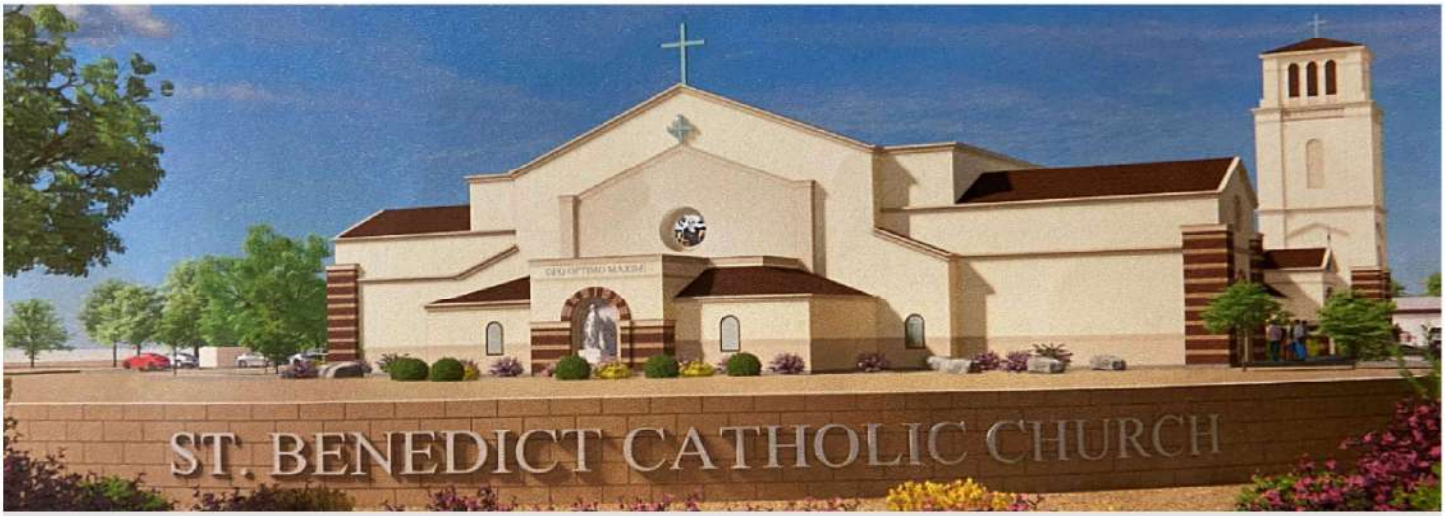

November 29, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

"***Lord, make us turn to you;***
let us see your face and we shall be saved."

~ Ps 80

"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 - 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
Friday, Church: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8-9 am or By Appointment

Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ***stbenedict.org/calendar***

Monday, 11/30
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 12/1
8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JOF and Teen Sac Prep

Wednesday, 12/2
8:15 am | Mass
5:30 pm | Legion of Mary
6:30 pm | Parish Council

Thursday, 12/3
8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Christmas Concert

Friday, 12/4
8:15 am | Mass
9 am | Adoration
5 pm | Confession
5:45 pm | Benediction

Saturday, 12/5
8 am | Confession
10 am | Women's Spirit.
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 11/29/2026

7 am | Silas Morrison (lvg)
9 am | Alfred & Anita Gomez †
11 am | Peter Sterkowitz †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Mary Zuzich †

M 11/30 | Alexandra C. Strohl †
Tu 12/1 | Edward Henson †
W 12/2 | Gloria Petras †
Th 12/3 | Pedro Michaus (lvg)
F 12/4 | Olumide Makanjuola (lvg)
Sat 12/5 | Ed and Virginia Nemecek †

Sunday, 12/6/2026

7 am | Luke Arkfeld (lvg)
9 am | Joe J. Lopez †
11 am | Mary Scrivens †
1 pm | Parishioners
5 pm | Ernesto Villaluna †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 11/30	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 ***(St. Andrew, Apostle)***
Tuesday: 12/1	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: 12/2	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: 12/3	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 ***(St. Francis Xavier)***
Friday: 12/4	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: 12/5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 ***(2nd Sunday of Advent)***

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Contributions for **October 2026**

