

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, January 14, 2024



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*ST. JOHN'S CHURCH*  
6:00 p.m. — Saturday  
8:00 a.m. — Sunday

*RIVERSIDE RESORT & CASINO*  
*DON'S CELEBRITY THEATRE*  
4:00 p.m. — Saturday  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday  
12:00 noon — Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
*ST. JOHN'S CHURCH*  
8:00 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

## REV. CHARLES B. URNICK, ADMINISTRATOR

*Deacon Richard Lambert - Pastoral Support - Deacon Dan McHugh*

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To serve the needs of the growing faith community in this part of Southern Nevada, composed of residents, weekend visitors and snowbirds who pray together, work together so as to build up the body of Christ; to be witnesses likewise, to the historical legacy of the first recorded Catholic Mass in Nevada celebrated in Laughlin in 1776 by Father Francisco Garces, a Franciscan missionary.

**Confessions:** 15 minutes before each Mass

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are normally celebrated on Saturdays at 11:00 a. m. **Registered and active parishioners** should contact the priest one month in advance to make the arrangements.

**Holy Day Masses:** Please refer to St. John's Bulletin

**Weddings:** Weddings are normally celebrated on Saturdays at 11:00 a. m. **Registered and active parishioners** should contact the priest at least six months in advance to make the arrangements.

**Directions to St. John the Baptist Church:** From Casino Dr. go west on Bruce Woodbury Drive (across from the Edgewater Hotel). Continue approximately 3 miles to Needles Highway, turn left. At El Mirage Way (the first traffic light), turn right. Drive approximately 2 blocks, St. John's is on the corner of El Mirage Way and Banyon Drive.

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Second Collection Schedule	
Jan. 13-14 . . . . .	CSA
Jan. 20-21 . . . . .	Building Fund

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| SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT       | SHEILA PATTON 702.298.0440       |

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older. For information, please call Grand Knight Gabe Nunez (760-217-0454) or visit [www.facebook.com/Kofc12690](http://www.facebook.com/Kofc12690).

**MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5:00 PM (NV TIME)**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19)

Psalms - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40)

Second Reading - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? ( 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20)

Gospel - Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42)

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist who utters it twice. In today's reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ so that others will follow him. Our mission as a church is to bring others to Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**UPDATE  
ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
from Father Charlie**

2024 is a year of celebration for me and for our founder Father John McShane. I was ordained on May 25, 1974, and Father John was ordained on December 7, 1974. Both of us will celebrate 50 years as a priest this year.

We will do a religious celebration of my 50th Anniversary on the actual date in May. We are doing this party on Sunday, February 25, 2024, in the Starview Room at the Riverside Resort. Tickets are \$25.00 each. They will go on sale the first weekend in February.

Father John is 80 years old and technically retired. Our parish is the only parish he founded in his 50 years as a Priest. We have been friends since 1992 and we are united in our love for Laughlin and the people of St. John the Baptist Parish.

I have invited Father John to share the February party with me. It will be a great opportunity for our parish to celebrate two priests ordained in 1974, two priests who love Laughlin and the people of St. John the Baptist Parish.

I could use your help with one thing...I need photos of Father John from the early days of our parish in the 1990's. Please check your photo albums and let me know what you have by the end of January. I am honored to shared this milestone celebration with Father John McShane.

## DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this bind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams; it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann (1927)

## **\*50 YEARS AS A PRIEST**

On May 25, 2024, Father Charlie will celebrate 50 years as a priest! Of course, we will celebrate the exact date in May with a weekend of Masses and a party at the Garces Center, but I would to celebrate also while the snowbirds are still here. So...

**FATHER CHARLIE URNICK'S  
50th Anniversary of Ordination  
RIVERSIDE RESORT in the Starview Room  
Music, Entertainment, Buffet Dinner  
(Only a short speech, or two!)  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Nevada Time)  
TICKETS: \$25.00 Each**

***TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1, 2024***

**\*Please see update on page 2 of this bulletin**

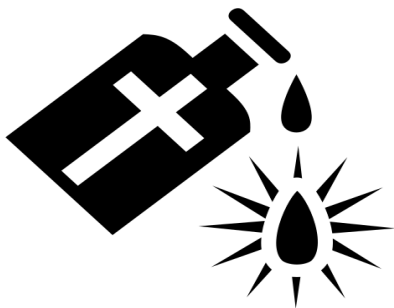
**May God bless us all in 2024**

## COLORADO RIVER HOLY WATER

In honor of Fr. Francisco Garces, for whom our Garces Center is named, we have blessed & packaged special containers of holy water using water from the Colorado River, the very same source of water that Fr. Garces used for blessings & baptisms almost 250 years ago. Each bottle also contains chips of real turquoise which was revered by the local tribes as a sign of peace, health & life.

