

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness. (Sirach 15:20).

Psalms - Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading - God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel - Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-2-37).

JESUS AND THE LAW

In today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses the relationship between the current interpretation of the law of Moses and his own. He insists that he has come to fulfill, no abolish the law. Jesus is explicit here. He repeats the phrase, "You have heard..."with the counterpoint. "But I say..." He will not settle for mere avoidance of outright murder or adultery or lying. He goes to the source of the murder-hatred, resentment, spite. He insists on chaste living. He overrules the one-sided loopholes that allow men to divorce women, a law based on the view of women as property. He disallows all the means that people employ to play fast and loose with marriage. His words urge mutual fidelity. His listeners and followers are to honor the law wholly and not minimally. The consequences of failure are clear and severe. The smallest are watching. They are those rendered powerless by age or ignorance or circumstance. These little ones depend on the word and action of the mature and knowledgeable, and they are not be betrayed.

Second Collection Schedule

Feb. 14-15	CSA
Feb. 21-22	Building Fund
Feb. 28-Mar. 1	CSA

THE SEASON OF LENT 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY - Receiving ashes on your forehead is a sign of your willingness to observe Lent.

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 MASS with Ashes (Church)

10AM-11AM ASHES (Riverside)

12:00 Noon MASS with Ashes (Church)

1:00 PM-2:00 PM ASHES (Church)

6:00 PM MASS with Ashes (Church)

TIGER MASSES - You need to be "tough as a tiger" to attend Mass at 6:00 AM on the Fridays of Lent, but you collect "real" tiger tails! There are 6 Tiger Masses beginning on Friday, February 20th, at the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Pray and follow Jesus' journey to the cross at 6:00 PM each Friday of Lent at the church beginning on Friday, February 20th.

PARISH MISSION - Fr. Michael Moore (St. Patrick Fathers), will preach two identical sessions with Mass every day from Monday, February 23rd through Thursday, February 26th. Come either to Mass at 8:00 AM or at 6:00 PM each day. Please see page 7 for more information.

ABSTINENCE is not eating meat or meat products. Catholics do not eat meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and on the **FRIDAYS OF LENT**.

FASTING means eating only one full meal. Catholics observe **FASTING** on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and on **GOOD FRIDAY**.

RELICS OF CHRIST'S PASSION

Sunday, March 15th
3:00 PM

Join us at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 3:00 PM for an encounter with nine rare *Relics of Christ's Passion*. Having the opportunity to meditate on the Passion in the presence of these holy relics is sure to enhance your Lenten experience.

Take advantage of what is likely to be a once in a lifetime opportunity to engage in a meditative walk to Calvary and venerate these rare and holy relics. This powerful program is a 90-minute meditational experience supported with Eucharistic Exposition, music and prayer, culminating in relic veneration.

A collection such as this is generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land. This presentation is being brought to us as part of a collaborative initiative with the Knights of Columbus and the Apostolate for Holy Relics.

The Relics of the Passion collection includes:

A piece of the True Cross which was discovered by St. Helena.

A piece of the Holy Table from the room where the Last Supper took place.

A piece of the Column of Flagellation.

A piece of the Crown of Thorns.

A replica of the Holy Nail, fashioned using filings from the true nails.

A relic (bone) of St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side of Christ.

A picture of (the effigy of) the Veil of Veronica touched to the original with a Vatican seal attesting to the fact.

A piece of the exterior wrapping for the Shroud of Turin.

Relics of the Holy Apostles.

ANOINTING MASS

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
10:00 AM at the Church

The St. John's Ladies Guild invites everyone to join us for our Annual Anointing Mass & Mardi Gras Luncheon on Tuesday, February 17th, at 10:00 AM at the church.

Catholics may receive the Sacrament of the Sick many times throughout their lifetime for advanced age, impending surgery, for a feeling of well-being, strength, and for many other reasons.

Any Catholic may receive this sacrament and non-Catholics will receive a blessing. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us for the Mass and prayers, and for the luncheon immediately following Mass.

Sign-up sheets are available at each Mass for an estimated attendance count for the luncheon only. If you plan on attending, please list how many of you will be at the luncheon (or call the church office) so the ladies have an idea of how many people they need to feed. The luncheon is provided by the Ladies Guild.

250th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
2:00 PM (NV time)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Bishop Gregory W. Gordon will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM marking the 250th Anniversary of the day Fr. Francisco Garces crossed the Colorado River into what is now Nevada. The Priests from the Tri-State area are invited to concelebrate.

Following the Mass, author Jeremy Beer will give a talk on the life of Fr. Garces in the Garces Center. A casual meal will follow the talk. There is no charge for the meal, but we will have a donation box to receive free will offerings. Please call the church office 702-298-0440 to secure your reservation.

Please join us for this festive celebration!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'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.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

From Archbishop Thomas

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin this season of Lent, I invite you to reflect on Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). This call to serve the poor and the hungry is central to our faith. In response, our Archdiocese will take up its annual Ash Wednesday Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada on February 18, 2026.

For 85 years, Catholic Charities has offered programs that support our most vulnerable neighbors, including:

Meals on Wheels, delivering to an average of 1,800 homebound seniors.

The free Community Meal at the St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility, serving an average of 450 individuals each day.

The Hands of Hope Community Food Pantry, which provides groceries to nearly 4,000 individuals & families each month, many of whom are seniors or the working poor.

The Emergency Night Shelter, giving 400 homeless men a warm bed and access to showers and case managers.

