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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

“
If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.”

~ Psalm 95

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, St. Benedict Chapel: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Fri 5-6 pm, Sat 8:30-9:30 am, St. Benedict Chapel

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 3/13

8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 3/14

8:15 am | Mass

6:15 pm | Prayer
Sessions

Wednesday, 3/15

8:15 am | Mass

7 pm | Lenten Penance
Service

Thursday, 3/16

8:15 am | Mass

6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 3/17

8:15 am | Mass

5 pm | Confessions

6 pm | Stations (SJB)

Saturday, 3/18

8:30 am | Confessions

5 pm | Mass

6 pm | St. Benedict Gala

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 3/12/2023

7 am | Antonio Mercado †

9 am | Robert Bechtold †

11 am | Guillermo Ugaz †

5 pm | Paul Beckerle (lvg)

F 3/17 | Kristin Aguilar (lvg)

Sat 3/18 | Gary & Karen
Schinzel (lvg)

Sunday, 3/19/2023

M 3/13 | Gloria Petras †

Tu 3/14 | Alexandra
Helfenbein (lvg)

W 3/15 | Hans Olsson †

Th 3/16 | Agnus Tillery †

7 am | Parishioners

9 am | William Smith †

11 am | Hans Olsson †

5 pm | Jack Mellert †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: 3/13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-3
Tuesday: 3/14	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: 3/15	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15- 16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-1
Thursday: 3/16	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: 3/17	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc- 9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 (<i>St. Patrick</i>)
Saturday: 3/18	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 3/19	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Parish Contributions

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

Regular Contributions for

Feb 2023

(Plate)

Actual: \$ 72,986*

Budget: \$ 71,230

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 46,314

Cash/Check: \$ 26,672

(Contributions are recorded
on a monthly basis per
fiscal year
July 1, '22 to June 30, '23)

Construction Project

February 2023

(Month End)

TOTAL COST: \$8,400,000

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$3,736,529

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$4,663,471

TOTAL AMOUNT

AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): \$4,026,325

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$637,146



The St. Benedict Lenten Penance Service will be held on **Wednesday, March 15**, at 7 pm in the St. John Bosco School multipurpose room and courtyard. The service will begin with prayer, an examination of conscience, then individual Confessions. Many priests will be present.

St. Benedict Church Charity &

Development Appeal

Totals

March 7, 2023

Number of Donors: 148

Amount Donated: \$77,469
(donated and recurring)

Donations Goal: \$85,000

Parish Staff

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Youth Ministry - Open

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610.

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

"GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH."

Water is among the most essential needs of a human being, the absence of which is very likely to ignite an irrepressible thirst that can only be satisfied by it or a similarly drinkable liquid. On their way to the Promised Land, the people of Israel had to journey through deserts that lacked sources of drinking water. The people grumbled against Moses who turned to God for a solution to the problem. The Lord instructed Moses to strike a rock with his staff and the people drank the water that flowed from it. The physical thirst of the Israelites in the desert was a sign pointing to a greater thirst, our thirst for God Himself which cannot be satisfied with physical water. In Psalm 42:1-2, the Psalmist puts it succinctly, *"like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is longing for you my God."* Like Israel, we often mask our real longing for God with the deal for pleasure and material things. We think that we can derive satisfaction and true peace when we get all the pleasures and the temporary comfort that the things of this world can offer. In truth, what our souls really long for is God and the satisfying joy of knowing, loving and sustaining the right relationship with Him. The alcoholic, the addict, the compulsive and impulsive sinner, the materialist and the hedonist, do not really need momentary pleasures to satisfy and quench their thirst for awhile, what they truly need is the life-long refreshing water of life that only Jesus can offer. This is what Jesus offered the Samaritan woman in the Gospel passage this weekend.

When Jesus asked her for water to drink, she thought He thirsted for ordinary water. How wrong she was, the Divine Redeemer thirsted for God's will which at that moment was to fill her with eternal life. She soon realized this and hurried back to the village where she brought with her more Samaritans who believed Jesus, first on the testimony of the Samaritan woman, and then through the Word which they themselves heard Him preach. Jesus wants to ignite in us a thirst, not for mere water, but for Living Water, sanctifying Grace that springs from the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we experience this thirst, this deep longing for God and respond by seeking for temporary palliatives that offer no true satisfaction. Like the Samaritan woman, we should ask Jesus to give us the living and eternal water that permanently satisfies our thirst as long as we are prepared to drink it. Once we truly experience this Living Water, we are bound to seek to share the joy of what we have found with others through evangelisation and the sharing of our faith encounter with God.

