

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024



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FIFTH 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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Psalms - Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

Second Reading - Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9).

Gospel - If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifices of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us by forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

Second Collection Schedule	
March 16-17	CSA
March 23-24	Building Fund

Knights of Columbus

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 6:00 PM**

IRISH BLESSING PRAYER

- May the road rise up to meet you.*
- May the wind always be at your back.*
- May the sun shine warm upon your face,*
- And the rains fall softly upon your fields.*
- And until we meet again,*
- May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 12690 is offering a special event to venerate the RELIC OF ST. FAUSTINA and the RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS here at St. John the Baptist on April 5, 2024. 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.

Date: April 5, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: St. John the Baptist
3055 El Mirage Way
Laughlin, NV 89029

Bits of Irish Wisdom

In honor of St. Patrick, here are some bits of Irish wisdom to share around March 17th:

"Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover? Because you should never press your luck!"

"May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smiles of the people you love."

"If God sends you down a stony path, may He give you strong shoes."

"May neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you."

"Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal."

"The man who pays the piper calls the tune."

"The friend that can be bought is not worth buying."

"Better fifty enemies outside that one within."

"The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune."

"You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind."

"Never bolt your door with a boiled carrot."

"It is not a secret after three people know it."

"Lose an hour in the morning and you'll be looking for it all day."

"Both your friend and your enemy think you will never die."

"Forgetting a debt doesn't mean it's paid."

"Pity on him who makes an opinion a certainty."

"You know you are 100% Irish when you have know idea how to make a long story short."

"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sails the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."

"May your home always be too small to hold all your friends."

"A toast to your coffin: May it be made of 100 year old oak. And may we plant the tree together, tomorrow."

"You can tell a lot by an Irish woman's hands...for example, if they are placed around your neck she's probably a little angry with you."

"May your home always be too small to hold all of your friends."

"When I count my blessings, I count you twice."

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday Weekend (Saturday, March 23 - Sunday, March 24)

Palms will be distributed at all the Masses at St. John's Church and at the Riverside.

Monday of Holy Week (March 25)

8:00 AM Mass - St. John's Church

Tuesday of Holy Week (March 26)

8:00 AM Mass - St. John's Church

HOLY THURSDAY (March 28)

6:00 PM Mass - St. John's Church — Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY (March 29)

3:00 PM - St. John's Church - Good Friday Service with Holy Communion

4:00 PM - St. John's Church - Divine Mercy Novena Prayers

6:00 PM - St. John's Church - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (March 30)

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - St. John's Church - Confessions will be heard

12:00 Noon - St. John's Church - Blessing of the Easter Foods

3:00 PM - St. John's Church - Divine Mercy Novena Prayers

8:00 PM - St. John's Church - Easter Vigil Mass

(There will be NO Masses at 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM. The EASTER VIGIL is the ONLY Mass today. THE EASTER VIGIL IS THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER.)

EASTER SUNDAY (March 31)

8:00 AM EASTER MASS - St. John's Church

10:00 AM EASTER MASS - Don's Celebrity Theatre, Riverside Resort

12:00 Noon EASTER MASS - Don's Celebrity Theatre, Riverside Resort

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Prayers at St. John's Church

No confessions will be heard at the Easter Weekend Masses.

If you would like to go to confession, please come about 20 minutes before any of the Masses prior to Easter weekend. Confessions will also be heard on HOLY SATURDAY (March 30) at the church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

The Divine Mercy Novena Prayers will be prayed at the church on GOOD FRIDAY (March 29) at 4:00 PM, and then each day until Easter Saturday (April 6) at 3:00 PM.

On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 7), we will have the DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE at 3:00 PM at the church. All are invited.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a special prayer service honoring the relics of St. Faustina at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 5 at the church.

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.

**Weekly Mass Offering
March 10, 2024**

Sunday Offering	\$5297.00
2nd Collection	\$1049.00
Gift Shop	\$14.00
CSA	\$35.00
Priest Retirement	\$20.00
2nd Sunday Coffee	\$29.00



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Offertory Donation	\$930.00
Building Fund	\$65.00
CSA	\$40.00
Other	\$60.00

**Monthly Expenses
February**

Mortgage	\$16,000.00
Remaining Balance	\$1,250,000.00
Expenses/Utilities*	\$11,900.00

*Average +/-

PURE LEAF ICE TEA BOTTLES

Father Charlie is trying to collect 500 EMPTY Pure Leaf Ice Tea plastic bottles with caps (16.9 oz size only). If you have any, please rinse them out and bring them to the church by the end of April. Thank you.

**SPRING SWING
GOLF TOURNAMENT
LOS LAGOS GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
8:00 AM**

Our Knights of Columbus Council #12690 is hosting their **SPRING SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT** at the Los Lagos Golf Club on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

**4 person Scramble Tournament
\$100 entry fee**

**Everyone Welcome!
Prizes, raffles, closest to the pin,
50/50!**

Tee sponsorships available

To sign-up or for more information, contact:

**Ron Survillas 928-404-4444
survillas@gmail.com**

**Los Lagos Golf Club is located at:
6365 S. Entrada Via Verdes
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426**

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.



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 16, 2024
Through
March 24, 2024**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 

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Saturday March 16	4:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 PM	†Tim Flatten
Sunday March 17	8:00 a.m.	†Arthur Grondin
	10:00 a.m.	†Loretta Koenig
	12 Noon	†Thomas Patrick Anderson
Monday March 18	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Porta
Tuesday March 19	8:00 a.m.	†Jose Sedano & †Caryl Ugolini
Friday March 22	6:00 a.m.	Bonnie Blais
	8:00 a.m.	Emily Reyes Birthday
Saturday March 23	4:00 p.m.	Arthur Walsh
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday March 24	8:00 a.m.	†Fe Castillo
	10:00 a.m.	†Matt Snyder
	12 Noon	Arthur Walsh Birthday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89; Rm 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-26; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

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 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.