The Renewing HOPE Program, helping men transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency through job training & individualized support to achieve their goals.

The St. Vincent Apartments, operating 120 affordable housing units with convenient access to other Catholic Charities service.

As we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we reflect on how our generosity can help us live out Christ's teachings and bring His love to life in our community.

May the Lord bless you and your families this Lent...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COR

Men's COR Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM (AZ time). All men of the parish are invited to join us in fraternity, prayer and formation.

For more information please contact:
 Stuart Lutes at Stuart_Lutes@yahoo.com
 Shawn Kilpatrick at Shawn.Kilpatrick@Outlook.com

K.O.C. GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights are hosting their bi-annual golf tournament at the Mojave Golf Club Resort at the AVI Resort & Casino on March 21st. Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. with a scramble format. Fee is \$125 per player for each foursome and includes lunch. Mulligan tickets are still just \$10 each. Prizes, raffles, 50/50 and this time, a hole in one challenge for a huge cash prize! If you've not yet participated in one of our tournaments, this would be the one to start! Sponsorships are available for \$100. Signs are created with your name and business information to be displayed at various holes throughout the course and inside the Clubhouse.

Contact Gabe Nunez: 760-217-0454 or
 Ron Survillas: 630-390-9168 for more information or check the website for details and sign-ups.
<https://soloist.ai/kofc12690>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM (AZ time).

For more information please contact Grand Knight Gabe Nunez 760-217-0454
 Email: Knights12690@gmail.com

Notes from the Music Ministry
**Selected Hymns for this weekend*
**(Subject to change)*

- #709 Seek Ye First**
- #595 The Greatest Gift**
- #609 Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door**

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.

POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT VALENTINE

O glorious advocate and protector,
St. Valentine,
look with pity upon our wants,
hear our requests,
attend to our prayers, relieve by your
intercession, the miseries under
which we labor,
and obtain for us the divine blessing,
that we may be found worthy to join
you in praising the Almighty for all
eternity:
through the merits of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**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 February 08, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 5769.00
2nd: Building/Operations Fund	\$ 1457.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
St John's Guild	\$ 25.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$ 17.00
Gift Shop	\$ 550.00
Church In Latin America*	\$ 32.00
CSA *	\$ 127.00
Rural Parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
AOLV Retired Priests *	\$ 25.00
Ash Wednesday*	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20.00
*Special Collection by the Archdiocese	

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending February 08, 2026

Saturday	
<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>140</u>
 Sunday	
<u>8:00am</u>	<u>216</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>126</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>70</u>
 Total Attendance 710 (-217)	

Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	\$12,000.00	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	\$1,150,826.79
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	\$3,697.00	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	\$22,182.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$24,380.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$151,033.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$4,809.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$32,165.00 +/-

Garces Center Monthly Mortgage Fund

Monthly Expense = \$ 12,000.00 **Funds Received \$ 1000.00**
We would like to recognize an anonymous donation to the Garces Center in honor of Karl Munninger as he celebrates his 80th Birthday!

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) Begins 02/01/2026

Goal = \$49,268.00	Funds Received \$4,745.00	Goal Balance = \$44,523.00
#Participating Families 0	Parishioner Pledges \$00.00	%Goal Received 0%

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Laughlin

Time for Spiritual Renewal

23rd - 26th February 2026

Monday through Thursday:

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

MISSION

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers

***First be reconciled to your neighbor,
only then come and offer your gift.***

Mass and four reflections

Monday: The Cross: A Road Map for True Discipleship

Tuesday: By the Fire: Peter's Restoration and Ours

Wednesday: *"I Have Come to Believe"*

Thursday: Taking Away the Sins of the World

Sign-up sheets will be available in the church office for private consultations with Fr. Michael

END OF YEAR STATEMENT

End of year 2025 contribution statements are now available. Please contact the parish office if you would like one.



**February 14, 2026
through
February 22, 2026**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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Saturday Feb. 14	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 p.m.	Eleanore Flood & Julia Desy Birthday Blessings
Sunday Feb. 15	8:00 a.m.	†Brian & †Stephen Johnson
	10:00 a.m.	Pat Frazier
	12:00 p.m.	†Irineo Adamos
Monday Feb. 16	8:00 a.m.	†Jim & Bonnie Cyganiak
Tuesday Feb. 17	8:00 a.m.	Birthday Blessings for Ana Anointing Mass
	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Ash Wednesday Feb. 18	8:00 a.m.	Laurie Bloom
	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 p.m.	Josephine Antocci Yapchian
Friday Feb. 20	6:00 a.m.	
	8:00 a.m.	Mona Resar
Saturday Feb. 21	4:00 p.m.	Mike Engroff
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday Feb. 22	8:00 a.m.	†Bill Gutierrez
	10:00 a.m.	Sandy Casabere
	12:00 p.m.	Sheila Patton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
Wed.	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs.	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7; Ps 51; Rm 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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 Pffingstler - Paul Stevens - Jim Lynch - Mike Diaz - Victoria Rodriguez - Sharon & Brian Dooley - Holly Brennecke - James Watson - Joan Peterson - Larry Walden - Michael Kreeger - Ann Castillo - William J. McNeill - Jimmy Jimenez - 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 - Jennifer Halstead - Suzanne Jane Patton - Cheryl Wenstrup - Bruce Ronchetti - Ginny Baird - Laurie Waters - Lorraine Walden - Vincent Kleszcz - Flor Paez

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 improved 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 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.

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