The waters of Baptism introduce into our lives the wellspring of salvation. Sometimes we allow sin to dry up this water. If this has happened in your life, this week is a good time for renewal through the sacrament of Reconciliation which should be followed by frequent and reverent reception of the Holy Eucharist.

May God prepare the hearts of our Catechumens who are preparing to be graced with the Living Water. May He help those among us who have become lukewarm as a consequence of grievous sin to seek repentance and renewal, and may all who seek to satisfy their thirst for God find Him waiting for them.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More



There is still room for you to attend this festive evening next **Saturday, March 18**, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom (2929 West Frye Road, Chandler, Arizona 85224). Cocktail attire.

You can look forward to cocktails and a plated dinner, plus raffle, live auction and our keynote speaker, Adria Renke, President of Brophy College Prep. All proceeds benefit the St. Benedict Catholic Church Building Fund.

For questions, please contact Maryola at 480.961.1610, ext. 309, or email mfabilena@stbenedict.org.

This event is being sponsored by **Double AA Builders, Ltd.**



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Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

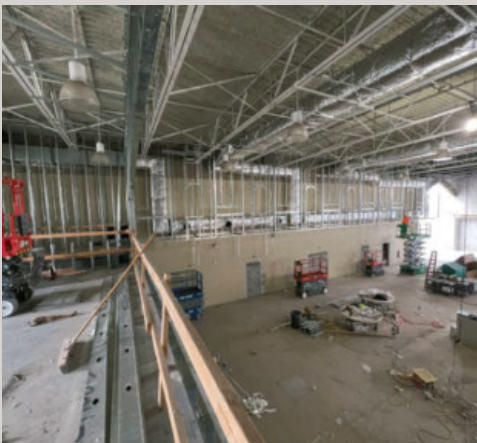
The framers, electricians and mechanical team continue their work inside of the building.

Iron support is being added to the ceiling in the office to support the new air conditioners.

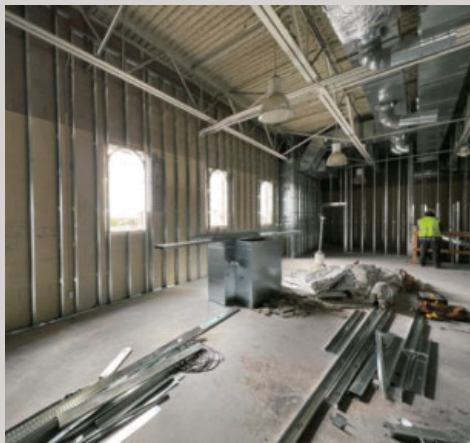
The target date is March 20, weather dependent, to start installing the roof allowing the inside of the building to begin to be weather tight.

This week's photos:

1. Arches for the stained glass on the upper part of the Nave. These windows will be back-lit.
2. Stained glass arches in the choir loft
3. Restroom demolition.



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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 12

NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO EPIC

Tuesday, March 14

NO JAM

NO Journey of Faith

Sunday, March 19

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children's Liturgy of the Word

EPIC

Tuesday, March 21

JAM

Journey of Faith

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation



This year, Bishop Dolan has granted a dispensation from the abstinence from meat on St. Patrick's Day because it falls on a Friday of Lent. Thus, we are permitted to eat meat on **Friday, March 17** but also encouraged to remember to offer some act of sacrifice or charity that day. For more information, go to <https://dphx.org/st-patricks-day-dispensation-2023/>

SJB Family Fun Run/Walk - 5K

Please join us for the 2nd Annual SJB Family Fun Run on **Saturday, March 25**. This is a 5K run/walk from St. John Bosco School through Pecos Park and back. We will have a food truck, live music, and games for everyone after the run. Check-in will begin at 7:45 am with the run starting at 9 am. Enjoy post-run festivities until 12 pm. Adults are \$35 and kids are \$10; maximum cost per family is \$80.

