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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“ ***Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.*** ”
~ ***Revelation 21:3***



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, 5/16

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 5/17

8:15 am | Mass

6 pm | SVdP

Wednesday, 5/18

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | SJB Graduation

Thursday, 5/19

8:15 am | Mass

6 pm | Choir Practice

6:30 pm | "Symbolon"
Session

Friday, 5/20

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 5/21

8:30 am | Confessions

5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 5/15/2022

7 am | People of the Parish

9 am | Gloria Elena Landeros †

11 am | Emil Senn †

5 pm | Marcella Zitelli †

M 5/16 | Dennis Biggs †

Tu 5/17 | Henry Curtin †

W 5/18 | Evelyn Korczyk †

Th 5/19 | Andres Aguilar (living)

F 5/20 | Jean Benware †

Sat 5/21 | James Szura †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 5/16	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: 5/17	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: 5/18	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 5/19	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 5/20	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: 5/21	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: 5/22	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

“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 May 9, 2022

Number of Donors: 209
Amount Donated: \$97,756
Donation Goal: \$85,000

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

May 16 - 22, 2022

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Thursday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Friday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Saturday 5 pm - Fr. James

Sunday 7 am - Fr. Wilfred

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 **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

"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

Cast your mind in retrospect to the event of the Transfiguration of our Lord where the three Apostles caught a privileged glimpse of the Glorified Jesus as he conversed with Moses and Elijah, the lawgiver and the greatest of the prophets. On that particular occasion, the presence of Moses confirmed the discernment of the Apostolic trio, that Christ is the Divine Lawgiver. Jesus exercised this peculiar prerogative at the Last Supper after He revolutionized leadership by washing the feet of His disciples, and after Judas Iscariot had sneaked out to arrange His betrayal. Jesus viewed His impending passion as Divine glorification and chose this solemn moment to legislate "a new commandment." *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should love one another."*

The command to love one another by itself is not new. The Old Testament already decreed one to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). What is new is the standard for measuring this love. Jesus rendered obsolete the demand to love "as you love yourself" and replaced it with a new standard: "as I have loved you." This new standard is so revolutionary that it makes the commandment new. We are now required to attempt a more perfect form of love, loving beyond the ordinary standard modeled on self love, and instead, reach for the celestial standard of loving as Christ selflessly, sacrificially and unconditionally loves us. Christ's Divine, sacrificial and selfless love is the new standard of love, the standard that becomes our necessary means of identification. It is through this love of each other that we will be identified as disciples of Jesus. Anything other than this would at best be pseudo discipleship. Thus, true discipleship transcends mere verbal profession of articles of faith. It is, as a matter of necessity, to be concretised in visible and actual love that is consistent with the example of Jesus Christ. The disciple shows his belief in Jesus by loving others, forgiving their mistakes, correcting with deliberate kindness their errors and habitually responding to the needs of others with compassion and empathy as Jesus would do.

May we be granted Grace to believe, understand and practice this commandment of love as our individual and communal token of gratitude to Christ our Redeemer and model, who came to reveal to us the Father's perfect love and who showed us exactly how much we ought to love by taking our place on the cross even when we were not yet friends of God.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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Ministries and More



Ice Cream Next Weekend

Way to go reaching, and surpassing, our CDA goal of \$85,000! As of this week we are at \$97,000+ thanks to those donating and pledging to the Charity and Development Appeal.

In celebration we will have ice cream next weekend, **May 21 and 22**, after all Masses in the SJB Courtyard. Join us!

In-Person Bingo and Raffle Night

Save the date! The next In-Person Bingo and Raffle Night is scheduled for **Friday, July 15** from 6 - 8 pm at the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room. There will be lots of BINGO, fellowship, pizza, baked goods and over 100 prizes! Fun for all ages!

We are always looking for prizes, so if you have gift cards or new items you are not using, or maybe you received a gift that's not your style, donate them for BINGO prizes! Please email events@stbenedict.org with questions or prize donations.

Let's Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish-wide Rosary on **Wednesday, May 25** at 7 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel. Join us as we pray this beautiful prayer given to us by our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Winners of the Mother's Day Basket Raffle Drawing

Last weekend at the end of the 9 am Mass, the winners were drawn for the five raffle baskets. The winners are:

Basket 1) Gift Card Basket: Gayle Siewert

Basket 2) Cooking Basket: Norma Santos

Basket 3) Beauty Basket #1: Erica Rathje

Basket 4) Beauty Basket #2: Shelly Van Vianen

Basket 5) Staycation Basket: Mary Jane Livens

Congratulations!



All are welcome to explore the last couple of "Symbolon" sessions with Fr. Manasseh on **Thursday, May 19** and **May 26**, at 6:30 pm in the Annex 1 Meeting Room. The information is interesting, as is Fr. Manasseh's talk, and the fellowship is fun. See you there!

Mass of Anointing

Join us on **Saturday, May 28** at 11 am, in the St. John Bosco School Multi-purpose room for the next Anointing Mass. We invite those who are in need of healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, to come forward and join us. Please RSVP with the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 300**.

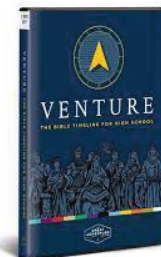
Welcome New Parishioners!

- Alfonso Ablola
- Clyde Coelho
- Sherly Lande

Faith Formation and More

Summer Teen Bible Study - Registration Now Open

This summer, St. Benedict Youth Ministry is hosting an 8-week Bible study course called "Venture" by Ascension Press. Using the revolutionary Great Adventure Bible Timeline Learning System, teenagers are 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 Catholic life.



