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March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

“ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you. ”

~ Psalm 33

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, 3/6

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Construction Info Mtg

Tuesday, 3/7

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | Prayer Sessions
6:15 pm | JAM & JOF

Wednesday, 3/8

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Children's Mass Info Meeting

Thursday, 3/9

8:15 am | Mass
6 pm | Choir Practice

Friday, 3/10

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions
6 pm | Stations (SJB)

Saturday, 3/11

8:30 am | Confessions
10 am | Baptism Class
5 pm | Mass

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 3/5/2023

7 am | Thomas McGuigan † F 3/10 | Christina Loh †
9 am | Tom Mowchan † Sat 3/11 | Parishioners
11 am | Josephine Graf †
5 pm | Parishioners

Sunday, 3/12/2023

7 am | Antonio Mercado †
M 3/6 | Harry Wertzberger † 9 am | Robert Bechtold †
Tu 3/7 | Joan Specchio † 11 am | Guillermo Ugaz †
W 3/8 | Irene Macko † 5 pm | Paul Beckerle (lvg)
Th 3/9 | Emil Senn †



Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 3/6 13; Lk 6:36-3
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 3/7 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 3/8 15-16; Mt 20:17-2
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; 3/9 Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; 3/10 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-4
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3/11 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-3
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 3/12 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-4

Parish Contributions

A special thank you to those who are faithfully contributing

Regular Contributions for

Jan 2023

(Plate)

Actual: \$ 78,879*

Budget: \$ 89,038

* Faith Direct & Realm

Online: \$ 49,930

Cash/Check: \$ 28,949

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

Construction Project

January 2023

(Month End)

TOTAL COST: \$8,400,000

Total Expenses

Paid To Date: \$3,435,061

Remaining

Balance of Cost: \$4,964,939

TOTAL AMOUNT

AVAILABLE

(Cash on Hand &

Line of Credit): **\$4,287,109**

Additional Funds

Need to Raise: \$677,830

Construction Information Meeting

On Monday, March 6, at 6:30 pm in the St. John Bosco MPR, we are having a gathering of parishioners to discuss the current status of the Church construction. Present to answer your questions will be Fr. James, Construction Committee Member Dcn. Ed Winkelbauer, Finance Committee President Debbie Smith, and the Stewardship/Engagement Coordinator Maryola Fabilena. See you there!

St. Benedict Church

Charity &

Development Appeal

Totals

March 1, 2023

Number of Donors: 136

Amount Donated: \$46,281

Donations Goal: \$85,000

Parish Staff

Pastor - Fr. James Aboyi, VC Ext. 302
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Youth Ministry - Open

Contact the Parish Office at 480.961.1610.

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.”

The Season of Lent is always an important annual segment of our journey of faith. For this reason, we are invited by the Church, through the Readings, to reflect on the beginning of the journey of faith embarked on by Abraham our Father in Faith, and the defining moment of the Transfiguration, Jesus' theophany after which Scripture reports *“He set His face towards Jerusalem”* (LK 9:51). Both journeys provide a living standard by which we, as Christians, can measure our own journey of faith.

The First Reading tells the story of the call of Abraham (at that time, Abram) from Ur of the Chaldees, to leave his home and to go to an unnamed place where God would show him. God made promises to Abraham which included making him a great nation, blessing him, giving him a great name and making him a standard by which nations of the earth would be blessed. We are told that, in spite of the uncertainties surrounding this call and the natural instinct to resist any separation from an established comfort zone, Abraham obeyed in faith and did what was required of him. Like Abraham, we too have been invited by God, first to a life-long journey of holiness and, during this Season of Lent, to a journey of renewal. In spite of the many uncertainties and the obvious discomforts we may experience, the First Reading assures us that if we trust God, we shall possess multiple blessings. This journey of faith is not without hardships and huddles of which the Second Reading encourages us to bear, whether they are external difficulties or self-imposed mortification of Lent.

