elder † 1 pm Veronica Munoz † 5 pm Parishioners |

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 3/9 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 3/10 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-3/11 16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 3/12 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-3/13 9, 10-11ab, 14, 17/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 3/14 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 3/15 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
(4th Sunday of Lent)

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for February 2026

Actual: \$ 83,958*

Budget: \$ 77,500

Jan. Mortgage Support: \$ 8,215

* Realm

Online: \$ 47,487

Cash/Check: \$ 36,471

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

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Charity & Development Appeal Totals

March 3, 2026

Number of Donors: 157

Amount Donated: \$92,417

Donations Goal: \$99,844



Live the Liturgy

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

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Gospel Reflection

GOD SATISFIES THE DEEPEST LONGING



God satisfies the deepest longing of the human heart from thirsting to satisfaction, trust and salvation.

On this third Sunday of Lent, three readings are beautifully connected. They all revolve around one powerful theme: thirst: physical thirst, spiritual thirst, and the thirst for salvation.

But deeper still, they reveal this truth that God meets us in our dryness and brokenness, not to condemn us, but to give us living water.

The first reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7 (Thirst in the Desert) tells us how the Israelites cry out in frustration in the desert at Massah and Meribah, they questioned Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" They were thirsty, afraid, complaining, and doubting. This moved them to question if the Lord was in their midst or not? This was not just about water. It was about trust.

Lent is our desert season. We may feel some type of dryness like unanswered prayers, spiritual fatigue, temptations and doubt and, like Israel, we sometimes question whether God is truly with us. Yet God does something shocking: He tells Moses to strike the rock, and water flows. Even in the midst of their complaining, God provides. The rock becomes a sign of Christ who was struck, wounded for our sake and yet grants eternal life.

In the second reading from Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Hope That Does Not Disappoint). St. Paul moves us deeper to say that through Christ: We have peace with God, we stand in grace, we rejoice in hope and then comes one of the most powerful lines in Scripture: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts." Notice the word "poured." Just as water flowed from the rock, God's love is poured into us through the Holy Spirit. And when did Christ die for us? "While we were still sinners." Not when we were strong. Not when we were holy. Not when we stopped complaining. But when we were weak. Lent is not about proving ourselves strong, perfect or worthy of God. It is about recognizing we are thirsty and we are letting Him fill us.

In the Gospel of John 4:5-42 (The Woman at the Well) the theme of thirst reaches its fullness. At Jacob's well, Jesus says: "Give me a drink." The Creator of water asks for water. But "He is really thirsty for her heart." The Samaritan woman is isolated, wounded, searching for love, carrying shame, sadness and grief. She comes at noon, the hottest time of the day, likely to avoid others. Jesus does not shame her. He does not condemn her. Instead, He tells her about herself and offers "living water." Water that becomes a spring within. This woman represents all of us because there are points in our lives when we thirst for love, healing and God's presence.

What else do we possibly thirst for? We thirst for meaning, for acceptance and for God even when we don't realize it. And Jesus reveals the truth: The thirst you feel is really for Me.

The Central Lenten Message for today is that God is not distant in our dryness. He is the One who waits at the well to fill us with living water if we truly thirst or long for it.

Lent invites us to: Identify our false wells (things we use to fill our emptiness), stop complaining like the Israelites, admit our thirst and receive the living water of grace. The woman's transformation is the goal of Lent. She arrives empty and ashamed but returns back to her community as a missionary inviting everyone to come and encounter Christ. When Christ truly satisfies us, we cannot keep it to ourselves.

Just as Israel thirsts in the desert, the Samaritan woman thirsts for living water at the well. We thirst in Lent for Christ's love and forgiveness. Water flowed from the rock in Exodus and living water flowed from Christ in the Gospel. May we be filled with the living water we thirst for through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More

Stations of the Cross/Fish Dinner

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 Dinner in Annex 3. You get 2 pieces of fish, corn tortillas coleslaw, chips, dessert and water for \$10 a plate. Get it "to go!" All are welcome to observe the Stations and the Fish Dinner each Friday during Lent.

