

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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: 20 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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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7).

Psalms - Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading - Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19).

Gospel - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

THE WAY OUT

Today's readings launch us into Lent with the story of salvation. How did we humans get where we are? How do we get out? Genesis -through Adam and Eve narrative-explains that we got separated from God and happiness through greed, selfishness, and arrogance.

But, as Paul explained to the Romans, God has not abandoned us, and never will. We get out through the "new Adam." Jesus Christ, through whom the death of sin is conquered by the life of "overflowing grace."

From the start, though, Jesus-like Adam and Eve, like you and me-had to face "the tempter." Shown fame and wealth, he was tempted to grab for it. But Jesus saw through such foolishness. During Lent we will look at what the tempter spreads before us daily, then try to make choices that put us on the side of the angels.

Second Collection Schedule

Feb. 21-22 Building Fund
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 CSA
Mar. 7-8 Building Fund

THE SEASON OF LENT 2026

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**.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - Please take home one of our special containers and donate your coins during Lent to help pay the mortgage on the Garces Center. Every little bit helps!

CONFESSIONS are heard 20 minutes before **EVERY MASS** at the church and the Riverside. Please don't wait until the last minute to make a good confession.

See You in Church

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 are available in the church office for private consultations with Fr. Michael

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.

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>

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)*

#466 From Ashes to the Living Font

#728 On Eagle's Wings

#460 Forty Days and Forty Nights

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.

TO ASK FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

O Lord, I feel weakness in my beliefs...doubts flood my mind and weaken my heart.

I need you, Lord, to help me make sense of my life and face the future with hope.

Today more than ever I ask: O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen my confidence in you, and guide me in my life.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate)

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 15, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 6026.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 1028.00
Building/Operations Fund	\$ 131.00
Garces Mortgage Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 100.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Gift Shop	\$ 680.00
Rural Parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
Ash Wednesday*	\$ 61.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending February 15, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 272

6:00pm 136

Sunday

8:00am 220

10:00am 151

12:00pm 247

Total Attendance 1,029 (+319)

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 **\$ 3,195.00**

Goal Shortage = **\$ 8,805.00**

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%

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.

WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT?

It really doesn't matter **WHAT** you choose to do during the 40 days of Lent. God gives us this season of penance every year to help us on our journey through life. Please take advantage of it.

Some people observe Lent by **GIVING UP** some things like certain foods, candy, smoking, movies, TV time, alcohol, social media time, etc. Some try to break bad habits like swearing, foul language, gambling too much, eating too much.

Some people observe Lent by **ADDING ON** some things like spending more time in prayer, reading the Bible, going to an extra weekday Mass, praying the Rosary, etc.

It really doesn't matter **WHAT** you do for Lent, but it does matter **THAT** you do something for Lent. Take advantage of this grace-filled opportunity offered to you by God.

Have a good and blessed Lent in 2026



**February 21, 2026
through
March 1, 2026**



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Mike Engroff
Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Bill Gutierrez
Feb. 22	10:00 a.m.	Sandy Casebere
	12:00 p.m.	Sheila Patton
		28th Anniv. of conversion
Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anthony "Tony" Lombard
Feb. 23	6:00 p.m.	Mary Rivard
		Birthday Blessings
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Retreat
Feb. 24	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Retreat
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Retreat
Feb. 25	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Retreat
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Retreat
February 26	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Retreat
Friday	6:00 a.m.	All Priests in the Tri-State area
Feb. 27	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Sedano
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Keith Belden
Feb. 28	6:00 p.m.	†June Harberts
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
March	10:00 a.m.	Mike Engroff
	12:00 p.m.	†Andrew B. & Rosa G. Moreno and Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs.	Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 199; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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 Pfingstler - 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 - 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.**