Actual: $ 78,810*

Budget: $ 92,000

Oct. Mortgage Support: $ 14,339

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Online: $ 42,883

Cash/Check: $ 35,927

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

Debt Reduction

As of Oct. 31, 2026

Church Construction Loan:	$4,500,000
Current Loan Balance:	$3,965,076
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	$ 21,682
Fiscal YTD Principal Paid:	$ 91,686
Fiscal YTD Interest Paid:	$ 54,789

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Gospel Reflection

A NEW BEGINNING:
GOD GIVES US ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, the Church begins a new liturgical year. It is a beautiful moment in our spiritual journey because we are not simply beginning another year on the calendar; we are beginning another year of grace, another opportunity to encounter God, to grow in faith, to renew our lives and to become better Christians. We prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but we also prepare for His second coming at the end of time. Every new liturgical year is an invitation to begin again with God. The beautiful thing about God's grace is that He does not define our future by our past. A new liturgical year is not merely a change of dates; it is an invitation to a change of heart.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah cries out to God on behalf of a troubled people. He acknowledges that the people have wandered away from God, that sin has weakened them and that they desperately need God's intervention. Yet, even in their brokenness, Isaiah makes a beautiful statement: *"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."* This is one of the deepest spiritual images in Scripture. A potter does not abandon the clay simply because it is not yet beautiful. He continues to work on it until it becomes what he desires. In the same way, God has not finished with us. Some of us are still broken, some are struggling with old habits, some are carrying wounds from the past, and others are still trying to discover God's purpose for their lives. We must allow God to reshape our character, correct our mistakes, heal our wounds and transform our weaknesses. The question for this new year is not simply, *"What do I want God to do for me?"* but also, *"What am I willing to allow God to change in me?"*

St. Paul, in the second reading, gives us a message of encouragement. He reminds the Corinthians that they have been enriched in Christ and that God will strengthen them to the end. The most important message is that God is faithful. We are not called to be perfect before approaching God; we are called to remain open to His grace as He perfects us. St. Paul assures us that God will sustain us as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, let this new year be a year in which we trust God more, complain less, forgive more readily, serve more generously and remain faithful even when life becomes difficult. The God who sustained us in the year behind us is the same God who will accompany us in the year ahead.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a very simple but powerful instruction: *"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come."* He tells the story of a man who goes on a journey and leaves his servants in charge, each with a responsibility, instructing the doorkeeper to stay awake. The spiritual meaning is profound. Jesus is not asking us to live in fear of the end of the world; He is asking us to live responsibly, faithfully and consciously because every day is an opportunity to encounter Him. The greatest danger in the Christian life is not always committing a terrible sin; sometimes it is becoming spiritually asleep. We can attend Mass and still be asleep spiritually. We can pray without allowing prayer to change us. We can receive Holy Communion without becoming more loving. We can hear the Word of God without putting it into practice. We can celebrate Christmas without preparing room for Christ in our hearts. Therefore, as we begin this new liturgical year, let us live with spiritual vigilance, awareness, and readiness, protecting our minds and hearts from anything that will separate us from God. Let us not postpone doing good, asking for forgiveness, reconciling with others or returning to God. We do not know the hour when the Master will return, but we know what He expects of us: to be faithful.

May this new year of grace find us not merely waiting for Christ, but living every day in a way that makes us ready to welcome Him. Amen.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Current Events and More

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration this week will be in the parish chapel on **Friday, December 4** beginning at **9 am.** All are welcome to come by and spend some time with the Lord. At **5:45 pm** we will begin the Evening Prayers and Benediction.

You can also sign up for a specific time slot at ***http://signup.com/go/puKjbjK***. Signing up allows us to make sure that all the time slots are covered.

Christmas Concert & Cookie Exchange



Enjoy an evening of Christmas Celebration with us at the St. Benedict "Christmas Concert, Sing Along, and Cookie Exchange" on **Thursday, December 3** at 6:30 pm.

We will have a selection of specially prepared Christmas songs by the St. Benedict Choirs, as well as some of your favorite classics. Cap off the evening with a Christmas cookie exchange; bring a dozen Christmas cookies, take a dozen home. There will be plenty of cheer to go around! We hope to see you there!

Angel Giving Trees 2026

Have you selected an ornament or two off the trees in church yet? Please consider providing a toy or hygiene item for the less-fortunate children who receive help and services from Catholic Charities of East Mesa and Helen's Hope Chest. Please return the new, UNWRAPPED item with the ornament attached to Annex 3 before or after every Mass on the weekends up until **December 18** so they can be sorted and delivered before Christmas.

