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April 24, 2022

Sunday of Divine Mercy

“ Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever. ”

~ Revelation 1:18a

Parish Mission Statement

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that recognizes God's presence in all through our 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

Weekends & Friday at SJB MPR: Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, in Annex 1

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 4/25

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 4/26

8:15 am | Mass

6:15 pm | JAM

6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 4/27

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Finance Council

7 pm | Parish Rosary

Thursday, 4/28

8:15 am | Mass

6:30 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 4/29

8:15 am | Mass

4 pm | Rehearsal

5 pm | Confessions

6 pm | Rehearsal

Saturday, 4/30

8:30 am | Confessions

10 am | First Comm/Conf.

2 pm | First Comm/Conf.

5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/24/2022

7 am | Dottie Sullivan †

9 am | Olivia & Alex Aguilar (living)

11 am | Monique Kistner †

5 pm | Paul & Yvonne Quintana †

M 4/25 | Verne Tabacon †

Tu 4/26 | Dave Grattan †

W 4/27 | Dobson Family (living)

Th 4/28 | People of the Parish

F 4/29 | Hoffman Family (living)

Sat 4/30 | Sophia Ruiz (living)

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7,
4/25 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
(St. Mark)

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
4/26 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;
4/27 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-
4/28 20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4,
4/29 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
4/30 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2,
5/1 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

"Living Our Faith, Building Our Home" Capital Campaign

As of March 2022

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,631,097

Parish CDA Totals April 19, 2022

Number of Donors: 189
Amount Donated: \$85,951!!
Donation Goal: \$85,000

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

April 25 - May 1, 2022

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Thursday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Friday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Saturday 5 pm - Fr. Wilfred

Sunday 7 am - Fr. Manasseh

9 am - Fr. James

11 am - Fr. James

5 pm - Fr. Wilfred

**Please note: this schedule is subject to
change without notice.*

**Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for **March 2022**

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis
per fiscal year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Actual: \$ 73,594*

Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 50,952

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,867

Check Contributions: \$ 17,775

(** Please remember to transfer your Faith Direct
deposit over to Realm before May 31, 2022.)

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

"PEACE BE WITH YOU...WHOSE SINS YOU FORGIVE ARE FORGIVEN THEM."

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Easter. Since the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter has been designated Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, Holy Mother Church invites us to contemplate the mercy of God who showed us the greatest mercy by giving us His Son as a living sacrifice who, by His death on the cross, canceled out our sins once and for all.

In the first reading, we see God demonstrating, through the Apostles, His mercy to as many as believed. The Gospel passage at the liturgy today recounts how the Apostles acquired the authority and mandate to dispense God's mercy. Eight days after the resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles, who at that point heard of the resurrection but were yet to see him in corporeal form, were gathered in Jerusalem behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus appeared among them and the first words He said to them were, "*Peace be with you.*" Recall that the disciples had deserted Him on the night of His arrest and Peter, the leader given to them by Jesus, denied knowing Him. They deserved some rebuke or scolding for their faithlessness, cowardice and infidelity. Jesus disregarded all these and showed them further mercy by commissioning them to become conduits and ministers of the same Divine Mercy. The mandate required the Apostles, and by extension their successors and collaborators, to take the message of God's love and mercy to the ends of the earth, and even more specifically, to forgive sins through the sacrament of Reconciliation. God's abundant mercy is generously made available to us through the sacrament of Reconciliation. All we need to do is to humbly admit our sin, acknowledge our need for God's mercy, express our true contrition and repentance, and to ask and we shall receive mercy.

Something very interesting happened after this first post resurrection appearance of Christ. For whatever reason, Thomas, one of the twelve, was not present. He doubted the story of the Lord's appearance to the other Apostles when he was intimated and promised to believe only if he saw the Lord and empirically verified the marks of the nails in His hands and the mark of the lance on His side. Jesus extended His merciful disposition to the skeptical Thomas by appearing again to the disciples while Thomas was there and gave him the opportunity to verify the resurrection. Thomas' response was not only that of verified belief but also a reaffirmation of deep faith in the Divinity and dual nature of the resurrected Christ. He declared, "*My Lord and my God.*" In Thomas' confession, God demonstrated the potent fruit of mercy, Divine Mercy brought him to a state of resolute faith he never may have had if Jesus had not shown him mercy.

