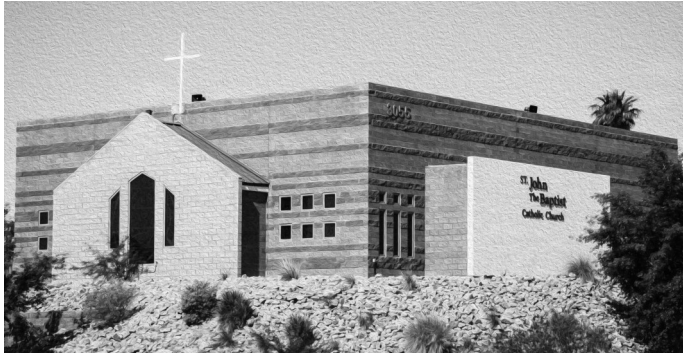


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**

2023 Second Collection Schedule
Dec. 16-17. . . Priest's Retirement
Dec. 23-24. Building Fund

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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)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - As a garden makes its growth spring us, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11)

Psalms - My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54)

Second Reading - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Gospel - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims only good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life!

Good tidings!

A CHRISTMAS POEM

It was the night before Christmas and three Wise men on a quest, a Babe to be born somewhere in the West.

Traveling from afar, is this a tale or a yarn? Who is this King to be born in a barn?

The North Star was bright in the sky above; this night we all knew to be filled with love.

The shepherds and animals, they all knew it to be true; Christ Jesus, our Lord thank goodness it is you.

All Who were present were there to receive, God's greatest gift to those who believe!

Amen

(Mike Schliskey, author)

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

Saturday, December 23, 2023 (4th Sunday of Advent)

4:00 PM MASS (Riverside Resort)

6:00 PM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (4th Sunday of Advent)

8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

10:00 AM MASS (Riverside Resort)

12:00 NOON MASS (Riverside Resort)

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

4:00 PM MASS (Riverside Resort)

6:00 PM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

Monday, December 25, 2023 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

10:00 AM MASS (Riverside Resort)

12:00 NOON MASS (Riverside Resort)

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 30-31, 2023

NORMAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 1, 2024 (NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year!)

8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16TH AND 17TH

All Masses this weekend will be at the CHURCH!

No Masses at the RIVERSIDE.

And after each Mass, the ladies of the St. John's Guild will be hosting a PARTY in the Garces Center! So whichever Mass you attend, please join us for fun, a DJ playing CHRISTMAS SONGS, and some delicious refreshments. This is a fundraiser for the wonderful work of the COLORADO RIVER FOOD BANK, so your cash donations will be appreciated. There will even be surprise gifts for everyone who helps the food bank with any cash donation. **COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

CONFESSIONS will be heard for 20 minutes before each Mass except on CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY. That gives everyone plenty of opportunities for CONFESSION before Christmas.

2024 CALENDARS may be picked up at the church at all the Masses on the weekend of December 16th and 17th.

WORD AND SONG Books are available for \$5.00 each at the church until the supply runs out.

Father Charlie's 2023 new book THE FLAMING BRASSIERE, A PET ALLIGATOR, AND A VERY DRY MARTINI - 75 Stories for 75 Years makes a great Christmas gift! Copies are \$15.00 each.

TIMMY AND THE CHRISTMAS OWL is a great book for children. Copies are \$7.00 each.

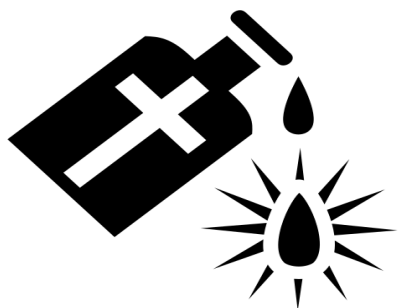
COLORADO RIVER HOLY WATER, blessed in honor of Father Francisco Garces, makes a thoughtful religious gift. Bottles are available for a freewill donation.

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.



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 at 8:00AM in the Garces Center. For more information please contact Marilyn Tolone 909-618-3498.

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

**December 16, 2023
Through
December 24, 2023**

**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 Dec. 16	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Dr. J. Stanley Casebere †Germain Gutierrez
Sunday Dec. 17	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Tony Sedano †Joe Morani All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Monday Dec. 18	8:00 a.m.	†Sister Mariam R. Soisson
Tuesday Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	†Ann & †Gaines Norton, Sr
Friday Dec. 22	8:00 a.m.	†Bill Hall
Saturday Dec. 23	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Salvador Cruz
Sunday Dec. 24	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Fr. Joe DiStefano †Angie Gorecki Seigworth Family

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 - Bonnie Finn - Joel Cervantes - Judy Lippelt - Sallie Reddoch - Tyson Mercer - Vince Crowell

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1,4-7; Lk 1:46-55
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16; Ps 89; Rm 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call
ETHEL NEUENS 702.298.0440



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>

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.