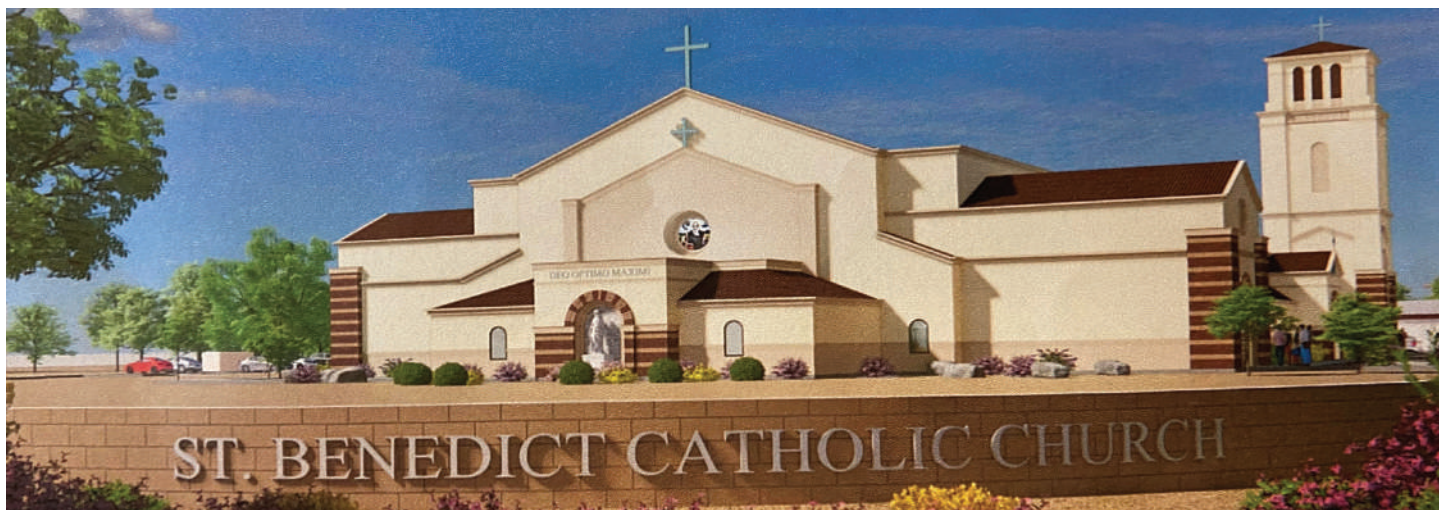




August 23, 2026

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“ **Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.** ”

~ Ps 138

**“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

Friday 9 am - 12 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

Friday, Church: 8:15 am

### 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, 8/24

8:15 am | Mass

#### Tuesday, 8/25

8:15 am | Mass

#### Wednesday, 8/26

8:15 am | Mass  
5:30 pm | Legion of Mary  
7 pm | Parish Rosary

#### Thursday, 8/27

8:15 am | Mass  
6 pm | Adult Choir  
6:30 pm | Sp. Choir

#### Friday, 8/28

8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confession

#### Saturday, 8/29

8 am | Confession  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, 8/23/2026

7 am | Laura Arkfeld (lvg)  
9 am | Ignatius DeMello †  
11 am | Geno Coll †  
1 pm | Parishioners  
5 pm | Sallie Morgan †

M 8/24 | Ledda Mostar †

Tu 8/25 | Jan and Maria Michalski †

W 8/26 | Larry Fitzgerald Sr. †

Th 8/27 | Terry Terruso †

F 8/28 | Mary Zuzich †

Sat 8/29 | Bob Eilenfeldt †

#### Sunday, 8/30/2026

7 am | Parishioners

9 am | Frances Smith †

11 am | Mary Kay Wittreich †

1 pm | The Bravo Family

5 pm | Alfred Campoy †

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

|                           |                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b><br>8/24    | Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13,<br>17-18/Jn 1:45-51<br>( <i>St. Bartholomew</i> )               |
| <b>Tuesday:</b><br>8/25   | 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps<br>96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26                                           |
| <b>Wednesday:</b><br>8/26 | 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps<br>128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32                                       |
| <b>Thursday:</b><br>8/27  | 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/<br>Mt 24:42-51<br>( <i>St. Monica</i> )                           |
| <b>Friday:</b><br>8/28    | 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,<br>10-11/Mt 25:1-13<br>( <i>St. Augustine</i> )             |
| <b>Saturday:</b><br>8/29  | 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13,<br>18-21/Mk 6:17-29<br>( <i>Passion of St. John, Baptist</i> ) |
| <b>Sunday:</b><br>8/30    | Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/<br>Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27                                      |