Lenten Penance Service

The St. Benedict Penance Service will be on **Tuesday, March 17** at 7 pm in the Church. The evening will begin with a prayer service and an Examination of Conscience. Individual confessions follow. Priests from our neighboring parishes will also be here to hear confessions. Save the date!

Choir News

Our Teen and Young Adult Choir has a new rehearsal time. Rehearsals are being moved to **Sunday at 3 pm** in the Choir Loft. Sign up today and bring a friend!

For more information or to sign up, contact Phil Arkfeld at parkfeld@stbenedict.org

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

St. Benedict and St. John Bosco School help to host homeless families through Family Promise 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.

The next opportunity to help is now! **Sunday, March 8** through **Sunday, March 15**, and a great number of volunteers are needed. Sign up to help online by going to the parish website and clicking on the Family Promise banner.

Join us for the annual
LENTEN
MISSION SERIES
 VENUE: CHURCH

Session 1: Saturday, March 14th
@ 6:00-8:00pm
The Weight of Our Brokenness

Session 2: Saturday, March 21st
@ 6:00-8:00pm
The Mercy of Christ

***LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**



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Faith Formation and More

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 8

NO Liturgy of the Word with Children
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
NO H.S. Youth Ministry
Teen & Young Adult Mass

Monday, March 9

NO M.S. Youth Ministry

Tuesday, March 10

NO Journey of Faith
NO Teen Sacramental Prep

Sunday, March 15

NO Liturgy of the Word with Children
NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
NO H.S. Youth Ministry
Teen & Young Adult Mass

Marriage Ministry

Do you feel strongly in support of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony?

St. Benedict Church is seeking two married couples to belong to the Marriage Ministry as volunteers for marriage preparation which includes counseling engaged couples and facilitating a review of their FOCCUS inventory (a tool to assess communication and readiness).

Ideal Qualifications:

- A married couple willing to share their experience and faith.
Responsible couples committed to helping couples prepare for a lifelong, sacramental covenant.
Willingness to attend training sessions provided by the church or diocese.

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While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive prayer offerings, Jesus said, all that you see here, the days will come when they will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down. (Luke 21:5-6)

In a literal way this prophecy of our Lord came true. In 70 A.D., the temple upon which they were commenting was destroyed. Jesus then goes on to warn the disciples that there will be many confusions that will come. Why does Jesus prophecy these things?

The answer was simple. He was warning them and preparing us all so that we do not become misled or terrified when they come. He says, "See that you not be deceived and do not be terrified."

Reflect today, upon the undeniable fact that your life will involve difficulty. Sometimes that difficulty is self-imposed as a result of your sin. Other times, it is unjustly imposed on account of the sin of another. We should only be concerned about our own sins. Entrust all things to God, every suffering, every persecution, every tragedy every struggle. Trust at all times and in all circumstances, and our all-powerful Lord will bring good from everything.

Announcements:

Our State Raffle is in full swing. Tickets are on sale after Masses. Five dollars each or \$20 for a book of six tickets. Six books for \$100. The caveat here is half of our sales comes back to us so we can donate to needy charities.

Corpus Christi Knights are holding a St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance. Please contact John Garrity for tickets, jgarrity43@aol.com. Date March 14, 5:30 parish hall. Tickets are \$30 per person. Enjoy delicious corned beef, Reuben sandwiches, carrots, potatoes.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 12 - Council meeting, 7 pm, place tba.

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
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www.kofc12246.org

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel, Jesus says, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your gifts are helping to finish the work of Jesus.

Here are some items needed in our onsite pantry:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Tomato Products
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Taco Kits
- 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.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Baby Joshua Ambrose, Jane Baker** and **Marilyn Keane** 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.



Marriage Encounter

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, "Whoever shall drink from the water I will give will not thirst again." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **May 30-31, 2026** in Tucson, or **July 11-12, 2026** in Phoenix. For more information, go to wwme.org or call 520.661.3644.



