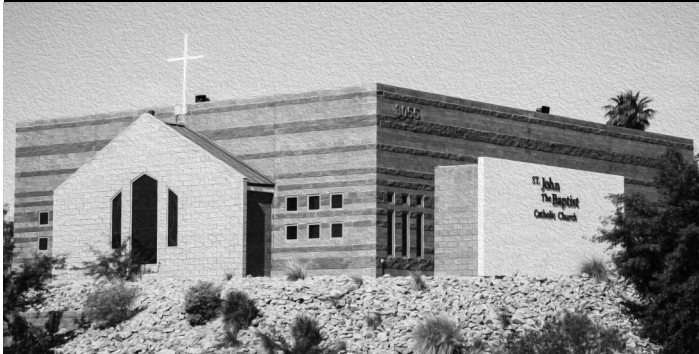


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 10, 2024



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FOURTH 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**

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Second Collection Schedule	
March 9-10	Catholic Relief Services
March 16-17	CSA
March 23-24	Building Fund
March 29	Holy Land

Fourth Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The wrath and mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23).

Psalm - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137).

Second Reading - God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10).

Gospel - The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21).

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12690

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



CHRISM MASS

Archbishop George Leo Thomas Ph.D. welcomes all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM (the Thursday before Holy Thursday) at Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish, 3050 Alta Drive. The guest homilist for the Chrism Mass this year is Very Rev. Mark Francis, CSV, Provincial Superior of the Clerics of Saint Viator (The Viatorians).

At the concelebrated Chrism Mass Liturgy, the holy oils used in all parishes of the Archdiocese throughout the year for the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders will be blessed and consecrated by Archbishop Thomas. In this Liturgy, the annual Renewal of Priestly Promises will be made by our priests. Deacons, religious, and faithful will also be invited to renew their baptismal commitment to Christ.

Assisting in the celebration of the Chrism Mass is a sign of our oneness as a Catholic community of believers around our Archbishop and our priests.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28th

6:00 PM Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

3:00 PM Communion Service

4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena begins

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 12690 is planning to offer a special event to venerate the Relic of St. Faustina and the Relic of the True Cross here at St. John the Baptist in April. We encourage you to join us to take advantage of this special opportunity to venerate these holy relics and participate in a program that allows you to engage in a unique series of meditations on Divine Mercy. This program features the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, accompanying music, meditations from St. Faustina's Diary and veneration of the holy relics that are sure to touch your heart and connect you with the defining essence of Divine Mercy.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



Office of the Archbishop

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March 1, 2024

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has received notification from the Diocese of Santa Rosa in California of the involuntary laicization of Mr. Adam Kotas, formerly of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, who briefly served in Las Vegas. This process was handled through the Diocese of Santa Rosa, where Mr. Kotas was incardinated as a priest. This laicization was approved by His Holiness, Pope Francis and has no possibility of appeal.

Laicization means that all rights and privileges associated with the priesthood have been removed, and that the individual has returned to the lay state. Although the Sacrament of Holy Orders imprints an indelible character on the soul of the priest which empowers him to administer the sacraments, the laicized priest is prohibited from celebrating Mass or the other sacraments. Moreover, Mr. Kotas is prohibited from using the title "Father" (referring to a Catholic priest) or wearing clerical attire.

Adam Kotas is no longer a priest in the Catholic Church.

All sacraments celebrated by Mr. Kotas in the "Polish National Church" are presumed to be either invalid or illicit by the Catholic Church, and anything done by Mr. Kotas following his laicization are considered invalid or illicit by the Catholic Church.

Any questions regarding the validity or liceity of sacraments which Mr. Kotas has attempted may be directed to the Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ George Leo Thomas".

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas

WORLDWIDE SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

This three-year process is now in its final stages and the Holy Father has asked that we provide one more opportunity to listen to the Church – the people of God.

NORTHERN DEANERY LISTENING SESSION

Parishes North of Sahara (North Las Vegas included)

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
THURSDAY | MARCH 14, 2024 | 9:30AM

SOUTHERN DEANERY LISTENING SESSION

Parishes South of Sahara (Henderson & Boulder City included)

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONDAY | MARCH 11, 2024 | 6:30PM

RURAL DEANERY LISTENING SESSION

Parishes/Missions in Armargosa, Caliente, Mesquite, Dyer, Pahrump, Ely, Sandy Valley, Round Mountain, Laughlin, Overton, McGill, & Tonopah

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, LAUGHLIN
SATURDAY | MARCH 16, 2024 | NOON

**SCAN QR CODE
& REGISTER
TO PARTICIPATE**



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission



ARCHDIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS | 2024 SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS

Register to attend one of the listening sessions! <https://lvcatholic.org/synod>

You can prepare for your session by praying about the following questions:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church’s structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

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 Fridays of Lent, but you collect "real" tiger tails! There are 6 Tiger Masses beginning on Friday, 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.

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 a.m. 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.

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!

**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 you 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.



TIME CHANGES MARCH 10TH

It's that time again when Laughlin residents "Spring Forward" and change their clocks at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 10th.

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.

**March 9, 2024
Through
March 17, 2024**



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 Hesper - 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 - 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 - Alissa Wagner - Alexis Lathrop - Gabe Nunez - Tommy & Thomas S. Arguello

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.

Saturday	4:00 PM	†Lucille Wenstrup
March 9	6:00 PM	†Matt Snyder
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson
March 10	10:00 a.m.	†Richard Hamelin
	12 Noon	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Katarina & †Joseph Munniger
March 11		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bob & †Marianne Blanks
March 12		
Friday	6:00 a.m.	†Richard Leas
March 15	8:00 a.m.	†Ray Plante
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
March 16	6:00 p.m.	†Tim Flatten
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Arthur Grondin
March 17	10:00 a.m	†Loretta Koenig
	12 Noon	†Thomas Patrick Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20;Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12;Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4,12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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>