### Parish Contributions

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

Contributions for  
July 2026

**Actual: \$ 81,174\***

**Budget: \$ 92,000**

**June Mortgage Support:**  
**\$ 8,679**

\* Realm

Online: \$ 42,206

Cash/Check: \$ 38,968

(Contributions are recorded  
on a monthly basis  
per fiscal year  
July 1, '26 to June 30, '27)

### Debt Reduction

*As of July 31, 2026*

Church

Construction

Loan: \$4,500,000

Current Loan

Balance: \$4,039,216

Monthly Mortgage

Payment: \$ 21,682

Fiscal YTD

Principal Paid: \$ 17,547

Fiscal YTD

Interest Paid: \$ 13,631



### Live the Liturgy

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks His apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

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## Gospel Reflection

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### GOD QUALIFIES THOSE HE CALLS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God does not wait for perfect people before calling them; He qualifies those He calls by giving them the grace needed for their mission. God removes Shebna and chooses Eliakim, placing the key of David upon his shoulder showing that authority and mission ultimately come from God, not merely from human ability. Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys of His kingdom despite his weaknesses. St. Paul reminds us that our task is not to feel qualified, but to trust the One who calls us.

In the first reading, God removes Shebna from his position because of his unfaithfulness and gives the responsibility to Eliakim. God clothes Eliakim with authority and entrusts him with the *"key of the house of David,"* symbolizing leadership and responsibility. The key means that he will have authority to open and close, making important decisions on behalf of the king. The passage teaches that authority ultimately comes from God and must be exercised faithfully and responsibly.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading that God's wisdom is greater than ours. Sometimes we want God to explain everything before we trust Him. But faith often means saying, *"Lord, I do not understand everything, but I trust You."* A child sitting in the back seat of a car does not need to know every road the driver chooses to use but the child simply trusts the person driving. Our lives can be like that. We may not understand why God allows certain delays, disappointments, losses or changes. But God's wisdom is deeper than ours. Not understanding God does not mean that God is absent.

There are moments in life when one question can change everything. Imagine Jesus standing before His disciples, after they have walked with Him, witnessed His miracles, heard His teachings, and seen His compassion, He looks at them and asks a question that is not merely theological but deeply personal, *"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"* They give Him the opinions of others. But Jesus does not stop there. He looks at them and asks, *"But who do you say that I am?"* This is perhaps the most important question each of us will ever have to answer: Who is Jesus to you? We hear sermons, read books, attend Mass, and learn our catechism. Christianity, however, becomes personal when we can say, like Peter, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Knowing Jesus is more than knowing about Jesus. The word *"Christ"* comes from the Greek Christos, meaning *"the Anointed One."* Peter is not merely giving Jesus a title; he is professing that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the One sent by God to save His people. Remember that you can know about the ocean by reading books, but you only understand the ocean when you enter it. You can know the definition of fire, but you understand its warmth when you come close to it. Likewise, faith is not simply information about Christ. Faith is a relationship with Christ. Peter teaches us that God can work through imperfect people. Peter in his imperfection later misunderstood Jesus, denied Him, and struggled with fear. Yet Jesus says to him, *"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."* Jesus does not wait for Peter to become perfect before entrusting him with responsibility. God does not choose perfect people; He perfects the people He chooses. Think of a tree that begins as a small seed. It does not become strong overnight. Through wind, rain, heat and seasons, its roots grow deeper. In the same way, God often builds strong faith in us through our struggles. Our weaknesses do not disqualify us from God's service. The task given to Peter shows that the authority of the Church is a responsibility, and privilege given by God. Do not allow your weaknesses to convince you that God cannot use you. Use authority as service and trust God's wisdom. Like a tree beside the river, we become strong not because storms never come, but because our roots go deep.

May we have the courage of Peter to profess our faith, the humility to recognize our weaknesses, the wisdom to trust God's plan, and the generosity to serve others. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

## Current Events and More

### Mortgage Support Collection

St. Benedict Church will be taking a second collection this weekend, **August 22/23**, to support our mortgage payment plan.

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

Mortgage Support Collection envelopes are in the pews and are in the envelopes you get in the mail. Thank you so much, we appreciate your help.

### Water Drive

Just as the temperatures remain high here in the Valley, so does the need for bottled water for those living on the streets or finding a meal at any of the St. Vincent de Paul dining halls.



Please continue to bring your much-appreciated donations of water to the parish lobby before Mass or anytime during office hours. Thanks so much!

