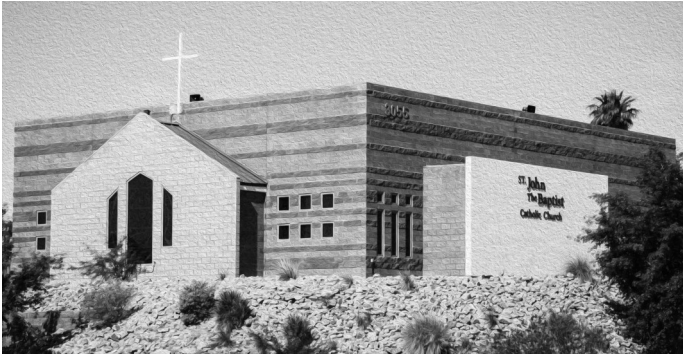


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024



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Laughlin, Nevada 89028.1230
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THIRD 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. 20-21	Building Fund
Jan. 27-28	Church in Latin America/E. Europe

BUSINESS MANAGER	BRETT DENNIS 702.298.0440
GIFT SHOP COORDINATOR	MAUREEN MULLIN 702.298.1048
GUILD COORDINATOR	TRISH NEVIUS 702.298.0440
HIV/AIDS OUTREACH	REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN 702.564.4224
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	MARY RIVARD 702.298.0440
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INIT. (RCIA)	FR. CHARLIE 702.580.4988
TROOP OUTREACH COORDINATOR	
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT	GABE NUNEZ 760.217.0454
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	LUANN KRUZ 928.754.2650
PRAYER CHAIN	ETHEL NEUVENS 702-298-0440
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.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5,10).

Psalm - Teach me you ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way. Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

**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.

CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE THOUGHTS

"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." -St. John Paul II

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you." -St. Jeremiah 1:5

"There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience." -St. Mother Teresa

"You have been my guide since I was first formed...from my mother's womb you are my God." -Psalm 22:10-11

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" -St. John Paul II

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, killings, of wars, or of hatred...If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?" -St. Mother Teresa

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." -St. John Paul II

"I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is "Abortion", because it is a war against the child...A direct killing of the innocent child, "Murder" by the mother herself...And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love...And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts..." -St. Mother Teresa

"Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted, and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child, and be loved by the child. From our children's home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over 3,000 children from abortions. These children have brought such love and joy to their adopting parents, and have grown up so full of love and joy!" -St. Mother Teresa

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." -St. Mother Teresa

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

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 page 2 of this bulletin for more information)

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.



Church in Latin America and in Central & Eastern Europe

On the weekend of January 27-28, 2024, our Archdiocese will take up a collection for the Church in Latin America and in Central & Eastern Europe.

This collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and is made possible through the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Projects are at the continental, regional, diocesan and local levels, and include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious & seminarians, as well as youth ministry & catechesis.

This special collection also channels aid through the Bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church: training seminarians & catechetical centers, schools, church construction & renovation, & evangelization through Catholic mass media.

In this New Year of 2024, please be generous in your missionary outreach to our brothers & sisters in the faith, living in these diverse parts of the world.

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you for your generosity & faith.

Office of the Archbishop of Las Vegas

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.

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MARRIED COUPLES JUBILEE MASS

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas Annual Jubilee Mass for Married Couples will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Guardian Angel Cathedral, 302 Cathedral Way. There will be a reception in Anderson Hall immediately following the Mass. Couples married in the Catholic Church and celebrating their Golden, Silver or other significant wedding anniversaries in 2024 are invited to attend. Please submit a completed registration form together with a copy of your Catholic Marriage certificate (or similar proof of a Catholic wedding) to the Chancery office no later than January 31, 2024. A downloadable form is available on the archdiocesan website at www.dioceseoflasvegas.org. All are invited to join in this celebration.

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

**January 20, 2024
Through
January 28, 2024**



PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Saturday Jan. 20	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	MaryAnne Verville Birthday Adel & Vivienne Abrugena Anniversary
Sunday Jan. 21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Glenn Kinach Birthday Fran Tomeno
Monday Jan. 22	8:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Wick
Tuesday Jan. 23	8:00 a.m.	Klein & Ashfeld Families
Friday Jan. 26	8:00 a.m.	Cathy Bautista
Saturday Jan. 27	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Charlie, Fr. Dan & Fr. Henry †Jim & Bonnie Cyganiak
Sunday Jan. 28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Lena Martha Boisseau All Parishioners of SJB †Judy Hamelin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18
Friday	2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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 - Mike Kramer

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.