Open to incoming 6th through 12th graders from any parish. Meetings are in-person during June and July on Sundays from 12:30 to 2 pm, OR Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm - attend either one each week. Miss a week entirely? No worries! Online access to all materials is included - easy to keep up on vacation! The cost is only \$18 which includes the 8 sessions, student workbook, Bible timeline chart, bookmark, and online access. Scholarships are available.

Please visit the website at stbenedict.org to register. Deadline is **Sunday, May 22**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

After **Sunday, May 22**, the Children's Liturgy of the Word, that takes place at the 9 am Mass, will be on break through the remainder of the summer. Have a safe, happy summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Scrip from St. John Bosco School

Next weekend on **Sunday, May 22**, 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.



Vocations

"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples."

How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother. Contact the Vocations Office at dphx.org/vocations/contact or 602.354.2004.



Support VBS 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



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2. Select "Sign up as a Parishioner"
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Knights of Columbus

We will have the "Charity, Unity and Fraternity Installation Ceremony" for all new Knights at the St. John Bosco School Chapel after the 5 pm Mass on **Saturday, May 14** at 6:15 pm. It is required by all 1st Degree Knights and is open to the public.

The Knights will sponsor our quarterly Parish Blood Drive in the St. John Bosco School parking lot (blood mobiles) on **Sunday, May 15**, between 7 am and 1 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

Join online to become a Knight of Columbus at www.kofc.org/joinus and enter "Council 12246" and "TMOORE".

Vivat Jesus,
Rudy Cavolina, Grand Knight
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St. Vincent de Paul



Thank you for your continued support of the on-site pantry that greatly helps those in our community. Here are a few items that would help round out the offerings:

- Vegetable Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Flour (small packages)
- Juice (64-ounce bottles)



Family Promise Program Returns

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 29** through **Sunday, June 12** when we will help the Desert Foothills United Methodist Church host Family Promise! They are located at 2156 E. Liberty Lane in Phoenix, 85048.

The Family Promise Program feeds and shelters between 4-6 homeless families for a period of time. During this time they are given the tools and training they need to help them become self-sufficient again. Because there is a shortage of emergency shelter for homeless families in the Valley, faith communities help provide meals and overnight lodging to families who have been accepted into this rigorous program.

We will once again need volunteers for meals, groceries, activities and overnight hosts! Food donations/dinner volunteers will meet at the facility (see the SignUp Genius for times and details, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fa8ab4-family>). If you would like more info about the Family Promise organization, find them on Facebook or go to www.familypromiseaz.org.

More

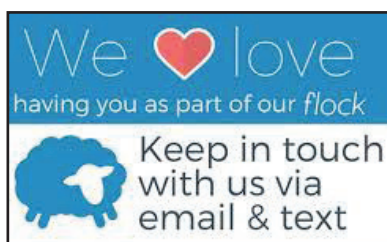
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IMPORTANT NOTE: As of June 1 we will be ending our Faith Direct account, and all online giving will now go through Realm. Please be sure to activate your Realm account and set up your online giving as soon as possible. Then, cancel your Faith Direct giving. We want to ensure a smooth transition for all of our parish finances and ministries.

How do I activate my Realm account? Sign in to this secure site by responding to the invitation you (should have) received (it could have gone into your spam folder). If you need it re-sent, please contact Amy in the office by emailing her at afletcher@stbenedict.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Stewardship and Development

By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

God created the heavens and the earth by the power of His words. When He made us in His image and likeness, God gave us the same creative ability to affect the things we speak about. Psalm 21 says, "You have granted him his heart's desire; you did not refuse the request of his lips." Another translation from the original Latin says, "Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips."

What we speak has power! Sometimes, when we do not like what we are going through, we need to reflect upon what we said yesterday. God gives us free will and has not withholden from us the will of our lips - whether we speak good things or bad things.

St. Benedict just received all the permits necessary to begin the construction of our church! I invite you to think good thoughts, lift up prayers, and use your voices to speak out loud about the wonderful things the Lord is going to accomplish through our parish! Psalms is a wonderful book in the Bible to read out aloud to sow good seed that will bear good fruit from our lips!

*"I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God."*

~ Psalm 145

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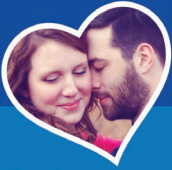
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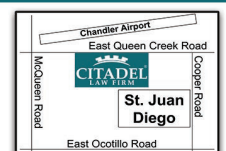
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Our always-beautiful, all-school Friday Mass was extra special last week as Fr. James celebrated a poignant May Crowning Mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Our first graders hosted the Mass which concluded with the crowning of our Blessed Mary. The entire school then processed to our on-campus Mary Garden while Fr. James blessed our new Mary statue, then the first graders sang and crowned her. This charming ceremony is the ideal reminder of the perfect example our Blessed Mother Mary has set for all of us to follow.



Last week our faculty and staff were spoiled with an outpouring of recognition from parents and students for "Teacher Appreciation Week." Food, treats, gifts, and sweet handwritten artwork poured in all week, coordinated by our second-to-none PTO. We are most fortunate to be a part of the St. Benedict/St. John Bosco Community. Teaching is a calling that brings its own rewards; nonetheless, our faculty and staff are truly grateful for the acknowledgment from all.

And don't forget that Katie Savoy from the Scrip Office will be in the courtyard next **Sunday, May 22** following the 9 am and 11 am Masses. Stock up for graduation gifts and summer activities while supporting our school — it's a win-win!

Joyful blessings,

Jamie Bescak, Principal