### Hand-carved in Bethlehem

During the weekend of **September 12 and 13**, Ayman Khair will be here with tables of hand-carved religious wares (Nativity sets, Rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms and more). Ayman Khair represents Christian families from the Holy Land who make these items. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand-carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land; however, due to the war and conflict in the Middle East tourism has dwindled.

In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to purchase their articles. Carved from wood of the sacred Olive tree, this workmanship has been a tradition for these families for hundreds of years.

It is hoped that, through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income will be able to stay living and survive in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your support.



# SAVE THE DATE



## 4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC NIGHT

CHASE FIELD

### SEP 11, 2026

Friday, Sept 11 @ 6:40 pm

Let's sit together!

Tickets on sale soon!

### Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

Are you looking for a great way to have your child be more engaged at Mass? Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume in September during the 9 am Mass on most Sundays through May 2027. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to listen to God's Word and participate in the Liturgy in a way that helps them understand the importance and sacredness of Mass. No fee is required, but children do need to be registered for everyone's safety. Watch the bulletin for online registration details coming soon!

Would you like to volunteer for this rewarding ministry? Both Leads and Assistants are needed. Time commitment varies: give as little or as much as you can share. Contact Sr. Novie in the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 307** or [srnovie@stbenedict.org](mailto:srnovie@stbenedict.org).

## Faith Formation and More

### Children and Youth Faith Formation

**Sunday, Aug 23**

Teen & Young Adult Mass  
LifeTeen (MS & HS)

**Sunday, Aug 30**

Teen & Young Adult Mass  
LifeTeen (MS & HS)

**Sunday, Sept 6**

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Teen & Young Adult Mass  
LifeTeen (MS & HS)

**Tuesday, Sept 8**

Journey of Faith  
Teen Sacramental Prep

**STB LIFETEEN**

## LIFETEEN *Dinners*

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES,  
AND GROUPS TO PROVIDE DINNER FOR  
APPROXIMATELY 30 TEENS AND VOLUNTEERS  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**INTERESTED IN DONATING  
DINNER?**



ANY QUESTIONS: CONTACT ERIN FISH- EFISH@STBENEDICT.ORG

## Listen to the Bible in a Year

Some of us aspire to read the Bible in our lifetime. Here's an idea and a possible alternative: Listen to the Bible in a Year.



It's a free podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Fr. Mike is extremely engaging and thoughtful, and he provides intelligent and satisfying answers for some of the difficult questions everyone has about the Bible.

Interested? You will find these podcasts on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/thebibleinayear>

## TEEN SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES

**Middle School and High School Students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation**

 **Starting Tuesday Sept 8th**

 **6:00-7:30pm**

 **Saint John Bosco School**

- Two-year preparation process
  - First year Foundational classes
  - Second year Sacrament specific classes
- Weekly classes focused on Scripture, Catholic teaching, prayer, and the Sacraments.

Any Questions Contact Erin Fish at [efish@stbenedict.org](mailto:efish@stbenedict.org) or call the Parish office

Registrations close Sept 8th





## Ministries & More

### Knights of Columbus

This week we are sharing our gratitude:

Thank you Brother Knights and the community of St. Benedict Church for your prayers and support. Visit us at [www.KofC12246.org](http://www.KofC12246.org).

Thank you to those who attended Fr. Bob Binta's memorial Mass this past Thursday morning.

Thank you to the Brother Knights who attended our monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13.

Coming up soon, I would like to invite everyone to the Parish Rosary hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Wednesday, August 26**, at 7pm in the church chapel.