Thank you for your time and treasure through your participation in this worthwhile holiday outreach.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers ***David Bontrager*** 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.

Little Blue Books



The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Seasons are available this weekend to take home. Use these booklets daily to read the six-minute reflections to help you go deeper into this special season. One per family, please.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Tuesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when we celebrate the sinlessness of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the first moment of her conception.

This year it is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be celebrated at **8:15 am, 12:00 pm,** and **7:00 pm**.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of the Americas, Mexico, the unborn, and more plus the Diocese of Phoenix. Her feast day commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in 1531.

On **Saturday, December 12**, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Aux. Bishop Nevares here at the church and the Bilingual Mass will be live-streamed. Here are the series of events:

Procession 3:30 pm

(Before Mass, a ceremonial performance by a Matachines dance troup.)

Mass 5:00 pm

Reception After Mass, Annex 1

Please join us!

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, Nov 29
NO *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*
NO *Children's Liturgy of the Word*
Teen & Young Adult Mass
LifeTeen (MS & HS)

Tuesday, Dec 1
Journey of Faith
Teen Sacramental Prep

Sunday, Dec 6
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Teen & Young Adult Mass
LifeTeen (MS & HS)

Tuesday, Dec 8
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The Season of Advent

This time of year is often busy for families, filled with high expectations and long to-do lists. Please remember that it is important to slow down and reflect upon the true meaning of Advent, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Some weekly questions for families to explore during dinner, at bedtime, on a walk, or even individually in a journal are:

- **Week 1:** How can we spread the hope of Christ in our community?
- **Week 2:** What can we do this week to bring the love of Christ to someone in need?
- **Week 3:** How can we share the joy and anticipation of Christ's coming with others?
- **Week 4:** What areas in my life am I most in need of Christ's peace?

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of the Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent, this Sunday! When this blessing is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R): *Who made heaven and earth.*

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9:1-2,5-6 is read. Then,

The Word of the Lord
R: *Thanks be to God.*

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R: *Amen*

The blessing may conclude with a verse from *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."*



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

Knights in Action: ***KofC12246.org***

- Fall Fiesta Fundraiser Setup: Brother Knights assisted with the Fall Fiesta setup.
- Parish Rosary: Brother Knights led the parish Rosary.
- St. Vincent de Paul: Brother Knights helped distribute and collect Thanksgiving bags.

Upcoming - Coats for Kids: Supporting the Vista Colina and De Colores Family shelters. We humbly ask for your prayers and assistance in acquiring the remaining ~50 coats needed. Please consider donating a new coat to a child in need at:

https://kofc12246.org/council-sign-ups/

We are truly blessed and thankful to serve. Please visit us at ***kofc12246.org*** for upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus,

Luis Acosta, Grand Knight

Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246

"Once a Knight, always a Knight of Columbus"

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St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert!" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St Benedict Catholic Church for their generous donations to the *Feeding Our Neighbors Together Food Drive* we just recently completed. We were able to provide food to over 65 families enabling them to have a meaningful Thanksgiving. Additionally, each family received a Safeway/Albertsons gift card thanks to their very generous donation for the Fall.

The Fr. Bob Binta Knights of Columbus Council was a huge help in our food drive, manning each Mass to help pass out bags and collect food. Your partnership is much appreciated!

And last, but not least, thanks to each of the St. John Bosco students (and teachers) who decorated the Thanksgiving bags that each neighbor received for the Thanksgiving Event. They were beautifully and thoughtfully crafted. We are so grateful!

Saint Benedict Youth Ministry Fundraiser



Ministries & More



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GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2026

Support the Annex Project!

Help raise $6,000 to make necessary structural repairs and cosmetic improvements to our annex buildings!

To donate, please scan the QR code

Support the Annex Project!

We are deeply grateful to God for the growing enrollments in OCIA, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), and Baptism classes, as well as the many ministries and events that rely on our annex buildings. Because of this wonderful growth, making much-needed repairs and improvements is more important than ever to ensure our spaces remain safe and welcoming.

Your donation on **Giving Tuesday, December 1**, will go directly toward repairing exterior siding, replacing flooring, and painting with dedicated volunteers handling much of the labor to keep costs low. If we exceed our fundraising goal, additional funds will be used to purchase essential furniture that will further enhance the safety and functionality of these rooms. Any remaining funds not utilized for this project will support general operational expenses.

