

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024



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## SIXTH 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	
Feb. 10-11 . . . . .	Building Fund
Feb. 14 . . . . .	Catholic Charities

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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)**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46)

Psalms - I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32)

Second Reading - Do everything for the glory of God (Corinthians 10:31-11:1)

Gospel - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45)

**GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God-not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions at Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

**ANOINTING MASS  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
10:00 AM at the Church**

The St. John's Guild invites everyone to join us for our Annual Anointing Mass & Mardi Gras Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13th, 10:00 AM here at the church.

Catholics may receive the Sacrament of the Sick many times throughout their lifetime for advanced age, impending surgery, for a feeling of well-being, strength, and for many other reasons.

Any Catholic may receive this sacrament and non-Catholics will receive a blessing. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us for the Mass and prayers, and for the Mardi Gras Luncheon in the Garces Center immediately following the Mass.

We will have sign up sheets available at all weekend Masses (or contact the church office) if you plan on attending the luncheon so we have an idea of how many people we need to feed!



Office of the Archbishop  
Phone: (702) 735-9605  
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February 14, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of Jesus' call to serve the poor, the meek, and the hungry; "...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25: 40).

To answer this call of service, on February 14, 2024, our Diocese will take up its annual **Ash Wednesday Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada**. For 83 years, Catholic Charities has served as a safety net for the most vulnerable of God's children and provided a living example of the Corporal Works of Mercy through their services:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink" (Matthew 25: 35).

- The Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels program serves more than 2,250 homebound seniors daily.
- On average, over 400 men, women, and children receive the free Community Meal every day of the year.
- The Hands of Hope Community Food Pantry provides supplemental groceries to nearly 4,000 disadvantaged individuals and families each month.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me" (Matthew 25: 36).

- Every night, the Catholic Charities Emergency Night Shelter provides approximately 400 homeless men with a place to sleep and access to hygiene items, shower facilities, and a housing assessment.
- The Renewing HOPE Program helps hundreds of men in our community transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency through job skills training and one-on-one case management.
- The St. Vincent Apartments provide 120 low-income housing units and access to wraparound services.

This Lenten season, remember that we practice the acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we may pattern our lives after the example that Jesus set through his Cross and Resurrection. As you reflect, please consider contributing to this collection. Your stewardship provides the support needed for this organization to continue its essential work and foster our call to live the Gospel.

May the Lord bless you and your families this Lent, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

# TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

February 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Monday through Thursday:  
8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)**

# MISSION

**Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers**

**Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Not Only With Us But Also Within Us**

**Monday:** “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”

**Tuesday:** That is why Jesus, the Son of God was born as one of us.

**Wednesday:** That is also why Jesus gave us the Eucharist.

**Thursday:** How can we even try to understand the next life while still in this life?

## 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.



### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Move in me, Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,  
That I may love only what is holy.  
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,  
That I may defend all that is holy.  
Protect me, Holy Spirit,  
That I may always be holy.*

*-St. Augustine*

## 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 after 8AM Mass (8:30AM if no Mass) in the Garces Center.

For more information please contact Karen 702-298-0440.

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against  
the wickedness and snares  
of the devil; may God  
rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all  
the evil spirits who prowl  
about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

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

**THE SEASON OF LENT 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Laughlin, Nevada.**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** - Receiving ashes on your forehead is a sign of your willingness to observe Lent.

Wednesday, February 14  
 8:00 MASS with Ashes (Church)  
 10AM - 11AM ASHES (Riverside)  
 12:00 Noon MASS w/Ashes (Church)  
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ASHES (Church)  
 6:00 PM MASS with Ashes (Church)

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### **BASIC FAST & ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday & All Fridays in Lent  
 (NO MEAT, LIMIT FOODS EATEN)

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**TIGER MASSES** - You need to be "tough as a tiger" to attend Mass at 6:00 AM on the Fridays of Lent, but you collect "real" tiger tails! There are 6 Tiger Masses beginning on Friday, February 16, at the church.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Pray and follow Jesus' journey to the cross at 6:00 PM each Friday of Lent at the church beginning on Friday, February 16.

**MITE BOXES** - Please take home one of our green & gold mite boxes and donate your coins during Lent to help pay the mortgage on the Garces Center. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar, etc. helps!

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**PARISH MISSION** [ Preached by Father Michael Moore, two identical sessions with Mass every day from Monday, February 19 to Thursday, February 22. Come either to Mass at 8:00 AM or at 6:00 PM each day. You can also sign up for individual meetings with Father Michael.

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**THE WORD AMONG US** and **LIVING FAITH** are free devotional pamphlets available at the church. Pick up a copy while they last.

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**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FATHER CHARLIE URNICK AND FATHER JOHN McSHANE** - 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 25 in the Starview Room at the Riverside. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

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**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** begins on Good Friday, March 29, and continues each day at 3:00 PM until **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, April 7.

**CONFESSIONS** are heard 20 minutes before every Mass at the church and at the Riverside. Please don't wait until the last minute to make a good confession.

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**WEEKDAY MASSES** -Please join us at the church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00 AM every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Or stop by the church for a visit with Jesus during the day. The church is open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday to Thursday.

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** is on Sunday, March 17. We will honor him at all the weekend Masses. Wearing something green to church might be an idea.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY** is Tuesday, March 19. We will honor St. Joseph at our 8:00 Mass at the church. He is the Patron of the Universal Church.

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**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND** is the weekend of March 23-24. We will bless and distribute palms at all the Masses.

**HAVE A GOOD LENT,  
HAVE A BLESSED LENT.**

**WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT?**  
It really doesn't matter **WHAT** you choose to do during the 40 days of Lent. God gives us this season of penance every year to help us on our journey through life. Please take advantage of it.

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Some people observe Lent by **GIVING UP** some things like certain foods, candy, smoking, movies, TV time, alcohol, social media time. Etc. Some try to break bad habits like swearing, foul language, gambling too much, eating too much.

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Some people observe Lent by **ADDING ON** some things like spending more time in prayer, reading the Bible, going to an extra weekday Mass, praying the Rosary, etc.

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It really doesn't matter **WHAT** you do for Lent, but it does matter **THAT** you do something for Lent. Take advantage of this grace-filled opportunity offered to you by God. Have a good and blessed Lent in 2024.



**February 10, 2024  
Through  
February 18, 2024**



<b>Saturday</b> Feb. 10	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Arthur Walsh</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Feb. 11	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Guillermo Cruz Birthday</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Ronald Thelen</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>†Thomas Patrick Anderson</b>
<b>Monday</b> Feb. 12	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bonnie Blais</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 13	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Blessed Lenten Season</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of SJB</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 14	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Tom &amp; †Evelyn Stencel</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>†Mike Engroff</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 16	<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vanessa Ortiz</b>
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Michael Moore</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Feb. 17	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>The Medvec Family</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of SJB</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Feb. 18	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Paul Ponzi</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Jeanette Hamelin</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>†MaryLynn DeMaria &amp; †Jackie Laudate</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15</b>

**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>

**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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

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 - Myra Speir - Marilyn Tolone - Mary Lou Kramer - Heather Eggert - Lisa Kleszcz - Jim Lachermeier - Julie Stibal

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

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

End of year 2023 contribution statements are now available. Please contact the church office to request one.

**\*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.