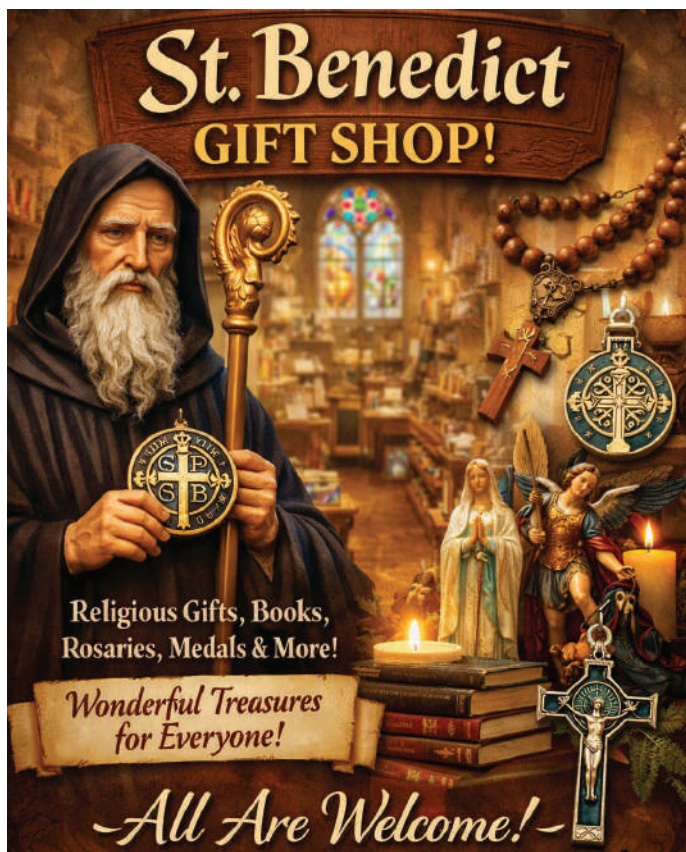
Vivat Jesus,

Luis Acosta, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

*"Once a Knight, always a Knight of Columbus"*

[Luisacosta0821@yahoo.com](mailto:Luisacosta0821@yahoo.com)



### St. Vincent de Paul



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals Himself to us. Please consider joining our SVdP conference to serve those in need. Thank you!

- Snack Foods
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Snack Fruit Cups
- Juice Boxes
- Breakfast Bars

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 5th Sunday Collection

The St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection will be held next weekend, **August 29 and 30**.

Last quarter, through your generosity, 213 families received food assistance and \$40,148 was provided to help neighbors remain in their homes and keep their utilities on.

As the summer heat continues, the need in our community has increased.

We are deeply grateful to those who faithfully support St. Vincent de Paul through recurring gifts in Realm. Your donations make this ministry possible.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with our neighbors in need.

### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers:

**Jerry Dolan**

(Bishop Dolan's father)

and

**David Melka**

(Cathy Templeton's father)

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.



## Ministries & More

### 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, August 26**, at 7:00 pm. Come and pray with us!



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Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us!

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:



**Most Reverend  
Artur Bubnevych**  
Bishop of the Holy Protection  
of Mary Byzantine Catholic  
Eparchy of Phoenix



**Monsignor  
James Patrick Shea**  
President of the University of Mary  
Bismarck, North Dakota

## Arizona Rosary Celebration

Bring family, friends, and  
your heartfelt prayer petitions.

**Sunday  
October 18, 2026**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Doors open at noon for  
adoration, confession, exhibits.

#### Phoenix Convention Center

South Building, 33 S. 3rd St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Visit: [AzRosary.net](http://AzRosary.net)

E-mail: [info@AzRosary.net](mailto:info@AzRosary.net)

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## Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

### DIOS PREPARA A AQUELLOS A LOS QUE LLAMA



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Dios no espera a que las personas sean perfectas para llamarlas; Él capacita a quienes llama dándoles la gracia necesaria para su misión. Dios aparta a Sebna y elige a Eliaquim, colocando la llave de David sobre su hombro, lo que demuestra que la autoridad y la misión provienen, en última instancia, de Dios, y no solo de la capacidad humana. Jesús confía a Pedro las llaves de su reino a pesar de sus debilidades. San Pablo nos recuerda que nuestra tarea no es sentirnos capacitados, sino confiar en Aquel que nos llama.

En la primera lectura, Dios destituye a Sebna de su cargo debido a su infidelidad y le confía la responsabilidad a Eliaquim. Dios reviste a Eliaquim de autoridad y le confía la «llave de la casa de David», que simboliza el liderazgo y la responsabilidad. La llave significa que tendrá autoridad para abrir y cerrar, tomando decisiones importantes en nombre del rey. El pasaje enseña que la autoridad proviene, en última instancia, de Dios y debe ejercerse con fidelidad y responsabilidad.

San Pablo nos dice en la segunda lectura que la sabiduría de Dios es mayor que la nuestra. A veces queremos que Dios nos lo explique todo antes de confiar en Él. Pero la fe a menudo significa decir: «Señor, no lo entiendo todo, pero confío en Ti». Un niño sentado en el asiento trasero de un coche no necesita conocer todas las carreteras por las que decide circular el conductor, sino que simplemente confía en quien conduce. Nuestras vidas pueden ser así. Puede que no entendamos por qué Dios permite ciertos retrasos, decepciones, pérdidas o cambios. Pero la sabiduría de Dios es más profunda que la nuestra. No entender a Dios no significa que Dios esté ausente.