The Gospel passage for the Second Sunday of Lent tells the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus knew that the time for Him to make a final journey to Jerusalem, where He would face His passion, was drawing close. He knew that in Jerusalem, His Apostles would witness His scandalous passion and death and He knew how their faith in Him would be affected by that. Therefore, He provided an opportunity for them to catch a glimpse of His Glorious Divine nature. The witnesses to this theophany were Simon Peter, James and John. While they were on the mountain, Jesus' body was transfigured and Moses (the lawgiver) and Elijah (the greatest of the prophets) came and were conversing with Him. Although we are not made privy to what they discussed, Scripture scholars suggest that their presence was a confirmation of Jesus' authority over the law and the prophets. The Gospel passage also recounts that a cloud cast a shadow over Him and a voice was heard from the cloud proclaiming Jesus as *“...my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;”* and directing the awed Apostles to *“...listen to Him.”*

As we continue on our spiritual journey of life and the journey of Lent, God the Father, the source of the eternal life towards which we are journeying, instructs us to listen to His Son. We should listen to Him as He speaks to us through the Scriptures, through prayer, through the injustices that cry out for resolution in our world, and through the pain and suffering of the poor around us. Jesus speaks, let us listen.

May our spiritual ears be opened so that we can say less and listen more to Jesus, and when we have heard Him, may we seek not to limit our experience of the epiphany to the mountain, but may we be aided to carry joyfully the Good News to the valleys of our homes, places of work and everywhere we find ourselves.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

Current Events and More

St. Benedict Annual Gala

You are cordially invited to this festive evening, **Saturday, March 18** from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 2929 West Frye Road, Chandler, Arizona 85224. Cocktail attire.



Cocktails and plated dinner will be served. Featuring keynote speaker, Adria Renke, President of Brophy College Prep, raffles, & live auction. 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.



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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, colslaw, cornbread and water.

March 10

Women's Spirituality

March 17

St. Vincent de Paul

March 24

St. John Bosco School

March 31

Altar Servers

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 15, at 7 pm in the SJB MPR.

Update on the Construction of Our New Worship Space

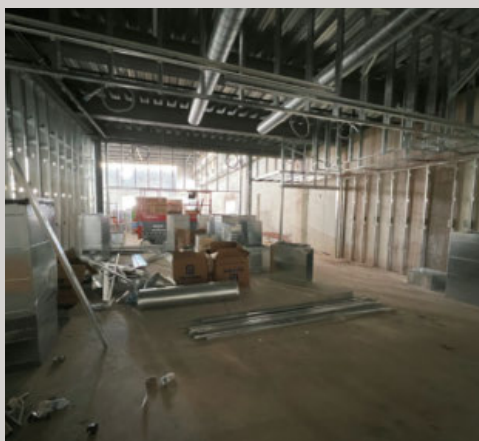
The weather impacted the ground work around the building last week; however, it did allow a good test of the modified roof drains that have been installed for the new roof lines of the building. Work is continuing on the inside of the building by the mechanical team, the plumbers, and the framers. The overhead framing passed inspection. The arch window frames for the exterior windows have been created and are ready for installation. The project continues to be on track for the third-quarter target date.

This week's photos:

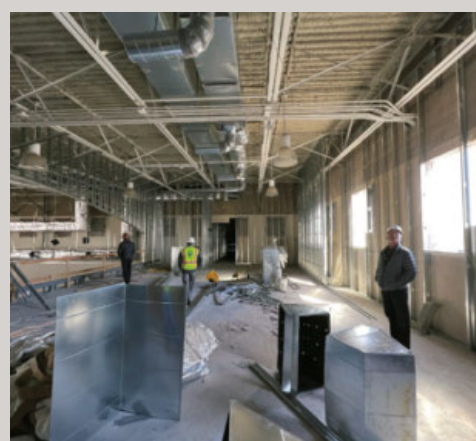
1. The framing installed around air conditioning ductwork in Nave.
2. The framing under the choir loft by the cry room.
3. The framing in the choir loft looking towards the bride room.