May the transformative power of the resurrection bestow on us the grace to become the face and Apostles of Divine Mercy in a world in urgent need of compassion. May we extend God's mercy to the sick, afflicted, hungry, homeless, ignorant and the like; and may we never be afraid or ashamed to approach the sacrament of Reconciliation in order to attain the right relationship with God and our neighbor.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More

Easter Basket Raffle Drawing

Thank you for your participation in the Easter Basket Raffle this year! The winners are:

Basket 1 (Snap on Tools): Frank Polimene

Basket 2 (Mrs. Fields'): Myra Sanchez

Basket 3 (Man Cave): Dave Belousek

Basket 4 (Gift Cards): Pat Woulf

Congratulations to all the winners, including the St. Benedict Building Fund which raised \$1,475 from this fundraiser. Thank you!

Join the Parish Pastoral Council

We continue to look for those of you who would like to join the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body that assists the Pastor in discerning how the parish can best serve the mission of the church. The role of the Council includes planning, attending activities in the parish, priority-setting and visioning. Two positions will be open beginning **July 1**.

Applications are being accepted until **Sunday, May 15**. Forms can be found on the parish website at stbenedict.org/pastoral-council. Please submit your completed application to Mary Jane Livens at mlivens@stbenedict.org

Email and Text Alert

Some parishioners are receiving emails and text messages that suggest our priests or deacon are requesting a favor. These are "spam" and should be immediately deleted. We would never send an email or text asking for a favor. Unfortunately, we have no way to restrict or stop these emails or texts. Thank you for your understanding.

Mother's Day Basket Raffle

Good luck to everyone as we begin a Mother's Day Basket Raffle this weekend! Tickets go on sale this weekend after Masses and are \$5 per ticket or 6 for \$20. Tickets will also be sold from the parish office during the week until **Monday, May 2**. We only have 2 weekends to gather tickets, so don't delay! Baskets include:



- "Cooking At Home Basket" including an InstaPot!
- "Staycation Gift Card Basket"
- Two - "Pamper Yourself Baskets", each with a make up brush set with case worth \$250!

The drawing will be on **Sunday, May 8** during the 9 am Mass.



Scrip from St. John Bosco School

This weekend, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses, Scrip, or gift cards, will be available for purchase in the school courtyard. Stop by and say hi to Katie and stock up on graduation gifts, grocery cards and restaurant cards while helping our school!

Great gift ideas for that graduate or for teacher appreciation gifts.

*"Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
his love is everlasting!"*

~ Psalm 118

Faith Formation and More

Happening This Week Children/Teen Faith Formation

Sunday, April 24 in the SJB Chapel

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9 am Mass

Sunday, April 24 in the Atrium

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I at 9 am
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Group A at 10:30 am (FINAL SESSION)

Sunday, April 24 in Annex 1 Youth Room

- EPIC from 3 to 4:45 pm

Tuesday, April 26 on the SJB Campus (FINAL SESSIONS)

- Journey of Faith (K-5th grade), 6:15-7:30pm
- JAM Junior High Program (6th-8th), 6:15-7:30pm

Summer Teen Bible Study

This summer, St. Benedict Youth Ministry will be hosting an 8-week Bible study course called "Venture" by Ascension Press. Using the Great Adventure Bible Timeline Learning System, teenagers will be able to understand the big picture of salvation history and how the Bible is far from outdated - it's an incredible story that is not only relevant and engaging, but essential study for the Catholic life. Open to all high schoolers and mature middle schoolers from any parish. Meetings are in-person, online access optional. Sign up on the parish website at stbenedict.org.



Prayer Request

Please lift up in prayer all of the children and teens preparing to receive sacraments. May this final week of preparation continue to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Next **Saturday, April 30** they will become fully initiated members of our Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.



Photos from the Easter Egg Hunt

Support Vacation Bible School 2022

Looking for an easy way to support Vacation Bible School? Simply scan the QR code shown, browse our Amazon Wish List and donate needed supplies to the parish office. Your donations will help make VBS Monumental for the children of St. Benedict and Corpus Christi. Thank you!



Current Events & More



Back to the Basics: Symbolon

The second 5-weeks exploring "Symbolon" with Fr. Manasseh will resume **Thursday, April 28** at 6:30 pm in the Annex 1 Meeting Room. We look forward to meeting again at that time. Questions? Please contact Amy in the office at afletcher@stbenedict.org or 480.961.1610 ext. 300.

