

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent

“ **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 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

Monday, 3/23 8:15 am Mass 6:30 pm “Get Your Affairs In Order”	Tuesday, 3/24 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Teen Sac Prep 6:15 pm JOF	Wednesday, 3/25 8:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Legion Mary 7 pm Parish Rosary
Thursday, 3/26 8:15 am Mass 6 pm Adult Choir 6 pm Spanish Choir	Friday, 3/27 8:15 am Mass 5 pm Confession 6 pm Stations (Eng) 6:30 pm Fish Dinner 7 pm Stations (Sp)	Saturday, 3/28 8 am Confession 5 pm Mass

Mass Intentions _____

Sunday, 3/22/2026 7 am Leon Miernicki † 9 am Kevin Howard † 11 am Lou Mascort † 1 pm Parishioners 5 pm Noreen Heriot †	F 3/27 Cyrus Goldhair † Sat 3/28 Francis A. Bedell †
M 3/23 Dorothy Arseneault † Tu 3/24 Joseph Jakubicek † W 3/25 Nina Dobrus † Th 3/26 Apolinar & Lucia Samin †	Sunday, 3/29/2026 7 am Parishioners 9 am Raymond Bechtold † 11 am Kevin Howard † 1 pm Nancy Robinson † 5 pm Alexander Gil (lvg)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-3/23
62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 3/24
19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/
3/25 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
(The Annunciation of the Lord)

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/
3/26 Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/
3/27 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-
3/28 12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ps 22:8-9, 17-
3/29 20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil
2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66
(Palm Sunday)

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 17, 2026

Number of Donors: 198

Amount Donated: \$107,000

Donations Goal: \$99,844



Live the Liturgy

“Lazarus, come out!” Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. “Come out!” God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time.

Come out!

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Gospel Reflection

THE POWER OF CHRIST OVER DEATH



Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings of today speak about the restoration of life by God especially when all hope is lost. In the first reading from the book of Ezekiel 37:12-14, God promises to restore life to His people who feel hopeless and spiritually dead. This passage is part of the vision of the “valley of dry bones.” Ezekiel interpreted the word of encouragement from the Lord to the people, making them understand that they were still God’s chosen people even though they neglected God and His commands. He tells them that God will give them a new spirit of obedience, bring them from exile and establish them in Judah again. In this way they will come to realize that nothing short of the power of Yahweh could do such great things for them.

Thus, the first reading encourages and teaches that God grants hope to his people in despair, restores their land, and gives life through His Spirit. God proves to them that He can restore and revive what seems dead.

In the second reading from Romans 8:8-11, St. Paul addresses the newly baptised Christian converts by explaining the difference between living according to the flesh (sinful human nature) and living according to the Spirit of God. He makes them understand that living only for the flesh cannot please God. He also makes them understand that Christians are called to live by the Spirit, though our body is mortal, the Spirit gives life. Paul ends with words of great hope that the Spirit promises resurrection of our mortal bodies.

The second reading invites us to bear in mind that if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our choices and actions, we will live a life that is pleasing to God which will lead to eternal life.

In the Gospel of John 11: 3-7;17; 20-27;33-45, we see the last and greatest miracle worked by Jesus. This miracle was to prove two key points: that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, and to move the Pharisees and the chief priests to carry out the plan they had been contemplating. The miracle took place a few miles from Jerusalem and they called a meeting to decide that Jesus must be put to death.

The resurrection of Lazarus reflects the great power of God. It helps us understand that God’s glory can also be seen through difficult situations. It reflects that Jesus truly shares in our pain and human suffering. Jesus needs us to understand that our faith is needed when all hope is lost. The Gospel also reflects that Jesus has power over death and our faith leads people to believe. Sometimes the dead situations in our lives, like broken relationships, lost hope and spiritual dryness, can hear the voice of Christ again. When Jesus speaks, life is restored. We pray that he may restore us back to Himself when our time comes. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More

Change This Week for the Stations of the Cross/Fish Dinner

On **Friday, March 27**, Stations will be said at **St. John Bosco School**, just north of the church. The Stations in English will be at 6 pm, and Stations in Spanish at 7 pm.



