

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024



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EPIPHANY 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**

Second Collection Schedule	
Jan. 6-7	Building Fund
Jan. 13-14	CSA

BUSINESS MANAGER	BRETT DENNIS 702.298.0440
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PRAYER CHAIN	ETHEL NEUVENS 702-298-0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON 702.298.0440

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)

The Epiphany of the Lord

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Psalm - Lord, every nation of earth will adore you (Psalm 72)

Second Reading - The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6)

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations-Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews-Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small.

Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the Star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.



Father Charlie's

HOLY FAMILY Quotes:

"In this house, we are thankful,
 we give second chances,
 we give hugs,
 we laugh a lot,
 we do loud things really well,
 we are real, we never give up,
 we love, we are a family."

"Ever notice how people who
 tell you to calm down are the
 ones who got you mad in
 the first place?"

"Family isn't always blood.
 It's the people in your life who
 want you in theirs;
 the ones who accept you for who
 you are.
 The ones who would do anything
 to see you smile
 and who love you no matter
 what."

"To my children who like to
 argue with me:

where do you think you got your
 attitude and stubbornness from?
GIVE UP NOW!

I have decades more experience
 than you do!"

"REMEMBER: as far as anyone
 knows, we are a nice normal
 family!"

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



50 YEARS AS A PRIEST

On May 25, 2024, Father Charlie will celebrate 50 years as a priest! Of course, we will celebrate the exact date in May with a weekend of Masses and a party at the Garces Center, but I would to celebrate also while the snowbirds are still here. So...

**FATHER CHARLIE URNICK'S
50th Anniversary of Ordination
RIVERSIDE RESORT in the Starview Room
Music, Entertainment, Buffet Dinner
(Only a short speech, or two!)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Nevada Time)
TICKETS: \$25.00 Each
Tickets go on sale February 1, 2024
Details will be in the parish bulletin soon.**

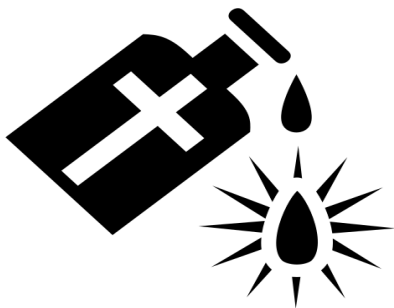
May God bless us all in 2024

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.

**January 6, 2024
Through
January 14, 2024**



PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

PLEASE CALL SJB OFFICE TO INSERT NAMES ON THIS PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

Saturday Jan. 6	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Abel Holguin
Sunday Jan. 7	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Bill Beatty †John Kutches Family †Thomas Patrick Anderson
Monday Jan. 8	8:00 a.m.	Jim Kelly & Liliane VanHoof
Tuesday Jan. 9	8:00 a.m.	†Robert & †Dorothy Terrian
Friday Jan. 12	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Gustafson Birthday Blessings
Saturday Jan. 13	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday Jan. 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	Arnee Biado †Steve Marvic Family Fr. Charlie, Fr. Dan & Fr. Henry

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 - Fred Wells

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	Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20;Ps 1 Sm 2:1,4-7;Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a;Ps 21;Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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.