

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 24, 2024



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7)

Psalms - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11)

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1-15:47)

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

Second Collection Schedule

March 23-24	Building Fund
March 29	Holy Land
March 30-31	Easter

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**

HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.



BASIC CATHOLIC PRAYERS**OUR FATHER**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

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 me heart, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

-St. Augustine

The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want... Psalm 23



*Letter to be read and/or published on Good Friday, April 29, 2024
Second Collection Letter – Good Friday Second Collection*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 29, 2024, our Archdiocese will take up the national collection for the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has asked parishes throughout the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is critical in helping the Church minister through parishes, education, catechetical formation, and religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, especially in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem.

Most Christians in the Holy Land depend on pilgrimages for work. Conflicts in the middle east and remnants of the pandemic have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is needed more than ever to meet the basic human needs of our Sisters and Brothers living in the Holy Land and maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

Please be generous in your support of this collection. Holy Land Christians, along with the clergy and religious working there, greatly depend on our generosity.

Asking the Lord to continue to bless you and your families this Holy Week, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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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 Relics of St. Faustina scheduled for April 5th have been canceled.

**Weekly Mass Offering
March 17, 2024**

Offertory	\$6221.00
2nd Collection — CSA*	\$739.00
Building Fund	\$246.00
Cath Relief Svcs*	\$80.00
ADOLV Military Svcs*	\$10.00
Easter	\$5.00
Good Friday*	\$20.00
Black & Indian Missions*	\$20.00

*Special Collections that are sent To ADOLV



**Weekend Mass Attendance
March 17, 2024**

Saturday		
4:00pm		268
6:00pm		148
Sunday		
8:00am		134
10:00am		216
12:00pm		139

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.



<https://www.osvhub.com/laughlincatholic/giving/funds>

**Online Giving Detail
March 17, 2024**

Offertory Donation	\$855.00
Building Fund	\$120.00
CSA*	\$13.00
Garces Center	\$50.00
Christmas	\$30.00
Easter	\$20.00
Troop Outreach	\$100.00
Poor Box	\$5.00

**Monthly Expenses
February**

Mortgage	\$16,000.00
Remaining Balance	\$1,250,000.00
ADOLV Monthly Assessment	\$4,479.00
2023 CSA Balance Due	\$15,773.50
Expenses/Utilities*	\$13,000.00

*Average +/-

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.

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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT & PLEDGE TO HEAL

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. (702) 235-7723

Believe in the possibility of help and healing. There is hope.

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

March 23, 2024 Through March 31, 2024		Mass Intentions For The Week  <small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small>
Saturday March 23	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Arthur J. Walsh All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday March 24	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Fe Castillo †Matt Snyder Arthur Walsh Birthday
Monday March 25	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Sedano
Tuesday March 26	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Alarcon
Holy Thursday March 28	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 p.m.	†Peter Bryan
Good Friday March 29	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Communion Service Divine Mercy Novena
Holy Saturday March 30	3:00 p.m. Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena For all completing RCIA
Easter Sunday March 31	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon 3:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB †Matt Snyder Charles Callahan Divine Mercy Novena

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116;1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sunday	Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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 - 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 - Roy and Dora Dominguez - Judy Lippelt - Sallie Reddoch - Tyson Mercer - Vince Crowell - Mike Kramer - Myra Speir - Marilyn Tolone - Mary Lou Kramer - Heather Eggert - Lisa Kleszcz - Jim Lachermeier - Julie Stibal - Alissa Wagner - Alexis Lathrop - Tommy & Thomas S. Arguello - Chito Cruz

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.