

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 18, 2024



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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. 17-18CSA
Feb. 24-25 Building Fund

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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.

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

First Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15)

Psalm - Your ways, O lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25)

Second Reading - The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15)

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is this rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

THANK YOU!

Another huge THANK YOU to our St. John's Ladies Guild for hosting the Mardi Gras Luncheon after the annual Anointing Mass last Tuesday. We had a wonderful turn-out and everyone was raving about how great the food was!

The ladies work extremely hard to produce these types of events and we are very grateful for their dedication and commitment and of course, cooking skills!

Food, fun & fellowship - what an awesome way to usher in the Lenten Season.

See you in church!

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 FOR LENT

*God of goodness and mercy,
Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.
Amen.*

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.

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TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

February 19th – 22nd, 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?

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

First Reading: Exodus 16 1 -5, 9-15

Responsorial Psalm: **78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28**

Response: **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

Gospel: **Luke 24:13–35**

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

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Responsorial Psalm: 118 1-4, 19-22, 23-25, 26, 28-29

Response: **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Gospel: **John 1:1–5, 9–14**

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

First Reading: (1Cor 10:16-17)

Responsorial Psalm: **116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18**

Response: **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

Gospel: **Luke 2:1-14**

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

First Reading: **1 Corinthians 11:23–26**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62 (63)

Response: **My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.**

Gospel: **John 6:51-58**

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

BASIC FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday & All Fridays in
Lent

(NO MEAT, LIMIT FOODS
EATEN)

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

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!

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 in-
dividual meetings with Fa-
ther Michael.

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

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRA-
TION FOR FATHER CHARLIE
URNICK AND FATHER JOHN
McSHANE** - 5:00 PM on Sun-
day, February 25 in the Star-
view Room at the Riverside.
Tickets are \$25.00 each.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins on
Good Friday, March 29, and contin-
ues each day at 3:00 PM until **DI-
VINE 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 17, 2024
Through
February 25, 2024**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 

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Saturday	4:00 PM	The Medvec Family
Feb. 17	6:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Ponzi
Feb. 18	10:00 a.m.	Jeanette Hamelin
	12 Noon	†MaryLynn DeMaria & †Jackie Laudate
Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Sandy West
Feb. 19	6:00 p.m.	†Peter Bryan
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Alana Reyes Birthday
Feb. 20	6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	
Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Fitzpatrick Family
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Casebere Birthday
Feb. 22	6:00 p.m.	Sheila & Nelson David
Friday	6:00 a.m.	
Feb. 23	8:00 a.m.	Mary Rivard Birthday
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Stephen & †Bryan Johnson
Feb. 24	6:00 p.m.	†Louise Merchlewitz
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Feb. 25	10:00 a.m.	Heather Eggert
	12 Noon	Fr. Charlie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 22:1-2,9a, 10-13;15-18; Ps 116; Mk 9:2-10

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

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 - 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 do so.

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.