

# St. Benedict Catholic Church

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November 13, 2022

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“ Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song. ”**

*~ Psalm 98:5*



### 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  
Fridays 9 am - 3 pm

Closed Daily 12 pm - 1 pm

### Mass Schedule

Weekends and 8:15am Fridays at SJB MPR:  
Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7, 9, 11 am, 5 pm

Weekdays Mon-Thurs in Annex 2 Chapel: 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](http://stbenedict.org/calendar)

**Monday, 11/14**  
8:15 am | Mass

**Tuesday, 11/15**  
8:15 am | Mass  
6:15 pm | JAM  
6:15 pm | JOF

**Wednesday, 11/16**  
8:15 am | Mass  
3:30 pm | Jubilation Children's Choir  
6:30 pm | Pastoral Council

**Thursday, 11/17**  
8:15 am | Mass  
4 pm | Legion Mary  
6 pm | BBQ and Boot Scoot

**Friday, 11/18**  
8:15 am | Mass  
5 pm | Confessions

**Saturday, 11/19**  
8:30 am | Confessions  
5 pm | Mass

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, 11/13/2022**

7 am | Rosemary McDonald † **Th 11/17** | Gianna Aguilar (lvg)  
9 am | Emil Senn † **F 11/18** | Lamberto Sanchez †  
11 am | Parishioners **Sat 11/19** | Victoria Galvan †

**Sunday, 11/20/2022**

7 am | Ed Coyoli †  
9 am | Waldo & Virjean Schinzel †  
**M 11/14** | Alfred Duran †  
**Tu 11/15** | Loretta Paul Goldin †  
**W 11/16** | Kent Howard †  
11 am | Flotilda Castro †  
5 pm | Parishioners

## Liturgy & Administration

### Scripture Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 11/14 Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; 11/15 Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; 11/16 Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; 11/17 Lk 19:41-44 <i>(St. Elizabeth of Hungary)</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 11/18 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 11/19 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; 11/20 Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



### Welcoming Sunday

This weekend, after the Sunday 9 am Mass, you are invited to come to Welcoming Sunday where you can mix and mingle with our Priests, members of the Pastoral Council, Staff and new parishioners. Welcoming Sunday takes place in the St. John Bosco School Courtyard. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

### Presider Schedule\*

<i>the Week of</i>
<b>Nov 14-20, 2022</b>
<b>Monday</b> 8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Friday</b> 8:15 am - Fr. James
<b>Saturday</b> 5 pm - Fr. Manasseh
<b>Sunday</b> 7 am - Fr. James
9 am - Fr. Manasseh
11 am - Fr. Manasseh
5 pm - Fr. James

\*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 September 2022

(Contributions are recorded on a monthly basis per fiscal year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Actual: \$ 71,359\*

Budget: \$ 71,230

\* Faith Direct & Realm Online: \$ 51,433  
Cash/Check Contributions: \$ 19,926

## A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

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### “BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES”

It is the penultimate weekend of the Liturgical Year and we know the last few Sundays of every Liturgical year are dedicated to reflections on the four last things: Death, Resurrection, Judgement and Heaven/Hell. Last weekend we were invited to reflect on the Resurrection and its implications. This weekend, the Readings suggest a solemn consideration of post-Resurrection Judgment.

At the time of the Prophet Micah, the poor and the oppressed were fast becoming disillusioned with the promise of Divine Justice. They watched with dismay how their oppressors, evildoers and the arrogant continued to enjoy success and prosperity in spite of their glaring impiety. Their seemingly logical conclusion was that it was useless to serve God and to seek righteousness since evildoers seemed to be enjoying the prosperity promised to the righteous. The First Reading is God's response to their concern. According to the Prophet Micah, the day of Judgment will surely come like a blazing oven; the proud and the evildoers will be called to Judgment which will be followed by total destruction, but for the righteous, there shall arise the Sun of Justice with its healing rays.

In the Gospel passage, while some people were admiring the beauty and grandeur of the Jerusalem Temple, Jesus reminded them of the Day of Judgement when everything will be destroyed. However, Jesus warned His Disciples against False Prophets who would pretend to predict the date and hour of Judgement. Believers would be able to know when the end is near through the signs that would precede it. Signs like wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues and in the midst of all these, true Disciples will be handed over to the authorities even by close relatives and friends and persecuted for righteousness. However, Jesus admonished His followers not to be worried about the end as the persecutions will inadvertently provide the occasion for true believers to witness to the Gospel and bear testimony to Christ.