Between 6:30 and 7:30 pm, our Events Committee will offer **Fish Dinners in the school's multipurpose room**. You will get 2 pieces of fish, corn tortillas coleslaw, chips, dessert and water for \$10 a plate. Get it "to go!"

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina that this feast of mercy would be a very special day when "all divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (*Diary 699*)



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy (**April 12**, this year) be preceded by a Novena which begins on Good Friday. There is an intention to pray about on each day of the Novena.

Please join the Divine Mercy prayer group on **Good Friday, April 3**, at 11 am in the Church for the first day of the Novena. Each day the Novena will be said at 3 pm in the Chapel until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12. Prayer guides are available in the church. (This Novena may also be prayed at home if you cannot attend in person.)

For more information, email phoenix@alcasid.com

Save the Date

Get Your Affairs In Order

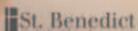
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Holy Week Schedule 2026

Thursday, April 2

- *Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm (Bi-lingual)*
- *Adoration - 8 pm until Midnight*

Friday, April 3

- *Divine Mercy Novena - 11 am*
- *Seven Last Words - 12 pm*
- *Stations of the Cross - 3 pm*
- *Confession - 5 pm*
- *Good Friday Service - 7 pm (Bi-lingual)*

Saturday, April 4

- *Blessing of the Easter Foods - 12 pm*
- *Divine Mercy Novena - 3 pm (Chapel)***
- *Easter Vigil - 8 pm (Bi-lingual)*

Easter Sunday, April 5

- *Mass - 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (Spanish)*
- *Divine Mercy Novena - 3 pm (Chapel)***

** *The Divine Mercy Novena continues each day at 3 pm, with the last day being Saturday, April 11.*

Mortgage Support Collection

Every fourth weekend, St. Benedict Church does a second collection to support our mortgage payment plan. 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. This weekend is the next scheduled collection, **March 21 and 22**.

Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews, in the Narthex, and will be included in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you for your help!

Lenten Penance Service

Corpus Christi Catholic Church will be having a Lenten Penance Service on **Wednesday, March 25** at 7 pm. They are located at 3550 E. Knox Rd, Phoenix 85044.

Faith Formation and More

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 22
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
Teen & Young Adult Mass
Life Teen (MS & HS)

Tuesday, March 24
Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep

Sunday, March 29
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
Teen & Young Adult Mass
Life Teen (MS & HS)

Easter Sunday - no RSVP required!
Hey Kids!
Hop on Over for Easter Egg SHOPPING!!
In the SJB MPR after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday!
Ages Pre-K through 5th Grade
Raffle Baskets!
More Golden Eggs than ever with a Special prize!
Donations are needed! Please scan the QR Code for the Amazon list

Choir News: Attention Teens & Young Adults

Our Teen and Young Adult Choir has a new rehearsal time. Rehearsals are being moved to Sunday at 3:30 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

COME AS YOU ARE
LIFE TEEN
SAINT BENEDICTS YOUTH MINISTRY
Starting March 22nd Youth Ministry is switching things up
WE'RE MOVING TO SUNDAYS FROM 6-8 PM!
Dinner will be provided each week (huge win), and we're looking for families to help make it happen. If you're able, please sign up to bring dinner for about 20 students on a Sunday of your choice.
Any Questions? Contact Erin at efish@stbenedict.org

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel I have now come to give you insight and understanding." (Daniel 9:21-22)

There are times in our lives when we simply need a breakthrough from God. Maybe you need a new job or a breakthrough in your finances, direction on a business deal or perhaps physical healing from an illness. Sometimes we need to hear from God directly for situations in our lives.

Daniel was seeking God to understand why the nation had been in captivity for 70 years. He began to fast and pray. At the end of this time, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. It is clear the angel came to Daniel because of his fasting and prayer and his seeking God for answers.

Do you need a breakthrough? Consider following Daniel's path and commit to a time of fasting and prayer.

Announcements:

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

Upcoming Events:

Mar 23 - "Get Your Affairs In Order" session, 6:30 pm at the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room

Mar 25 - Parish Rosary, 7 pm in the chapel

Vivat Jesus,

John Garrity, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

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St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. God's grace fills us each and every day! Through His grace and with your help we are able to feed those in need.