We cannot sell the holy water because it is blessed, and a blessed item cannot be sold. But if you would like one, a donation of \$3.00 will cover the cost of the bottle & turquoise chips. Anything extra will be given to the Garces Center.

If you would prefer to bring your own water in your own containers, Fr. Charlie will be happy to bless the water at no charge. Not a bad idea to keep some holy water in our homes during these tumultuous times.



## ST. JOHN'S LADIES GUILD

Meetings are held in the Garces Center on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM. This great group of ladies help with a variety of projects for our church and community. For more information please contact Trish 702-298-0440.

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## JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Would you like to grow more deeply in your faith? Do you have the desire to learn more about scripture? Would you like to meet other members of our parish family? Come and read the Scriptures and discuss how we can apply them to our daily lives. Everyone is invited! We meet every Tuesday at 8:00AM in the Garces Center. For more information please contact Marilyn Tolone 909-618-3498.

## **\*\*TOOTSIE ROLLS\*\***

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12690

We are finishing up our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Each year, Knights all over the country participate in this fundraiser for those with special needs. Our Council donates everything raised to local groups in the area. New Vista Ranch, Opportunity Village,, Special Olympics and the Clark County School District special education department are always provided donations. Knights will be at every Mass this weekend (13th & 14th) to solicit donations, please remember to help us help with special needs.

Thank you for your support.

Gabe Nunez

Grand Knight KOC Council 12690

CONFESSIONS are heard by Fr. Charlie 20 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

**January 13, 2024  
Through  
January 21, 2024**



**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

PLEASE CALL SJB OFFICE TO INSERT NAMES ON THIS PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

<b>Saturday</b> Jan. 13	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	Arnee Biado †Steve Marvic Family Fr. Charlie, Fr. Dan & Fr. Henry
<b>Monday</b> Jan. 15	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS-Fr. Charlie's private Mass-Vianca Ortiz
<b>Tuesday</b> Jan. 16	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS-Fr. Charlie's private Mass-Klein & Ashfeld Families
<b>Friday</b> Jan. 19	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret & †Karl Munninger
<b>Saturday</b> Jan. 20	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	MaryAnne Verville Adel & Vivienne Abrugena
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	All Parishioners of SJB Glenn Kinach Fran Tomeno

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51;Ps 144;Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Janet Eliason - Patrick Kitto-JoAnn Ponzi-Marty and Angie Gray - Val Petersen- RuthAnn Petersen - Ed Wilmes -Shari Simms - Charles Sperando - Larry Walden -Bernie Thompson - June Daneck - Jan Finnegan - The Sedat Family - Frances Sneed - Tammy Fortner - Terry Sheehan - Jerri Misenheimer -Jerry Bowen - Cat Greer - Bill Marquardt - Natalie Hesser - Kathy Reifsteck - Agatha O'Shea - Rebecca Helm - Carlos Valdez - Kathleen Sperando - Merle & Marianne Mathews - Edna Burtraw - Frank Cabatungan - Carol Kubernach - Robert Lock - Richard Helge - Bonnie Blais - Ramiro Ozuna - Dee Schneider - Ski Piaczynski - Mike Schliskey - Leslie Seaton - Brittney Stone - Allison Trask - Samuel Pierce - Shaun Valdez-Barb Survillas -Allison Tucker - Christopher Siefken - Rebecca Holub - Colleen Ross - Gerry Hartman - Mike Duccini - Barb Saxe - Brian Klaum - Heather Applegate - Marian Barlow - Jane Vignoni - Joyce Young - Roy and Dora Dominguez - Bonnie Finn - Joel Cervantes - Judy Lippelt - Sallie Reddoch - Tyson Mercer - Vince Crowell - Fred Wells

Names remain on our list 2 months and then are removed. Call the office 702-298-0440 when the health of you or your loved one has improved or if a name needs to be removed.

For many years we have listed the names of relatives and friends for whom prayers have been requested. While we try to keep that list updated, some of the names have remained there for years and occasionally we learn that one or several have died years ago. The list is really designed for those in immediate and serious need of the prayers of our parishioners and visitors.

Also, in view of the current privacy laws in our nation, individuals may not wish to have their names published at all. We have tried to be careful about this and respect their privacy. We must continue to do so.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call  
ETHEL NEUENS 702.298.0440



**St. John's online Masses and social media locations**

**Website:** Laughlin Catholic  
<https://www.laughlincatholic.com>

**YouTube:** SJB Catholic Church  
<https://www.youtube.com/@sjbcatholicchurch7616>

**Facebook:** Laughlin Catholic  
<https://www.facebook.com/laughlincatholic>

**\*MASS BOOK 2024 OPENS\***

Mass intentions may be reserved for the year 2024 at the church office.

The stipend is given at the time the Mass is requested.