Unfortunately, Jesus' warning on the imminence of the apocalypse and subsequent judgment of all people attracted literal interpretation by some among the believers. This group of early Christians were using the expectation of the end of the world as an excuse to quit working and live at the expense of others. Paul condemned this attitude in no uncertain terms, counseling faithful to imitate him and his companions who waved aside their right to depend on the Church for their upkeep, but instead worked to earn a decent living in order to set a good example for them. The Apostle concluded by directing the Church to discourage this erroneous attitude by not offering food to the busy-bodies who refused to work. It is a work of mercy to feed the hungry, yet this work of mercy becomes perverted when it enables sloth on the part of the recipient. Everyone shall experience Judgement, we are sure about that, but when the world will end is not revealed to anyone. We are invited to wait for the second coming of our Lord, but we are not to do so in pitiable passivity. We are to go on working to earn a decent living and work even harder to appropriate to ourselves the salvation that Christ has already won for us. There has to be a balance in the Christian life between keeping our eyes on heaven and being faithful to our duties here and now.

Let us ask the Lord to renew hope in the Resurrection of the body and empower us with Grace to work hard so that we may experience the Mercy of God when Judgment comes.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

## Ministries and More

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## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Begin your day of thanks with the St. Benedict Thanksgiving Day Mass in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room on **Thursday, November 24** at 9 am. All are welcome!

## Last Chance For Tickets

Do you have your tickets to the St. Benedict BBQ and Boot Scoot yet? It's going to be a ton of fun with your St. Benedict family as you enjoy a BBQ meal including dessert and lemonade from Famous Dave's BBQ, a concert by AZ premiere band The Mogollon Band, silent auction, raffle items, wine pull, a Christmas market, and more!

Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$20 for kids. Limited tickets are available after weekend Masses and on the parish website at [stbenedict.org](http://stbenedict.org).

## Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on **November 24 and 25** (Thanksgiving and the day after). For emergencies requiring a priest, call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.

## Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

The mason is completing the north expansion for the elevator and the new north restrooms. The tower is scheduled to be topped-off by the end of next week. The west expansion began with the walls of the south transept.

Concrete is scheduled to be poured for the Sacristies, the north transept and the first step of the Sanctuary. When this is completed the mason will continue his work on the west end expansion. The second pour will be the steps to the Sanctuary, followed by a third pour for the floor of the Sanctuary.

The photos for this week are:

- North expansion completion of block work,
- South transept block work,
- Preparing for Sacristy concrete pour.



## Faith Formation and More

### Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

**Sunday, November 13**

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
EPIC*

**Tuesday, November 15**

JAM

*Journey of Faith*

**Sunday, November 20**

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
EPIC*

**Tuesday, November 22**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

NO JAM

NO *Journey of Faith*



### November Gratitude Challenge

This is the time of year when we focus on being thankful for all the gifts in our lives and recognize that all good comes from God.

All are invited to join the Children's Faith Formation Gratitude Challenge throughout November by taking time at the end of each day to write down 3 things for which you are grateful. You can do this individually, or as a family. The real challenge: You cannot repeat yourself for the entire month! This may seem easy at first, but might require deeper reflection as the weeks go on, especially on days when we are frustrated, ill, or over-scheduled.

This challenge helps prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming season of Advent when we anticipate the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ!

### Employment Opportunity

The position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry is open.

Under the direction of the Pastor and Director of Faith Formation, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry develops, coordinates and fosters a comprehensive youth ministry program for grades six through twelve. This position develops communication with, and mutual support from, families of youth and partners with other community, Parish and Diocesan youth organizations. The Coordinator of Youth Ministry fosters the goals and objectives of the USCCB document "Renewing the Vision" for youth ministry.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Religious Education or Theology or National Credential in Youth Ministry or background in theology and educational methodologies with a willingness to move toward credential or degree.

For more information, please go to the parish website at [stbenedict.org/employment](http://stbenedict.org/employment). To apply send your cover letter and resume to [mlivens@stbenedict.org](mailto:mlivens@stbenedict.org).

### Parents, We Need Your Help!

It is very important that you do NOT send your child to Children's Liturgy during the 9 am Mass if they are too young to fully participate in the Liturgy and/or communicate with the catechists, even if they have older siblings who attend.

Lately, we have had very young toddlers and preschoolers attend who cannot tell us their name, identify their parents, or participate in the prayer activities. This does not allow our volunteer catechists to provide a safe environment should an emergency occur, and also takes away time and attention from the older children. Children's Liturgy is Mass and intended for K-3rd graders. It is not child care.

Thank you for your help in keeping this ministry possible! For any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Mooney at [hmooney@stbenedict.org](mailto:hmooney@stbenedict.org) or call 480.961.1610 ext. 308.