Thank you for your support!

Reflexión sobre las Escrituras

UN NUEVO COMIENZO: DIOS NOS CONCEDE OTRO AÑO DE GRACIA



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy, la Iglesia inicia un nuevo año litúrgico. Es un momento precioso en nuestro camino espiritual, porque no se trata simplemente de comenzar otro año en el calendario, sino de iniciar otro año de gracia, otra oportunidad para encontrarnos con Dios, crecer en la fe, renovar nuestras vidas y convertirnos en mejores cristianos. Nos preparamos para celebrar la primera venida de Cristo en Navidad, pero también nos preparamos para su segunda venida al final de los tiempos. Cada nuevo año litúrgico es una invitación a empezar de nuevo con Dios. Lo hermoso de la gracia de Dios es que Él no define nuestro futuro en función de nuestro pasado. Un nuevo año litúrgico no es simplemente un cambio de fechas; es una invitación a un cambio de corazón.

En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías clama a Dios en nombre de un pueblo afligido. Reconoce que el pueblo se ha alejado de Dios, que el pecado lo ha debilitado y que necesita desesperadamente la intervención de Dios. Sin embargo, incluso en su quebrantamiento, Isaías hace una hermosa declaración: «Nosotros somos el barro, y tú eres nuestro alfarero; todos somos obra de tus manos». Esta es una de las imágenes espirituales más profundas de las Escrituras. Un alfarero no abandona la arcilla simplemente porque aún no sea hermosa. Sigue trabajando en ello hasta que se convierte en lo que él desea. Del mismo modo, Dios aún no ha terminado con nosotros. Algunos seguimos estando quebrantados, otros luchamos contra viejos hábitos, otros arrastramos heridas del pasado y otros seguimos intentando descubrir el propósito de Dios para nuestras vidas. Debemos permitir que Dios remodele nuestro carácter, corrija nuestros errores, sane nuestras heridas y transforme nuestras debilidades. La pregunta para este nuevo año no es simplemente: «¿Qué quiero que Dios haga por mí?», sino también: «¿Qué estoy dispuesto a permitir que Dios cambie en mí?».

San Pablo, en la segunda lectura, nos transmite un mensaje de ánimo. Recuerda a los corintios que se han enriquecido en Cristo y que Dios les dará fuerzas hasta el final. El mensaje más importante es que Dios es fiel. No estamos llamados a ser perfectos antes de acercarnos a Dios; estamos llamados a permanecer abiertos a su gracia mientras Él nos perfecciona. San Pablo nos asegura que Dios nos sostendrá mientras esperamos la revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por eso, que este nuevo año sea un año en el que confiemos más en Dios, nos quejemos menos, perdonemos con mayor facilidad, sirvamos con mayor generosidad y nos mantengamos fieles incluso cuando la vida se vuelva difícil. El Dios que nos ha sostenido durante el año que dejamos atrás es el mismo Dios que nos acompañará durante el año que tenemos por delante.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos da una enseñanza muy sencilla pero poderosa: «Estad atentos, permaneced despiertos, porque nunca sabéis cuándo llegará el momento». Cuenta la historia de un hombre que se va de viaje y deja a sus siervos al mando, a cada uno con una responsabilidad, y le ordena al portero que permanezca despierto. El significado espiritual es profundo. Jesús no nos pide que vivamos con miedo al fin del mundo; nos pide que vivamos de forma responsable, fiel y consciente, porque cada día es una oportunidad para encontrarnos con Él. El mayor peligro en la vida cristiana no es siempre cometer un pecado terrible; a veces es quedarnos espiritualmente dormidos. Podemos asistir a misa y seguir estando espiritualmente dormidos. Podemos rezar sin permitir que la oración nos transforme. Podemos recibir la Sagrada Comunión sin volvernos más amorosos. Podemos escuchar la Palabra de Dios sin ponerla en práctica. Podemos celebrar la Navidad sin preparar un lugar para Cristo en nuestros corazones. Por eso, al comenzar este nuevo año litúrgico, vivamos con vigilancia espiritual, conciencia y disposición, protegiendo nuestras mentes y nuestros corazones de todo aquello que nos separe de Dios. No pospongamos hacer el bien, pedir perdón, reconciliarnos con los demás o volver a Dios. No sabemos a qué hora volverá el Maestro, pero sabemos lo que Él espera de nosotros: que seamos fieles.

