

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, January 4, 2026



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### WEEKEND MASSES

**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 or by appointment.**

**Baptisms:** *Registered and active parishioners* should contact the priest at least 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. *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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## 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 60:106).

**Psalm** - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** - 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 looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

### PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

## Second Collection Schedule

Jan. 3-4 . . . . .	Building Fund
Jan. 10-11 . . . . .	CSA
Jan. 17-18 . . . . .	Building Fund
Jan. 24-25 . . . . .	Latin America/E. Europe

## LOOKING AHEAD

January 4: *\*Coffee & Donuts 9 a.m. in the Garces Center*

January 14: *Coffee with a Cop 11 a.m. at Harrah's Laughlin*

January 19-22: *Fr. Charlie out of town for Study Days*

January 24-25: *Bethlehem Wood Carvers*

February 18: *Ash Wednesday*

February 23-26: *Lenten Retreat with Fr. Michael Moore*

\*Coffee and Donuts is hosted by our St. John's Ladies Guild on the first Sunday of the month, after the 8am Mass. Please stop by and have a snack and show your support for these dedicated ladies and their ministry of hospitality.

Donations are greatly appreciated and help the ladies to continue this ministry.

**See You in Church**

## DESIDERATA

By Max Ehrmann (1927)

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams; it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older.

For information, please call Grand Knight Gabe Nunez (760-217-0454).

Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM (AZ time).

Email: [Knights12690@Gmail.com](mailto:Knights12690@Gmail.com)

Website:

<https://soloist.ai/kofc12690>

### LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the office if you think you may have lost something while in the Church. We have a couple of bracelets, several lone earrings, prayer books, articles of clothing, toys, etc.

### WORD & SONG BOOKS

The new Word & Song Missal/Hymnals have arrived and may be purchased for \$5.00 each at the parish office or our gift shop at the Riverside Masses.

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>

### 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.



### Notes from the Music Ministry

*\*Selected Hymns for this weekend*

*\*(Subject to change)*

**#424 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**#428 The First Nowell**

**#451 We Three Kings of Orient Are**



### Mass Settings

**Glory to God - Mass of St. Ann**

**Holy, Holy, Holy - Mass of Creation**

**Lamb of God - Agnus Dei**

**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.

**Be Our Light for the New Year**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with  
us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our  
Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and  
our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep  
spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and  
gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and  
unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and  
goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.  
Amen.

-Author Unknown

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



# Growing Our Faith Through Generosity

## Last Weeks Mass Collection Week Ending December 28, 2025

1st: Offertory \$ 4580.00  
2nd: Building/Operations Fund \$ 1289.00

Garces Mortgage Fund \$ 50.00  
Christmas \$ 355.00  
Poor Box \$ 5.00  
Assumption \$ 5.00

CSA\* \$ 60.00  
Retirement Fund Religious\* \$ 35.00

\*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending December 28, 2025

### Saturday

4:00pm 180

6:00pm 118

### Sunday

8:00am 218

10:00am 176

12:00pm 108

**Total Attendance 800 (+99)**

## Last Months Expenses

Garces Center Mortgage \$12,000.00 Remaining Balance \$1,165,777.17

ADOLV Monthly Assessment \$3,697.00 Assessment YTD \$21,182.00 +/-

Operating Expenses \$33,370.00 Expenses YTD \$141,616.00 +/-

Utilities / Maintenance \$2,809.00 Utilities YTD \$28,165.00 +/-

## Garces Center Monthly Mortgage Fund

**Monthly Expense = \$ 12,000.00**

**Funds Received \$ 7171.00**

**Goal Shortage = \$ 4,829.00**

## CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE

### Christmas Eve

4:00pm 212

6:00pm 166

### Christmas Day

8:00am 189

10:00am 109

12:00pm 105



**Some day...TODAY***By Grace L. Young*

Some day our heartaches will be  
o'er;

TODAY He comforts me.

Some day our pain will be no more;  
TODAY I have His grace.

Some day we all will understand;  
TODAY I trust His will.

Some day we'll enter heaven's land;  
TODAY I walk with Him.