Hay momentos en la vida en los que una sola pregunta puede cambiarlo todo. Imagina a Jesús de pie ante sus discípulos, después de que hayan caminado con Él, hayan sido testigos de sus milagros, hayan escuchado sus enseñanzas y hayan visto su compasión. Él los mira y les hace una pregunta que no es meramente teológica, sino profundamente personal: «¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?». Ellos le transmiten las opiniones de los demás. Pero Jesús no se detiene ahí. Los mira y les pregunta: «Pero ¿quién decís vosotros que soy yo?». Esta es quizás la pregunta más importante que cada uno de nosotros tendrá que responder alguna vez: ¿Quién es Jesús para ti? Escuchamos sermones, leemos libros, asistimos a misa y aprendemos el catecismo. Sin embargo, el cristianismo se convierte en algo personal cuando podemos decir, como Pedro: «Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo». Conocer a Jesús es más que saber cosas sobre Jesús. La palabra «Cristo» proviene del griego Christos, que significa «el Ungido». Pedro no se limita a otorgar un título a Jesús; está profesando que Jesús es el Mesías prometido, Aquel enviado por Dios para salvar a su pueblo. Recuerda que puedes conocer el océano leyendo libros, pero solo lo comprendes cuando te adentras en él. Puedes conocer la definición de fuego, pero solo comprendes su calor cuando te acercas a él. Del mismo modo, la fe no es simplemente información sobre Cristo. La fe es una relación con Cristo. Pedro nos enseña que Dios puede obrar a través de personas imperfectas. Pedro, en su imperfección, más tarde malinterpretó a Jesús, lo negó y luchó contra el miedo. Sin embargo, Jesús le dice: «Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta roca edificaré mi Iglesia». Jesús no espera a que Pedro sea perfecto para confiarle una responsabilidad. Dios no elige a personas perfectas; Él perfecciona a las personas que elige. Piensa en un árbol que empieza siendo una pequeña semilla. No se hace fuerte de la noche a la mañana. A través del viento, la lluvia, el calor y las estaciones, sus raíces crecen cada vez más profundas. Del mismo modo, Dios suele forjar en nosotros una fe firme a través de nuestras dificultades. Nuestras debilidades no nos inhabilitan para el servicio de Dios. La tarea encomendada a Pedro demuestra que la autoridad de la Iglesia es una responsabilidad y un privilegio otorgados por Dios. No dejes que tus debilidades te hagan creer que Dios no puede servirte. Utiliza la autoridad como un servicio y confía en la sabiduría de Dios. Al igual que un árbol a orillas del río, nos hacemos fuertes no porque nunca lleguen las tormentas, sino porque nuestras raíces son profundas.

Que tengamos el valor de Pedro para profesar nuestra fe, la humildad para reconocer nuestras debilidades, la sabiduría para confiar en el plan de Dios y la generosidad para servir a los demás. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

## Ministerio hispano y más



### Vivir la liturgia

"¿Quién dices que soy?" Jesús pregunta a sus apóstoles. Pedro es el primero en responder. Él sabe quién es Jesús. ¿Nosotros lo sabemos? En todo lo que hacemos y en todo lo que somos, digamos junto a Pedro: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios Vivo."

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## Celebración del Rosario en Arizona

Invite a sus familiares y amigos.  
Traiga sus peticiones de oración.

**Domingo**  
**18 de Octubre de 2026**  
**De 2:00 p.m. a 4:30 p.m.**

Se abrirán las puertas a las 12:00 p.m.  
para la adoración, confesión y exhibiciones.

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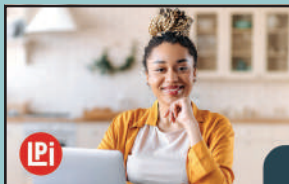
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Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

The beginning of the school year at St. John Bosco has been a wonderful success! Our students are settling in beautifully, and we were grateful for the opportunity to meet with parents at Curriculum Night to share grade-level expectations and the exciting plans for the year ahead.

As a Rosary School, we are living our faith in a special way each day. Gathering every morning to pray a decade of the Scripture Rosary has been a true blessing for our students, faculty, and staff. Beginning the day united in prayer with Our Blessed Mother has brought a beautiful sense of peace and purpose to our campus, and we are so grateful for this gift.

As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement for all that this special year holds as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Our Anniversary Gala is now sold out, but there are still meaningful ways to participate. We warmly invite you to contribute an item for the auction or consider becoming a sponsor. For more information, please visit [sjbosco.org/gala](http://sjbosco.org/gala). Your support helps make this milestone celebration a true reflection of the generosity and spirit of our community.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. John Bosco Catholic School. We are grateful to walk this journey of faith and excellence with you.

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