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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



“ To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him will receive
forgiveness of sins through his name. ”

~ Acts 10:43

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, 4/18

Office Closed-Holiday
8:15 am | Mass

Tuesday, 4/19

8:15 am | Mass
6:15 pm | JAM
6:15 pm | JOF

Wednesday, 4/20

8:15 am | Mass

Thursday, 4/21

8:15 am | Mass
6:30 pm | Ministry Leaders
Meeting

Friday, 4/22

8:15 am | Mass
5 pm | Confessions

Saturday, 4/23

8:30 am | Confessions
9 am | Confirmation Retreat
5 pm | Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 4/17/2022

6 am | Francisco J. Arvizu †
8 am | Cosme & Elsa Real †
10 am | Lito Joson †
12 pm | Jean Benware †

M 4/18 | Sandy Stanley (living)

Tu 4/19 | Helen Kopec †

W 4/20 | Carol Bronson †

Th 4/21 | Blesilda Yabut †

F 4/22 | Jerry Kelley †

Sat 4/23 | James Szura †

Liturgy & Administration

Scripture Readings

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5,
4/18 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20,
4/19 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
4/20 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9;
4/21 Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4,
4/22 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21;
4/23 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4,
4/24 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

“Living Our Faith, Building Our Home” Capital Campaign *As of February 2022*

Campaign Pledges: \$ 3,548,859
Collected Campaign Pledges: \$ 2,626,340

Parish CDA Totals April 6, 2022

Number of Donors: 176
Amount Donated: \$82,726
Donation Goal: \$85,000

Presider Schedule*

the Week of

April 18-24, 2022

Monday 8:15 am - Fr. Wilfred

Tuesday 8:15 am - Fr. Manasseh

Wednesday 8:15 am - Fr. James

Thursday 7 pm - Fr. Manasseh

Friday 7 pm - Fr. Wilfred

Saturday 8 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 **February 2022**

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

Actual: \$ 70,658*

Budget: \$ 74,375

* Faith Direct Online: \$ 50,272

Cash Contributions: \$ 4,389

Check Contributions: \$ 15,997

A Reflection by Fr. Manasseh

"THE LORD HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!"

On Good Friday the Jews accused Jesus, Pontius Pilate condemned Him to death, the soldiers scourged and mocked Him, He carried His cross, a symbol of suffering and shame, to Cavalry where He was crucified. He was deserted by His disciples and friends: one betrayed Him, another denied Him, and the others ran away as soon as He was arrested. Only His mother Mary, John the beloved disciple and a few devout women stood sad and sorrowful under His Cross. The Divine Redeemer battled with sin and death from the Cross, mocked by the same people He chose to save. At the ninth hour of the day, He exclaimed, "*It is accomplished.*" The debt humanity owed for disobedience had been paid by the obedience of the Divine Son of God. The dominion of darkness was over. Death was given a fatal blow by the immortal One and man stood redeemed.

To those who crucified Him, He was finished, defeated and dead. Sadness and sorrow enveloped His mother and friends who witnessed the event. They must have thought "*what now?*" His traumatized and scared stiff disciples scrambled for cover in fear. For them, hope may have been lost. What they did not know was that Easter was coming.

On the third day after Jesus died, St. John the Evangelist tells us Mary of Magdala went to the tomb to anoint His body. She loved Jesus beyond everything else and desired to honor His body as was custom at that time. So much was her love of Him who loved her first that while the disciples were hiding for fear of the Jews, her love overpowered her fear, and compelled her to the tomb to carry out an act of charity on the Lord's body. This charitable desire of hers led her to be the first to discover the truth of the Resurrection. She found that the Prince of Life, who died, had overpowered death and had risen from the dead. Some truths are revealed by this. We can overpower fear with love, and only by love and charity can we know Christ and have a share in His Resurrection. Be kind, be charitable, love and you will find the Risen Lord.

However, Mary of Magdala, though loved, was not one of the twelve, the official teaching authority established by Jesus Himself. So, she ran to where competent and constituted authority was to report her findings. Simon Peter, leader of the Apostles, and another disciple, the one that Jesus loved, ran to verify Mary's claims. Being probably younger, the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first, but did not go in. He too (the beloved disciple) was an Apostle, but Simon Peter was designated first among equals by Christ Himself. So, the beloved disciple only went in after Peter who saw and believed.

As we celebrate the life-transforming power of the Resurrection, let us ask the Lord to set aflame our hearts with love, love that overcomes fear, love that seeks to help and raise the needy. May we respect and frequently pray for legitimate authority whether it be political or religious, and may the Resurrection of Jesus Christ transform us into fearless witnesses to truth, justice and peace.

Please be kind and may God bless you.

