

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024



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SECOND 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. 24-25	Building Fund
March 2-3CSA

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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)

Second Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18)

Psalms - I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116)

Second Reading - God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34)

Gospel - This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10)

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM & JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures of the old covenant foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand, let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

**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.**

**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.**

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

**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!**

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.

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.

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.



SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

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.

**February 24, 2024
Through
March 3, 2024**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 

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PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Saturday Feb. 24	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	†Stephen & †Bryan Johnson †Louise Merchlewitz
Sunday Feb. 25	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Heather Eggert Fr. Charlie
Monday Feb. 26	8:00 a.m.	†Henrietta & Harold Wardell
Tuesday Feb. 27	8:00 a.m.	James Cochran
Friday March 1	6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB In Honor of Fr. Francisco Garces
Saturday March 2	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Mike Engroff †Kenneth Marvic
Sunday March 3	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	Juan Pereira All Parishioners of SJB Ada Ruiz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15,18-20;Ps 103;Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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>

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.