Knights of Columbus

To all St. Benedict parishioners - wishing you a blessed Easter!

St. Benedict Parish had a wonderful Holy Week and I hope that you were able to take part in the services, starting on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Last Supper, followed by the Good Friday Service, the Holy Saturday Vigil, and finally the Risen Christ on Easter.

You are invited to come to our monthly Rosary, this **Wednesday, April 27** in the Annex 2 Chapel at 7 pm. Our world is in turmoil. What can be better than to pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to ask for peace in the world.

Please help the people of Ukraine by going to our site at: www.kofc.org and donating to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. This fund is helping our Polish Knights of Columbus care for the Ukraine refugees.

Become a Knight at www.kofc.org/joinus. Enter Council 12246.

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent de Paul would like to wish each and every one of you the joy and new life that the Easter season brings. We would also like to thank our parishioners for the almsgiving that continues to breathe life into our new pantry. Those donations help our neighbors feel that same hope, joy, and renewal of Easter during their time of need.

Easter Egg Hunt

The St. Benedict Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit last weekend over at the St. John Bosco School grounds! Many thanks to the organizers seated with the Easter Bunny...Pam Boggs, Maryola Fabilina and Lani Gore.



Let's Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish-wide Rosary on **Wednesday, April 27** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel. Join us as we pray this beautiful prayer given to us by our Mother, the Holy Virgin Mary.



More

Stewardship and Development

By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

The first Sunday after Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". It is one of my favorite devotions and feast days. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who Jesus chose to spread the message of His mercy to the whole world. She wrote a diary called, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*, where she recounts her spiritual experiences and even detailed conversations she had with Jesus.

There is one passage in the diary that I turn to whenever I am overwhelmed about a particular task:

Today, Jesus entered my room wearing a bright robe and girded with a golden belt, His whole figure resplendent with great majesty. He said, My daughter, why are you giving in to thoughts of fear? I answered, "Oh Lord, You know why." And He said, Why? "This work frightens me. You know that I am incapable of carrying it out." And He said, Why? "You see very well that I am not in good health, that I have no education, that I have no money, that I am an abyss of misery, and I fear contact with people. Jesus, I desire only You. You can release me from this." And the Lord said to me, My daughter, what you have said is true. You are very miserable, and it pleased Me to carry out this work of Mercy precisely through you who are nothing but misery itself. Do not fear; I will not leave you alone. Do whatever you can in this matter; I will accomplish everything that is lacking in you. You know what is within your power to do; do that.

As society becomes more and more secularized, it is rare for Catholic churches to grow and build. Yet, here we are, in a little corner of Ahwatukee, doing just that. I invite all of our parishioners to pray and ask God how each one of us can contribute to building our church.

Let us move forward with trust in Jesus' words to St. Faustina, *Do not fear; I will not leave you alone. Do whatever you can in this matter; I will accomplish everything that is lacking in you. You know what is within your power to do; do that.*



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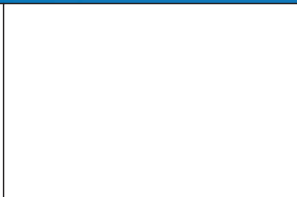
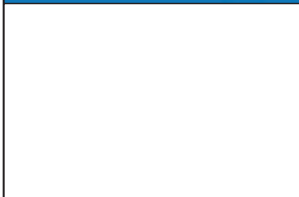
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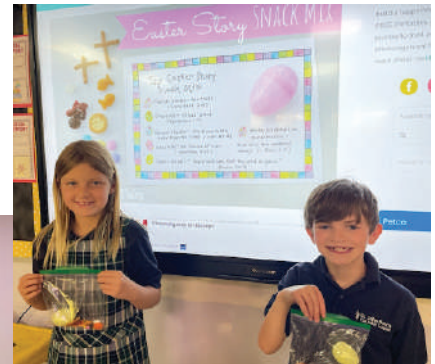
A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Our campus is bustling again with students and staff as we returned from an extended Easter weekend to enjoy the most joyous holiday of the year. Before we recessed for Easter, however, the students and staff engaged in many Holy Week events including Living Stations of the Cross, Lenten Retreats, and the Passion Play. See snapshots below of these moving performances:



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May you be blessed with the joy of the Risen Christ, today and throughout the Easter Octave.

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, Principal