Que este nuevo año de gracia nos encuentre no solo esperando a Cristo, sino viviendo cada día de tal manera que estemos preparados para recibirlo. Amén.

Fr. Emmanuel Ogla, VC

Ministerio hispano y más

Bendición de la corona de Adviento

El uso de la corona de Adviento es una costumbre tradicional que se ha arraigado tanto en la Iglesia como en los hogares. La bendición de la corona de Adviento tiene lugar el primer domingo de Adviento, ¡este domingo! Cuando esta bendición se celebra en casa, lo más adecuado es que la realice uno de los padres u otro miembro de la familia.

Todos se signan mientras el animador dice:

Nuestra ayuda viene del Señor.
Respuesta (R): El que creó el cielo y la tierra.

A continuación, se lee el pasaje de Isaías 9, 1-2, 5-6. Después,

La Palabra del Señor
R: Demos gracias a Dios.

Con las manos juntas, el líder dice:

Señor, nuestro Dios, te alabamos por tu Hijo, Jesucristo: Él es el Emmanuel, la esperanza de los pueblos; Él es la sabiduría que nos enseña y nos guía; Él es el Salvador de todas las naciones.

Señor Dios, que tu bendición descienda sobre nosotros al encender las velas de esta corona. Que la corona y su luz sean un signo de la promesa de Cristo de traernos la salvación. Que Él venga pronto y no se demore. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

R: Amén

La bendición puede concluir con un verso de «O Come, O Come, Emmanuel».



Libritos azules



Este fin de semana podréis llevaros a casa el «Librito azul» para el Adviento y la Navidad. Utilizad estos folletos a diario para leer las reflexiones de seis minutos que os ayudarán a profundizar en esta época tan especial. Uno por familia, por favor.

San Vicente de Paúl

Al comenzar el Adviento, se nos exhorta a «¡Estad atentos! ¡Manteneos alerta!», mientras esperamos con alegría que la gracia de la Navidad vuelva a bendecir nuestras vidas.

Nos gustaría expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a los feligreses de la iglesia católica de San Benito por sus generosas donaciones a la campaña de recogida de alimentos «Feeding «Nuestros vecinos juntos», que acabamos de concluir. Hemos podido proporcionar alimentos a más de 65 familias, lo que les ha permitido celebrar un Día de Acción de Gracias especial. Además, cada familia recibió una tarjeta regalo de Safeway/Albertsons gracias a su generosísima donación para este otoño.

El Consejo de los Caballeros de Colón «P. Bob Binta» nos prestó una gran ayuda en nuestra campaña de recogida de alimentos, colaborando en cada misa para repartir bolsas y recoger alimentos. ¡Agradecemos enormemente vuestra colaboración!

Y, por último, pero no por ello menos importante, gracias a todos y cada uno de los alumnos (y profesores) de St. John Bosco que decoraron las bolsas de Acción de Gracias que cada vecino recibió con motivo del evento de Acción de Gracias. Estaban hechas con mucho esmero y eran preciosas. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos!

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A Note From The SJB Principal



Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Students and staff will report back to school and settle into their routines this week following a brief break to enjoy family gatherings for Thanksgiving. The extra day off (Post-Thanksgiving Monday) is a long-standing tradition at SJB and most appreciated by all of us! Daily lessons will be in full swing on Tuesday, along with regular activities and numerous extracurricular activities such as choir club, art club, AV club, robotics, science club, and seasonal sports.

With the arrival of Advent, our genuinely Catholic school campus will be filled with excitement and reverence. The spirit of Advent is prominent everywhere through festive decorations, student artwork, Christmas program rehearsals, a beautiful courtyard nativity scene, and our Monday morning school gatherings for prayer, lighting the Advent candles, and sharing Jesse tree symbols.

Preparations are also underway for the highlight of the season — our annual Christmas program on **Wednesday, December 16**. This traditional holiday performance is directed by our esteemed music teacher, **Dr. Luis Rodriguez**, and features the angelic voices of students in grades K–5, with behind-the-scenes assistance from selected junior high students. It truly takes a village!

All are invited to join us for this heartwarming performance in our St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Joyful Blessings,
Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal
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