Here are some items we could use in the onsite pantry:

- Crackers
- Cookies
- Protein Bars
- Breakfast Bars
- Snacks
- Juice Boxes

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**.

Marriage Encounter

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."



Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending a 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**.

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, March 25**, at 7:00 pm. Come and pray with us!



Ministries & More

Sanctity of Life Ministry

Every Friday during Lent, from 2 pm to 4 pm, we get together with the Sanctity of Life Prayer Team to pray the Holy Rosary at the Tempe Planned Parenthood. All are welcome. For more information, contact Julie Hoffman or Aly Bruzas at Life@stbenedict.org.



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FAQ: Why Should I Register at Saint Benedict Catholic Church?

1. A sense of belonging and identity within the parish community.
2. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
3. Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you, in good times and in bad.
4. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will have a statement for income tax purposes.
5. Registered, active members are eligible to be sacramental sponsors and Godparents.
6. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.
7. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass and register as a member independent of their parents.

How Do I Register?

You can register online at the parish website:

www.stbenedict.org

Registration forms can be also be found in the parish Narthex at the back of the church. Submit your completed form to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or the office drop box located outside the office window.

Gift Shop

Back in stock in the gift shop! Monastery Creations soap and lotion! You will find a huge variety of scents to choose from.



Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

EL PODER DE CRISTO SOBRE LA MUERTE



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Las lecturas de hoy hablan de cómo Dios devuelve la vida, sobre todo cuando se han perdido todas las esperanzas. En la primera lectura, tomada del libro de Ezequiel 37, 12-14, Dios promete devolver la vida a su pueblo, que se siente desesperado y espiritualmente muerto. Este pasaje forma parte de la visión del «valle de los huesos secos». Ezequiel interpretó las palabras de aliento que el Señor dirigió al pueblo, haciéndoles comprender que seguían siendo el pueblo elegido de Dios, a pesar de que habían descuidado a Dios y sus mandamientos. Les dice que Dios les dará un nuevo espíritu de obediencia, los sacará del exilio y los volverá a establecer en Judá. De este modo, llegarán a darse cuenta de que solo el poder de Yahvé podía hacer cosas tan grandes por

Así pues, la primera lectura anima y enseña que Dios concede esperanza a su pueblo en la desesperación, restaura su tierra y da vida por medio de su Espíritu. Dios les demuestra que es capaz de restaurar y revivir lo que parece muerto.

En la segunda lectura, tomada de Romanos 8, 8-11, san Pablo se dirige a los cristianos recién bautizados explicándoles la diferencia entre vivir según la carne (la naturaleza humana pecaminosa) y vivir según el Espíritu de Dios. Les hace comprender que vivir solo para la carne no puede agradar a Dios. También les hace comprender que los cristianos están llamados a vivir por el Espíritu; aunque nuestro cuerpo sea mortal, el Espíritu da vida. Pablo concluye con palabras de gran esperanza: el Espíritu promete la resurrección de nuestros cuerpos mortales.

La segunda lectura nos invita a recordar que, si dejamos que el Espíritu Santo guíe nuestras decisiones y acciones, llevaremos una vida que agrada a Dios y que nos conducirá a la vida eterna.

En el Evangelio de Juan 11: 3-7; 17; 20-27; 33-45, vemos el último y mayor milagro realizado por Jesús. Este milagro tenía por objeto demostrar dos puntos fundamentales: que Jesús era el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y empujar a los fariseos y a los sumos sacerdotes a llevar a cabo el plan que habían estado barajando. El milagro tuvo lugar a pocos kilómetros de Jerusalén y convocaron una reunión para decidir que Jesús debía ser condenado a muerte.