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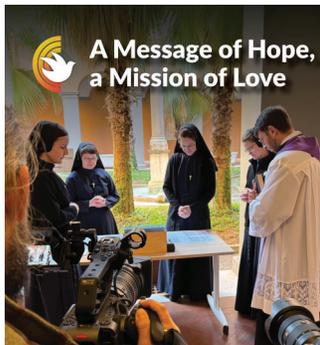


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Ministries & More

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next weekend we will be collecting for the Catholic Communication Campaign which, through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all the donations collected in our diocese will stay in our diocese to support our local communications needs. Envelopes can be found in the lobby, narthex and by the south doors. Thank you for your contribution!



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Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

DIOS SATISFACE EL ANHELO MÁS PROFUNDO



Dios satisface el anhelo más profundo del corazón humano, desde la sed hasta la satisfacción, la confianza y la salvación.

En este tercer domingo de Cuaresma, las tres lecturas están bellamente relacionadas entre sí. Todas ellas giran en torno a un tema poderoso: la sed: la sed física, la sed espiritual y la sed de salvación.

Pero, más profundamente aún, revelan esta verdad: que Dios nos encuentra en nuestra sequedad y quebrantamiento, no para condenarnos, sino para darnos agua viva.

La primera lectura del libro del Éxodo 17:3-7 (Sed en el desierto) nos cuenta cómo los israelitas claman frustrados en el desierto de Masá y Meribá, y preguntan a Moisés: «¿Por qué nos has sacado de Egipto?». Tenían sed, miedo, se quejaban y dudaban. Esto les llevó a preguntarse si el Señor estaba entre ellos o no. No se trataba solo de agua. Se trataba de confianza.

La Cuaresma es nuestra temporada de desierto. Podemos sentir algún tipo de sequedad, como oraciones sin respuesta, fatiga espiritual, tentaciones y dudas y, al igual que Israel, a veces nos preguntamos si Dios está realmente con nosotros. Sin embargo, Dios hace algo sorprendente: le dice a Moisés que golpee la roca, y el agua fluye. Incluso en medio de sus quejas, Dios provee. La roca se convierte en un signo de Cristo, que fue golpeado, herido por nosotros y, sin embargo, nos concede la vida eterna.

En la segunda lectura, tomada de Romanos 5, 1-2. 5-8 (La esperanza que no defrauda), san Pablo nos lleva más allá al decir que, por medio de Cristo, tenemos paz con Dios, estamos en la gracia, nos regocijamos en la esperanza, y luego viene una de las frases más poderosas de la Escritura: «La esperanza no defrauda, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones». Fíjense en la palabra «derramado». Así como el agua brotó de la roca, el amor de Dios se derrama en nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo. ¿Y cuándo murió Cristo por nosotros? «Cuando aún éramos pecadores». No cuando éramos fuertes. No cuando éramos santos. No cuando dejamos de quejarnos. Sino cuando éramos débiles. La Cuaresma no se trata de demostrar que somos fuertes, perfectos o dignos de Dios. Se trata de reconocer que tenemos sed y dejar que Él nos llene.

En el Evangelio de Juan 4:5-42 (La mujer en el pozo), el tema de la sed alcanza su plenitud. En el pozo de Jacob, Jesús dice: «Dame de beber». El Creador del agua pide agua. Pero «en realidad, lo que le seduce es el corazón de ella». La mujer samaritana está aislada, herida, buscando amor, cargando con la vergüenza, la tristeza y el dolor. Ella llega al mediodía, la hora más calurosa del día, probablemente para evitar a los demás. Jesús no la avergüenza. No la condena. En cambio, le habla de sí misma y le ofrece «agua viva». Agua que se convierte en un manantial interior. Esta mujer nos representa a todos nosotros, porque hay momentos en nuestras vidas en los que sentimos sed de amor, de sanación y de la presencia de Dios.

¿Qué más podemos desear? Anhelamos encontrarle sentido a la vida, ser aceptados y a Dios, incluso cuando no nos damos cuenta. Y Jesús nos revela la verdad: lo que realmente anhelas es a mí.

El mensaje central de la Cuaresma para hoy es que Dios no está lejos en nuestra sequedad. Él es quien espera junto al pozo para llenarnos de agua viva si realmente tenemos sed o la anhelamos.