Some day we'll feel no pull of sin;  
TODAY He does forgive.

Some day we'll be all pure within;  
TODAY He cleanses me.

Some day we will no burden bear;  
TODAY I have His strength.

Some day our Savior's rest we'll  
share;

TODAY I'm in His arms.

Some day we will the earth possess;  
TODAY I live by faith.

Some day we'll feel no loneliness;  
TODAY Christ walks with me.

Some day we'll bless Him face to  
face;

TODAY He blesses me.

Some day all cares will be erased;  
TODAY He cares and keeps.

*Jesus says:*

*"Come unto me,*

*all ye that labor and*

*are heavy laden,*

*and I will give you rest."*

**MATTHEW 11:28**

[www.tractleague.com](http://www.tractleague.com)

## Join me in Joyful Prayer of a 27/54 day Novena

My extended family has a 3 year old child that has spent his whole life to date, being kept alive without hope of ever living a full and normal life. I have been asked to pray for him. His name is ADDISON STRONG. I personally began the first nine day Novena of 6 continuous novenas commonly known as a *27/54 day rosary*.

The first 27 days are for a petition that the medical professionals can find a cure for his condition to give him that chance for survival.

Days 29 through 54 are for Thanksgiving for that successful day that the hands of the medical professionals, through God's mercy in answer to our prayers, can give his parents a chance to experience the joy that a child brings to a family.

Thank you to all of you and bless you abundantly.

Deacon Dan McHugh

(Pixie too!)



**January 3, 2026  
through  
January 11, 2026**

## **Mass Intentions For The Week**



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<b>Saturday Jan. 3</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Engagement of Andrew D. Moreno &amp; Diana C. Alvarado</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Odile Rivard</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Andrew B. &amp; †Rosa G. Moreno and Family</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thomas Leonard</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Monday Jan. 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Sam Ugolini</b>
<b>Tuesday Jan. 6</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†William Beatty</b>
<b>Friday Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Gail and Gerry Senk</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of SJB</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 10</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>The Wright Brothers (Mason &amp; Paxton)</b>
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erich Koetter &amp; his sister</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Chris Johnston</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Lance Lawrenz</b>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17</b>

## **PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz -  
Walter Wiegand - Pamela Benda - Deborah Collins -  
Alli Kvasnicka - Judy Moran - John Vertucci Jr - Tom  
Stoks - Sarah Graham - Adde Lemke - Judy Pratt -  
Susan Pfigstler - Paul Stevens - Jim Lynch - Mike  
Diaz - Victoria Rodriguez - Sharon & Brian Dooley -  
Holly Brennecke - James Watson - Joan Peterson -  
Larry Walden - Michael Kreeger - Ann Castillo - Wil-  
liam J. McNeill - Jimmy Jimenez - Ted Larkin -  
Kaylee Smith - Henry Olinger - Troy Fessler - Bill  
Corkey - Bryan Rivard - Angela Hoover - Kathleen  
Sperando - Nicole Hurner - Mary Baker - Valerie Boyd -  
Whitney Reimand - Edna Mananggit - Eric Hoss -  
Deborah Crook - William Bryan - Heather Marasco -  
Mike Atwell - Bob Hannahs - Pat Miller - Kristin Cos-  
tello - Jennifer Halstead - Suzanne Jane Patton

Names remain on our list 1 month and then removed. Call the office  
702-298-0440 when the health of you or your loved one has im-  
proved or if a name needs to be added or removed. The list is  
really designed for those in immediate and serious need of the  
prayers of our parishioners and friends.

## **JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

**Do you have the desire to learn more  
about scripture? We meet in the Garces  
Center every Tuesday after 8AM Mass.**

**Everyone is invited.**

## **ST. JOHN'S LADIES GUILD**

**Our Ladies Guild is a great group of ladies  
that help with a variety of projects for  
our church and community. Meetings are  
the first Tuesday of the month at  
**\*9:00AM in the Garces Center.****

**\*Please note the new time.**

## **PROMISE TO PROTECT & PLEDGE TO HEAL**

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

**Cindy Hensel (702-235-7723)  
Believe in the possibility of help and healing.**