La resurrección de Lázaro refleja el gran poder de Dios. Nos hace comprender que la gloria de Dios también se puede contemplar en las situaciones difíciles. Refleja que Jesús realmente comparte nuestros dolores y sufrimientos humanos. Jesús quiere que comprendamos que nuestra fe es necesaria cuando se pierden todas las esperanzas. El Evangelio también nos muestra que Jesús tiene poder sobre la muerte, y nuestra fe lleva a las personas a creer. A veces, las situaciones «muertas» de nuestras vidas —como las relaciones rotas, la esperanza perdida y la sequía espiritual— pueden volver a escuchar la voz de Cristo. Cuando Jesús habla, la vida se restaura. Oramos para que Él nos restaure y nos lleve de vuelta a Él cuando llegue nuestro momento. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Oglá, VC

Ministerio hispano y más



Vivir la liturgia

«¡Lázaro, sal!», grita Jesús desde la tumba. Esas mismas palabras las grita en lo más profundo de nuestros corazones. «¡Sal!». Dios te está llamando. Sal del letargo de tu indiferencia. Se acerca la Pascua. Ahora es el momento. ¡Sal!

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Tienda de regalos

¡Ya están de nuevo disponibles en la tienda de regalos! ¡Jabones y lociones de Monastery Creations! Encontrarás una gran variedad de aromas entre los que elegir.



Cambio de programa esta semana para el Vía Crucis y la cena de pescado

El viernes 27 de marzo se celebrarán las Estaciones de Cruces en el colegio San Juan Bosco, situado justo al norte de la iglesia. Las Estaciones de Cruces en inglés serán a las 18:00 h, y las de español a las 19:00 h.



Entre las 18:30 y las 19:30, nuestro Comité de Eventos ofrecerá cenas de pescado en la sala polivalente del colegio. Por 10 \$ el plato, recibirás dos trozos de pescado, tortillas de maíz, ensalada de col, nachos, postre y agua. ¡Pídelo para llevar!



Cobro de apoyo hipotecario

La iglesia de St. Benedict realizará una segunda colecta este fin de semana, los días 21 y 22 de marzo, para apoyar nuestro plan de pago de la hipoteca. Les invitamos cordialmente a contribuir a esta iniciativa aportando una pequeña cantidad extra cada mes. Cada contribución, grande o pequeña, nos acerca un paso más al pago total de la deuda. Los sobres para la colecta destinada a la hipoteca se pueden encontrar en las mesas de colecta y en los sobres que reciben por correo.

Programa de la Semana Santa 2026 *

Jueves, 2 de abril

- Misa de la Cena del Señor - 19:00 h (bilingüe)
- Adoración: de las 20:00 a medianoche

Viernes, 3 de abril

- Novena de la Divina Misericordia - 11:00 h
- Las siete últimas palabras - 12:00 h
- Vía Crucis - 15:00 h
- Confesión - 17:00 h
- Servicio del Viernes Santo - 19:00 h (bilingüe)

Sábado, 4 de abril

- Bendición de los alimentos de Pascua - 12:00 h
- Novena de la Divina Misericordia - 15:00 h (Capilla)**
- Vigilia Pascual - 20:00 h (bilingüe)

Domingo de Pascua, 5 de abril

- Misa: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00, 13:00 (en español)
- Novena de la Divina Misericordia - 15:00 h (Capilla)**

* La mayoría de estos eventos se celebran en inglés, salvo que se indique lo contrario.

** La novena de la Divina Misericordia continúa todos los días a las 15:00 h; el último día será el sábado 11 de abril.

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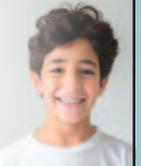
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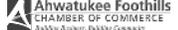
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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Over spring break, our Academic Decathlon Team competed in the regional competition. The **SJB Decadogs** came in third in the Logic competition, and fourth overall!

Team members include 7th graders **Grayson Bileski, Benjamin Rodriguez, and Gavin Talley**, as well as 8th graders **Quinn Boggs, Wilson Dinglasan, Kourtney and Cassidy Ferrentino, Regina Mendez, Sally Salloum, and Elizabeth Villalba**.

In addition to the team victories, the following individuals placed:

2nd place in Mathematics - **Wilson Dinglasan**

2nd place in Social Studies - **Benjamin Rodriguez**

3rd place in Religion - **Gavin Talley**

3rd place in English - **Elizabeth Villalba**

These students came to school on a Saturday morning and competed virtually in a regional event that included schools in and outside of Arizona. We are so proud of this team for the hard work they put into preparing for this competition!

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