La Cuaresma nos invita a: Identificar nuestros pozos falsos (cosas que usamos para llenar nuestro vacío), dejar de quejarnos como los israelitas, admitir nuestra sed y recibir el agua viva de la gracia. La transformación de la mujer es el objetivo de la Cuaresma. Ella llega vacía y avergonzada, pero regresa a su comunidad como misionera invitando a todos a venir y encontrarse con Cristo. Cuando Cristo nos satisface verdaderamente, no podemos guardarlo para nosotros mismos.

Así como Israel tiene sed en el desierto, la mujer samaritana tiene sed de agua viva en el pozo. En Cuaresma, tenemos sed del amor y el perdón de Cristo. El agua brotó de la roca en el Éxodo y el agua viva brotó de Cristo en el Evangelio. Que seamos llenos del agua viva que anhelamos a través de Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

Jesús no convirtió a la mujer samaritana con milagros. La convirtió con su presencia. No le asustaban sus pecados ni sus fracasos. La escuchó. Se sentó con ella. Aprendamos de esto: cuando estamos presentes para los demás, podemos mostrarles el rostro de Dios.

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Los viernes, durante la Cuaresma, celebramos el Vía Crucis en inglés a las 6 de la tarde y el Vía Crucis en español a las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia.



Entre las 6:30 y las 7:30 p. m., nuestro Comité de Eventos ofrece una cena de pescado en el Anexo 3. Por 10 dólares por plato, se sirven dos trozos de pescado, tortillas de maíz, ensalada de col, patatas fritas, postre y agua. ¡Pídalo para llevar! Todos son bienvenidos a observar las estaciones y la cena de pescado todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma.

Servicio de penitencia cuaresmal

El Servicio de Penitencia de St. Benedict se celebrará el martes 17 de marzo a las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia. La velada comenzará con un servicio de oración y un examen de conciencia. A continuación, se celebrarán confesiones individuales. También estarán presentes sacerdotes de nuestras parroquias vecinas para escuchar confesiones. ¡Reserve la fecha!

San Vicente de Paúl

En el Evangelio, Jesús dice: «Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad del que me ha enviado y llevar a cabo su obra». A través de vuestras limosnas, estáis haciendo la voluntad del Padre y llevando a cabo la obra de Jesús. Sabed que vuestras donaciones están ayudando a llevar a cabo la obra de Jesús. Estos son algunos de los artículos que se necesitan en nuestra despensa:

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Sesión 1: Sábado, 14 de marzo, de 18:00 a 20:00 h.

«El peso de nuestro quebrantamiento»

P. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Sesión 2: Sábado, 21 de marzo, de 18:00 a 20:00 h.

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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

As you read this, our students and staff are off campus enjoying spring break with their families and possibly taking in a spring training game or two. Soon we'll return to regroup and collectively observe the remainder of the Lenten season and all the sacred days of Holy Week.

In the meantime, I am very pleased to announce exciting "Best of Ahwatukee" news. Once again, for the third time, St. John Bosco took **top honors for Best Preschool**. Preschool Director **Krissy Bileski** continues to attract the attention of the community for her devotion to our loving, faith-filled school of youngest learners.

I am also very humbled to accept the honor of **Best Leader/Principal** for the 2nd consecutive year. Your confidence in me as principal of this wonderful Catholic school is beyond words and your continued support is truly touching.

And it doesn't end there: SJB placed as "Reader Recommended" for **Best Private School** and **Best Place to Work**. But wait, there's more!

Esteemed Jr. High teacher **Sandra Heffron** placed as "Reader Recommended" for **Best Middle School Teacher**. Likewise, beloved 5th-grade teacher **Seth Tyler** placed as "Reader Recommended" for **Best Elementary School Teacher**. We've long privately recognized the dedication of all of our teachers; however, it is gratifying indeed to see the acknowledgement of our faculty from the school community.

You will find detailed results in an upcoming edition of the Ahwatukee Foothills News. Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast their votes and rally behind our cherished school.

Joyful Blessings,

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