## Current Events & More

### Knights of Columbus

#### Announcements:

Congratulations for their Knight of the Month award to Brother Knights David Portillo for his support and dedication to our Monthly Rosary and Annual Rosary Sunday and Ken Garcia for his dedication to the ministry to train and develop Altar Servers and the Annual Rosary Sunday.

#### Activities:

- St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, **Sunday, Nov 13** at all Masses.
- BBQ and Boot Scoot, **Thursday, Nov 17** from 6-9 pm in the SJB multipurpose room.
- Charity-Fraternity-Unity Ceremony, **Saturday, Nov 19** at the SJB Chapel.
- Monthly Parish Rosary, **Wednesday, Nov 30** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel on church property.

Thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus?

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and enter "Council 12246" and "GKWAP".

Vivat Jesus,  
Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight  
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### St. Vincent de Paul

Last weekend SVdP volunteers handed out grocery bags for the "Fill A Bag, Feed A Family" Thanksgiving Meal Program, a joint effort between the St. Benedict Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus. Each filled bag provides our neighbors in need with a meal on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for your generous contributions to help our community celebrate a day of thanks!



### Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Virginia Nemecek** and **Anna Scerba** 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.

### Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

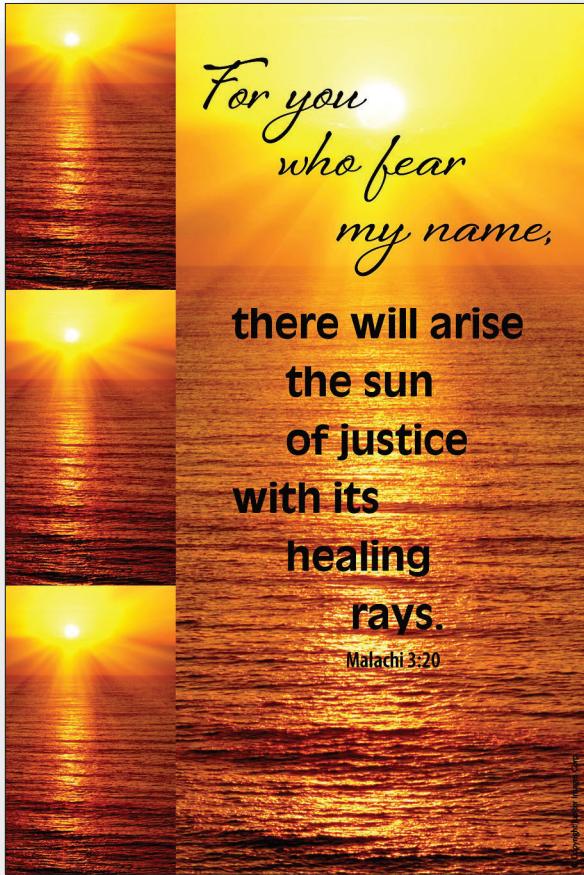
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## Treasures From Our Tradition

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed. "Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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## No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. You won't have to learn about it on the evening news. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars. Wars, epidemics, earthquakes, and the rest happen throughout history and will happen again.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. You may choose to give at a blood drive or donate to one of the charities that help disaster victims. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He presents it as an opportunity to give testimony, or witness, to our faith. His advice sounds strange at first. Unlike a modern lawyer, who practices with a witness before they go into the courtroom, Jesus tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

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## Bible Truth

What you bring away from the Bible depends to some extent on what you carry to it.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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## A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

When you think about where your kids will attend school this year and next, please place St. John Bosco on the list of schools you are considering. Even if your child is already in another school, please give Catholic education a second thought. In the past, many families have struggled financially to send their children to Catholic school. Fr. James and I, however, have made it a priority to find ways to make Catholic Education affordable for ALL learners with STOs and scholarships. And recently, another resource has come onto the scene, and it is a game-changer!

Many of you have heard of recent developments with the new ESA law. Now everyone has the opportunity to attend an exceptional parochial school! We would love to share all that SJB offers your children and how you can now afford it!

You can still schedule a personal tour if you missed our Open House. I look forward to sharing how our highly qualified teachers educate the whole child and meet the needs of all learners. Come see our beautiful, safe campus and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

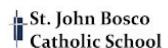
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## "Coping With Grief During the Holidays"

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us to recognize the uniqueness of grief during the holidays. We will identify some coping mechanisms for grief and discuss the ways to assist children with their grief. Save the date of **Saturday, December 10**, from 10 to 11:30 am in the Annex 1 Conference Room. Please register at [pastoralcare@stbenedict.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenedict.org).



## New Parishioners

- Amy Brown
- Peter & Marlee Gonzales
- Martin Grant
- James & Katelyn Hall
- Shane Hanneman
- Carla Maltby
- Michael Rossman

## Parish Staff

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