Sign up with this QR code: ----->



Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next weekend is the Catholic Relief Services Collection which supports six Catholic agencies that touch nearly 121 million of the world's poorest people each year. With your help, CRS offers innovative solutions to tough problems like poverty, hunger, drought, disease and emergencies. Thank you for your contribution.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross gatherings outside in the St. John Bosco School courtyard. Each **Friday** at 6 pm during Lent a ministry or group will lead us through the Stations. Afterwards we are having a Fish Dinner for \$10 per person, including fish, fries, coleslaw and water.

March 17

St. Vincent de Paul

March 24

St. John Bosco School

March 31

Altar Servers

Angry Crab Shack Fundraiser Update

How did you like eating at the Angry Crab Shack? We want to thank everybody who came out, as well as everyone at the Angry Crab Shack restaurant! The results of this fundraiser are in and the St. Benedict Building Fund received \$1,000 as a result! Super successful, thanks so much!

Tax Credit Weekend
March 11 or 12, 2023

Learn how you can change lives using your tax dollars!
At no additional cost, your tax dollars can be redirected to charitable organizations such as...

- Foundation for Senior Living
- Catholic Charities
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Catholic Education Arizona

Join us after mass to learn more!

Logos for FSL, Catholic Charities, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, and Catholic Education ARIZONA are shown at the bottom.

Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the mariner Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to working class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and Catholic public policy positions, and actively defending Catholicism in various nations.

Announcements:

Congratulations for being named Knights of the Month to Brother Knights Daniel Manzo, Ben Olvera and Ed Van Vianen for their unconditional dedication to the different activities and services that the Knights of Columbus support.

Congratulations to Gordon and Charity Hollywood for being named the Knights Family of the Month.

Activities:

Adopt-A-Street Clean Up/South Ranch Circle - On Saturday, March 18. Starts at 8 am. Meet at Kyrene de la Esperanza parking lot.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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St. Vincent de Paul



The pantry is in need of the following:

- Pasta Sauce (jars)
- Juice Packs
- Paper Towels
- Jelly
- Mayo
- Cooking Oil (small)

In February, we helped 49 families with 98 bags of groceries, \$715 in grocery cards for meat, and \$3,533 in financial assistance thanks to your generous donations.

If you are in need assistance or information, call the parish office at **480.961.1610 ext. 315**.

Missing Envelopes?

Because of their shortage of a paper supplier, our envelope company was not able to send out the February/March packet of envelopes to our parishioners. We should be seeing the April + envelopes later this month. In the meantime, please continue to use the "Welcome" envelopes located at the back of the MPR, writing your name and address on the front of the envelope. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Faith & Family Magazine

How are you enjoying the parish magazine? It's fun to have such a local media source concentrated on our area of the city with the featured families, articles and advertisers. If you are interested in advertising in our magazine and reaching out to our local community, please contact Kevin Muir at **602.722.6123** or email kmuir@decidedexcellence.com.

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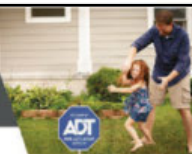
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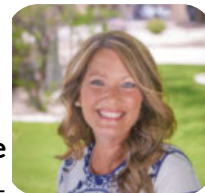
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I am so incredibly proud to announce that 7th grader **Sophia Bernardez** won **1st Place** in the Diocesan Science Fair with her project entitled *"Mighty Tiny Masked Heros—MealWorms and Face Masks."* Sophia will now move onto the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair on March 30. This is an opportunity for Sophia to showcase her amazing work, compete for thousands of dollars in prizes, and the opportunity to move on to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (RISEF). Please join me in praying for her success as she represents the Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Schools.



I am also excited to announce — for the first time ever! — a team of SJB students competed virtually in the National Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon. This was a one-day competition for Catholic school students, grades 6–8, to show their knowledge of fine arts, science, math, literature and more. Our SJB team included 6th grader **Jorge Rodriguez**, and 7th graders **Sophia Bernadez**, **Celine Salloum**, **Theresa Gove**, and **Harmony Rodriguez**. I am proud to report that **Celine Salloum** took **2nd Place** out of a field of 21 competitors! Celine and her four teammates performed brilliantly under the direction of SJB Resource Teacher Mrs. Anne Iniguez.

Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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