Fr. Manasseh

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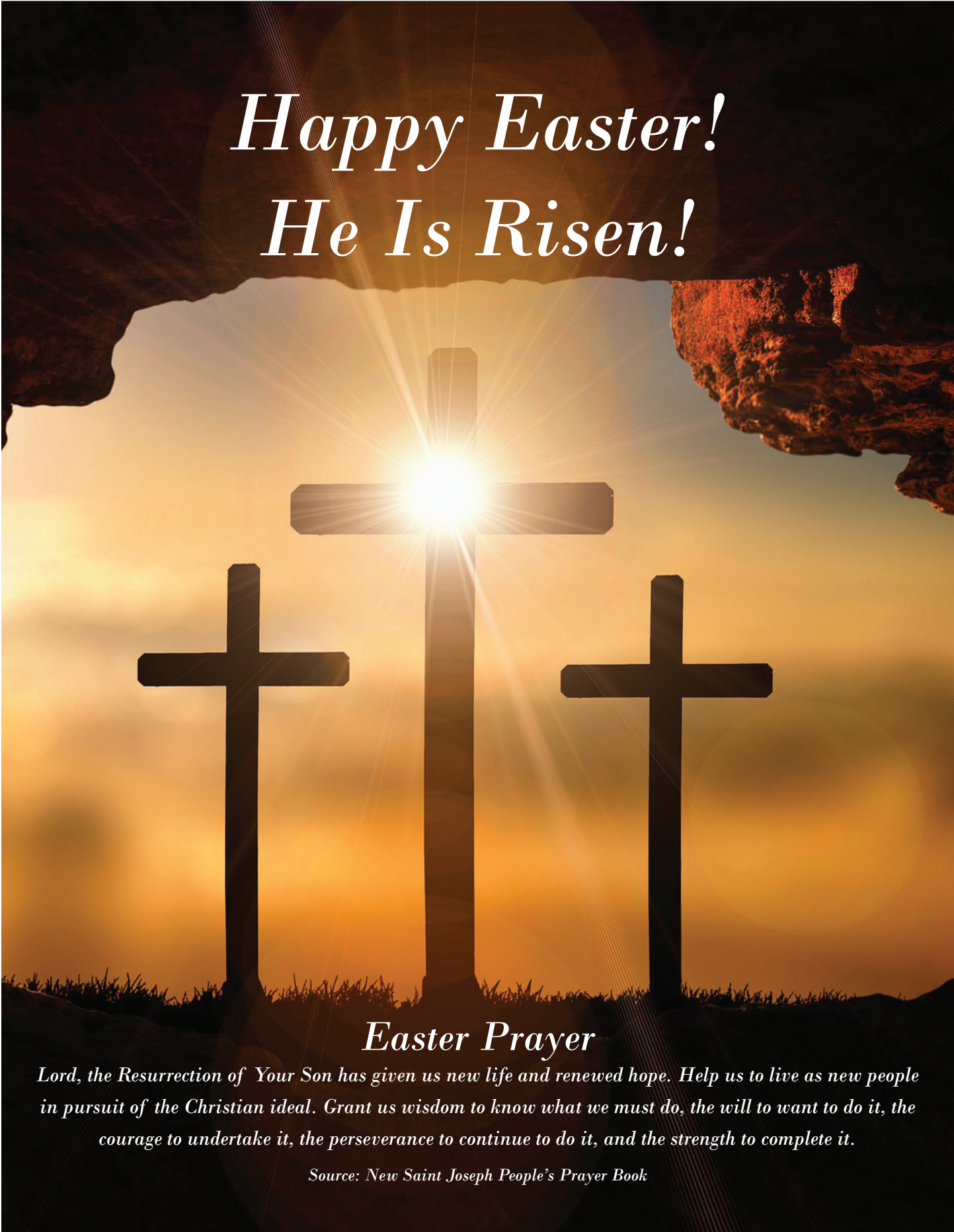
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A photograph of three crosses standing on a grassy hill. The central cross is the tallest, and the two flanking crosses are shorter. A bright sun is rising directly behind the central cross, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, and the tops of the crosses are silhouetted against the bright light. The overall mood is one of hope and renewal.

Happy Easter!
He Is Risen!

Easter Prayer

Lord, the Resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

Faith Formation and More

Parish Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Easter Monday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am. For an emergency requiring a priest, please call **480.961.1610 ext. 317**.

Easter Basket Raffle Drawing

Thank you for your participation in the Easter Basket Raffle this year! The winning tickets will be announced at all Masses this weekend. Congratulations to the winners!

Easter Egg Hunt



Join us on Easter Sunday after the 10 am Mass for an Easter Egg Hunt! Eggs will be hidden in two separate areas on the grounds of St. John Bosco School.

