

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024



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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness:  
The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms - This is the day the Lord has  
made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm  
118).

Second Reading - All who are baptized,  
set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-  
4).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter  
and John, each responds to the empty  
tomb (John 20:1-9).

**PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST**

On Easter morning everything—the spring  
weather, the flowers, birds and butter-  
flies, the people around us in their finery,  
the beautiful liturgy and music—everything  
seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is  
risen today!

Like the eyewitness accounts in today's  
scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all  
around us helps us to believe the good  
news of the Resurrection and sing  
"Alleluia!" In the scriptures today we hear  
from Peter and Paul and John. All three  
speak with conviction about witnessing the  
resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account  
includes Mary of Magdala, who also was  
privileged to witness the Resurrection and  
tell others the good news. On this glorious  
Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eye-  
witness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen  
today, alive and active in our lives?

**Second Collection Schedule**

March 30-31	.....Easter
April 6-7	.....Building Fund
April 12-13	.....CSA

**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](http://www.facebook.com/Kofc12690).

**MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH AT 6:00 PM**

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

The conviction and enthusiasm of eyewit-  
ness accounts give them a certain ring of  
truth. Yet the more eyewitnesses there  
are the more variance there may be in the  
details reported. Different witnesses may  
have seen different things-or seen things  
differently-but they usually agree on the  
fundamental truth about what happened.

The Easter scriptures record the eyewit-  
ness accounts of Mary Magdalene, John,  
and Peter. Their credibility rests not on  
the precise details, but on the conviction  
and enthusiasm of the eyewitnesses. It is  
their belief in the Resurrection that con-  
vinces others to believe.

Like these scriptural eyewitnesses, today's  
believers are also "witnesses chosen by  
God in advance, who ate and drank with  
him after he rose from the dead" (Acts  
10:41). We are called to "testify that he  
is the one appointed by God" (10:42) by  
giving eyewitness accounts of how the  
Spirit of the risen Christ is alive today.  
Our accounts may not agree in every de-  
tail, but the core truth will be the same,  
that Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

**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

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS???**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!!!**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

## ***EASTER BLESSINGS & PRAYERS***

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#### **Easter Daily Prayer**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let Resurrection joy  
fill my heart, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

May the Spirit's grace  
bless me this day, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Help me show your life and love  
today and every day, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

The Divine Mercy Devotion is associated with Sister Faustina Kowalska. In 1934, in obedience to her spiritual director and a congregation superior, she began to keep a diary which she entitled "THE DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL." This detailed account of profound revelations and extraordinary spiritual experiences reveals the manner in which Our Lord entrusted to her a special mission to announce to the world. In 1935, Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina and told her: "You will prepare the world for My coming."

### **Table Prayer for the Season of Easter**

*Let us rejoice and be glad!*

On this Feast of feasts  
we are filled with Easter life and nourished by the fruits of the earth.

On this Feast of feasts  
may we know the presence of Christ  
in the breaking of the bread with those  
we love.

On this Feast of feasts  
let our service to the hungry be a sign  
of his glory as we share his presence  
with them.

*Let us rejoice and be glad!*

All the earth cry out with joy!

On this Feast of feasts may this meal be  
blessed as we will be at the feast of  
heaven. Amen.

**"We are Easter people, and  
Alleluia is our song!"**

**-St. Augustine**



## HAPPY EASTER 2024

This is my 50th Easter as a priest. My first Easter Sunday was March 30, 1975, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Mountainside, New Jersey. It was so exciting to be celebrating the Easter Sunday Mass for the very first time. Easter Sunday 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Laughlin, Nevada, and at Don's Celebrity Theatre in the Riverside Resort in Laughlin, Nevada, is not less exciting, but even more exciting. Being here with you in Paradise is a dream come true for me.

As I look back on my 50 Easter Sundays, I can recall cold Easters, hot Easters, sunny Easters, rainy Easters, calm Easters, and windy Easters. No matter what the weather, Easter has always been awesome. We Catholics and other Christians gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He suffered and died for our salvation. He rose from the dead to conquer death and sin. This is the biggest, most powerful, most significant religious event in the history of the world. The event gives meaning to our shared Faith. This event opens up the hope of eternal life with Almighty God for us.

There is no better place for us to gather than here with other Catholics who share our Faith in the Risen Lord. Perhaps our best prayer at Mass today is a very simple one... "Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for loving us so much."

Happy Easter 2024 to all our parishioners, visitors, snowbirds, and friends. May the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead be your joy today and always.

Together with Deacon Dan and Deacon Richard, I wish you a very happy Easter.

Father Charlie

**Weekly Mass Offering  
Week Ending March 24, 2024**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$6176.00</b>
<b>2nd Coll—Building Fund</b>	<b>\$2430.00</b>
<b>Gift Shop</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>CSA*</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>
<b>Good Friday*</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Svcs*</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

\*Special Collections that are sent To ADOLV



**Weekend Mass Attendance  
Week Ending March 24, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	
4:00pm	<b>356</b>
6:00pm	<b>115</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00am	<b>178</b>
10:00am	<b>261</b>
12:00pm	<b>115</b>

**Total Attendance 1,025**



**ONLINE  
GIVING**

**Give Your Gift TODAY**

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

**Online Giving Detail  
Week Ending March 24, 2024**

<b>Offertory Donation</b>	<b>\$495.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>CSA*</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Svcs*</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>

**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.

**Monthly Expenses  
February**

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

\*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.

<p><b>March 30, 2024 Through April 7, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions For The Week</b></p>  <p><small>© J. S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
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<b>Saturday March 30</b>	3:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>Divine Mercy Novena For all completing RCIA</b>
<b>Sunday March 31</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon 3:00 p.m.	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist †Matt Snyder Charles Callahan Divine Mercy Novena</b>
<b>Monday April 1</b>	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>Bonnie Blais Divine Mercy Novena</b>
<b>Tuesday April 2</b>	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>†Lucille &amp; †Joseph Craugh Divine Mercy Novena</b>
<b>Friday April 5</b>	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>†Kathleen Mary Lopez Divine Mercy Novena</b>
<b>Saturday April 6</b>	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Divine Mercy Novena †Munce Adams Maria, Dee &amp; Steve Schneider</b>
<b>Sunday April 7</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon 3:00 p.m.	<b>David &amp; Biverly Rich All Parishioners of SJB †Thomas Patrick Anderson Divine Mercy</b>

<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>	
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-23, Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 3:1-10, Ps 105; Lk 24:13-15
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 4:1-2; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 4:32-25; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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 - 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 - Pat Conner - Juan Robledo Noyola

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.

<p><b><u>ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN</u></b> If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call <b>ETHEL NEUENS 702.298.0440</b></p>	
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**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.