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Faith Formation and More

Happenings in Children and Youth Faith Formation

Sunday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 7

JAM
Journey of Faith

Sunday, March 12

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO EPIC

Tuesday, March 14

NO JAM
NO Journey of Faith

From Dcn. Ed's Homily Last Week

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:

FAST from hurting words and say kind words.
FAST from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
FAST from anger and be filled with patience.
FAST from pessimism and be filled with hope.
FAST from worries and have trust in God.
FAST from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
FAST from pressures and be prayerful.
FAST from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
FAST from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
FAST from grudges and be reconciled.
FAST from words and be silent so you can listen.

New Children's Mass at 9 am Sunday

A new Children's Mass is being held on the last Sunday of the month at 9 am. We are looking for children in 3rd-8th grade interested in serving as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers/Ushers, Altar Servers and Choir Members! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their gifts with our St. Benedict community and be more engaged during Mass.

Interested? Plan to attend an Informational Meeting & Ministry Training **Wednesday, March 8** at 6 pm in the St. John Bosco multipurpose room.

For more information, please contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org.



Vacation Bible School Needs You

Planning for the summer St. Benedict STELLAR VBS is beginning soon and we need dozens of adult and high school volunteers to make this year OUT OF THIS WORLD! Whether you like to volunteer behind the scenes, lead activities, have time before the event or during the week - there is something for everyone. You are sure to have a fun and faith-filled week June 12-16! Contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@stbenedict.org.

Charity and Development Appeal

Results continue to come in for the Charity and Development Appeal. Thank you to all who have participated so far. We've raised \$46,281 from 136 families...we're over halfway to our goal! Please know the good work accomplished through the CDA. You can learn more at dphx.org/CDA.



Ministries & More

Knights of Columbus

In the Gospel readings last weekend, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert and was tempted by the devil. With every temptation, Jesus taught us how to respond. It is important to learn God's Word to help us resist temptation and better meet the challenges we face.

Announcements:

A big 'THANK YOU' to all of the Knights who helped with the Adopt-A-Street Clean Up, Parish Picnic, Monthly Rosary, Stations of the Cross, March for Life, Movie Night and the Fish Fry. You guys are terrific!

Thank you to all Brothers and parishioners who are supporting the State Raffle to support local charities. The Knights of the Fr. Bob Binta Council are dedicating all the proceeds to our chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

Activities:

K of C State Raffle - The Knights will be selling tickets for their State Raffle from **Feb 4 through May 7, 2023**.

Officer's Meeting - **Thursday, April 6** beginning at 7 pm in the St. Benedict Conference Room (Annex 1).

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

Vivat Jesus,
Isauro Amaro, Grand Knight
Fr. Bob Binta Council # 12246
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St. Vincent de Paul



We pray for God's continued blessings as we serve those in need. The pantry is in need of the following:

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

In January, we helped 64 families with 92 bags of groceries, \$850 in grocery cards for meat and \$6,362 in financial assistance thanks to your generous donations. If you would like to help us further, consider donating via Realm or the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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

New Parishioners

- Tracy Ewing
- Hannelore Heyeck
- Mauricio, Angela, Elena & Joaquin Mejia Duque



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 in the St. John Bosco School courtyard. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

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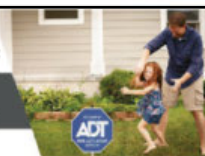
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Last week began our Lenten season with Kindergarten leading the school in “resting” the Alleluia banner. It is so-called as a way to teach younger students that we refrain from singing the Alleluia during Lent and that it will be “resurrected” with Jesus at Easter.



K-8 students gathered with St. Benedict parishioners for Ash Wednesday Mass while our student choir sang beautiful traditional hymns with absolute reverence and love for Jesus. Following Mass, Fr. Manasseh, Deacon Ed, and the preschool teachers performed an Ash Wednesday skit for the preschool students to give them a better understanding of how we “Say Yes to Jesus” during Lent. They then received ashes on their foreheads, just like the “big kids.”



Joyful Blessings,

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed., Principal

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