One area will be for the Preschool - 2nd Grade age group, and the second area for the 3rd Grade - 5th Grade age group! We have over 1,000 eggs with stickers and treats in them AND 12 Golden Eggs that contain a special surprise!

Cost is \$10 per child, \$30 max. per family (paid day of - cash appreciated). You'll get: admission to the Hunt, a keepsake bag for your eggs, a raffle ticket to win one of 3 Easter Baskets, and a photo with an Easter Bunny.

Pastoral Care

Please remember in your prayers **Jorge Alberto Acosta Dominguez** and **Thomas Andrew O'Donnell** 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.



*Faith Formation wishes
all of our children & teens
a very blessed Easter Season!*

HE IS RISEN!
Alleluia!
HAPPY EASTER



Summer Teen Bible Study & Survey

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.

Right now we are conducting a poll on the best time to schedule this Bible study. Please go to the parish website, on the Youth Ministry page (stbenedict.org/youth), and click on the link to take the survey.

If you would like to reserve your teen's spot today, please email Clare at CGisla@stbenedict.org

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

Congratulations!

Please join us in Congratulating these individuals this Easter who have come into Full Communion with the Church:

Anthony Floyd

Jamison Floyd

Colton Gowan

Courtney Minicozzi

Harmony Rodriguez Sanchez

Knights of Columbus

Happy Easter to all of the St. Benedict parishioners and to those families at our school, St. John Bosco! Thank you for all your charitable works throughout the Lenten season and beyond. We also want to send a shout-out all those who contributed to our annual golf tournament, donating prizes to support our local charities. You're the best!

Please help in our continued efforts to support the refugees of the Ukraine by donating to the Ukraine Relief Fund at: www.kofc.org

Our Knights in Poland are working vigorously for the cause and giving them shelter, food, clothing and medical assistance.

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 Easter 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. Happy Easter!

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



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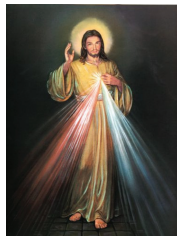
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Next weekend Scrip, or gift cards, will be available in the school courtyard after the 9 am and the 11 am weekend Masses. Stop by and say hi to Katie and stock up on graduation gifts, grocery cards and restaurant cards while helping our school! Great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

More

Divine Mercy Novena

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina that this feast of mercy would be a very special day when *"all divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"* (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise to all souls, that he *"would grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy"* (Diary 1109). Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena (which began on Good Friday).



The Divine Mercy Prayer group continues to meet at 3 pm in the Annex 2 Chapel until Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 24**. Prayer guides can be found at the back of the St. John Bosco Multipurpose Room or in the Annex 2 Chapel. (This novena may also be prayed at home if you cannot attend in person.)

For more information, please contact Letty at Phoenix@Alcasid.com

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"

~ Psalm 118

Stewardship and Development

By Jennifer Sentz, Coordinator

Happy Easter! The promise of the Resurrection was not only for the Jews but also the Gentiles. God's mercy is given to all, not just a privileged few. Jesus informs us, *"For He (God the Father) makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and He sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous"* (Matthew 5:45).

St. Benedict Catholic Church exists for all the people in the community we serve. Did you know that each parish has a physical boundary line designating the area within a diocese they serve? Our boundary is part of the Ahwatukee and Chandler area. This means we pray for and are pastorally responsible for ANYONE who lives within our boundary. Does that mean non-parishioners? YES! Does that mean non-Catholics? YES! Does that mean any ethnicity, culture, and language? YES! Does that mean rich or poor? YES! YES! YES! That is why we so beautifully invite visitors and live a key value, *"All are welcome!"*

We are also inviting all those in the community to help us build our church. What if you are not an official parishioner of St. Benedict? What if you are not even Catholic? Everyone is a part of our parish family and we welcome anyone who wants to partner alongside us to make this dream a reality.

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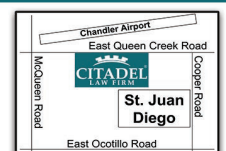
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A Note From The SJB Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! We have so much to be thankful for this Easter! Our students and staff had a wonderful Lent with many fulfilling gifts of the Holy Spirit, SJB is rapidly expanding, and I have every reason to believe we will continue to thrive and grow. We have so many engaged and supportive families along with a caring, involved Pastor who regularly visits our campus and fervently supports our school.

As you read this, our school is closed so everyone can enjoy Easter with their family and friends. On Tuesday, April 19, we will all return to campus for the last final push to the end of the academic year. Until then, there is still much learning to do and many school activities to enjoy!

Upcoming April events include a school-wide Talent Show, Spring Family Movie Night, the Pastor-Principal Dinner to honor our graduating 8th graders and their parents, the final Jr. High Dance of the year, and a Farewell Retreat for our 8th graders before they go off to high school.

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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