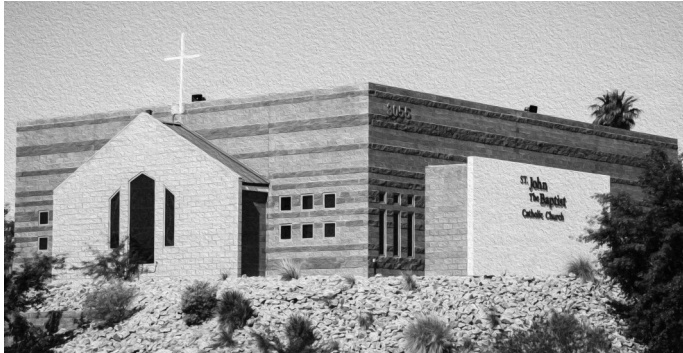


# *St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**



Physical Address: 3055 El Mirage Way  
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**FOURTH 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**

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**REV. CHARLES B. URNICK, ADMINISTRATOR**

*Deacon Richard Lambert - Pastoral Support - Deacon Dan McHugh*

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**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.

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**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.

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**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**

<b>Second Collection Schedule</b>	
Dec. 23-24. . . . .	Building Fund
Dec. 30-31. . . . .	Building Fund

BUSINESS MANAGER	BRETT DENNIS 702.298.0440
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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](http://www.facebook.com/Kofc12690).

**MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5:00 PM (NV TIME)**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16).

**Psalm** - For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** - To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** - Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

**GOD'S PROMISE**

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied to his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior; the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plans to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house", that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but it's a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given-so different from what we ever could have imagined.

**THANK YOU!**

*A huge warm-hearted Thank You to everyone who participated in St. John's weekend Christmas bash for the Colorado River Food Bank! Your generous donations will help to make this Christmas very special to those in need.*

*A special Thank You to Fr. Charlie for his encouragement and leadership, to Brett for helping with logistics & sound, to Darren for his "elfishness" and never ending Spirit, and to our wonderful Ladies Guild who are so very generous with their time & talent.*

*Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas & very Happy New Year.*

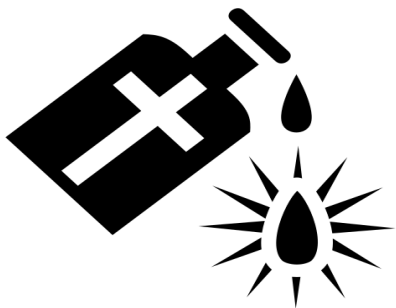
*May God Bless us all!  
(St. John's Ladies Guild)*

## 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.

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

## 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)*



## THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The partridge in a pear tree is Je-  
sus Christ.

2 turtle doves are the Old and New  
Testaments.

3 French hens stand for faith, hope,  
and love.

The 4 calling birds are the four gos-  
pels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and  
John.

The 5 golden rings recalled the To-  
rah or Law, the first five books of  
the Old Testament.

The 6 geese a-laying stand for the  
six days of creation.

7 swans a-swimming represent the  
sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-  
Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhor-  
tation, Contribution, Leadership, and  
Mercy.

The 8 maids a-milking are the eight  
Beatitudes.

9 ladies dancing are the nine fruits  
of the Holy Spirit-Love, Joy, Peace,  
Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faith-  
fulness, Gentleness, and Self Con-  
trol.

The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten  
Commandments.

The 11 pipers piping stand for the  
eleven faithful disciples.

The 12 drummers drumming symbol-  
ize the twelve points of belief in the  
Apostle's Creed.

**December 23, 2023  
Through  
December 31, 2023**

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**   
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Saturday Dec. 23	4:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 PM	Salvador Cruz
Sunday Dec. 24	8:00 a.m.	†Fr. Joe DiStefano
	10:00 a.m.	†Angie Gorecki
	12 Noon	Seigworth Family
Christmas Eve Sunday Dec. 24	4:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Christmas Day Monday Dec. 25	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson
	10:00 a.m.	The Laughlin Family
	12:00 p.m.	†Pat Lowney
Tuesday Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	Ugolini & Sedano Families
Friday Dec. 29	8:00 a.m.	Dr. J. Stanley Casebere
Saturday Dec. 30	4:00 p.m.	Arthur Walsh
	6:00 p.m.	†Steven Buege
Sunday Dec. 31	8:00 a.m.	†Ed Morsch
	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	12 Noon	†Thomas Patrick Anderson

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Act 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5-1:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

**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 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.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**\*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.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023!

The next time Christmas Day will be on a Monday will be December 25, 2028.

The date for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ was not definitively decided until the year 350 AD. It was a decision of Pope Julius I that the whole Catholic (Christian) Church should celebrate the Birthday of the Savior on December 25th each year.

We don't know the exact date of Jesus' birth, but the decision to celebrate it on December 25th has lasted down through the centuries.

The entire Catholic Clergy of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Laughlin wishes all of our parishioners, visitors, snowbirds, friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas 2023, and a very Happy New Year in 2024.

May the joy of Christmas extend through all the days of the new year. May we all feel and experience the power and presence of Jesus in our own lives and in the life of our country and in the life of our entire world!

Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!

Father Charlie  
Deacon Dan  
Deacon Richard

