

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026



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SECOND 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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

Psalms - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel - Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

SEEING THROUGH

Today's readings invite us to look more deeply, to catch a glimpse of Divine Reality hidden within the "stuff" of life. God challenged the elderly Abram and his wife to leave home for a land that God would show them. Their eyes would see the land, but only God could "show" it as a divine gift. Paul reminded Timothy that God's grace had always been available but in Jesus Christ was made "manifest."

Jesus called Peter, James, and John up the mountain and was "transfigured" for a moment, the radiance of God shining through. Then, just as abruptly, the three looked up...and saw only Jesus.

During Lent we're invited to "see through" to God's presence in the stuff of life: prowling the supermarket, waiting in traffic, arguing with the kids, cleaning the bathtub. We wouldn't really have to "do" anything, if we could only glimpse divine love supporting us, holding us together.

Second Collection Schedule

Feb. 28-Mar. 1CSA
Mar. 7-8 Building Fund
Mar. 14-15 Catholic Relief Services

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 for the meal.

Please join us for this festive celebration.

Please page 7 for information on the Father Garces Rosary.

See You in Church

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to *condemn*.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to *fight*.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be *shy*.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel *guilty*.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be *patient*.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns *confidence*.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to *appreciate*.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns *justice*.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have *faith*.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to *like himself*.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to *find love in the world*.

-Dorothy Law Nolte



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.

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 (Stuart_Lutes@yahoo.com)
Shawn Kilpatrick (Shawn.Kilp@Outlook.com)

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>

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

#471 'Tis Good Lord to be Here

#605 Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

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.

LENTEN PRAYER

Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to return to you. As we walk the path of these forty days, may we turn away from sin and embrace a life of goodness and truth.

Strengthen us on our Lenten journey and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Most merciful Father, pour out your love and mercy upon me so that I may be transformed into a radiant witness of your love in the world.

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 March 01, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 7161.00
2nd: Building/Operations Fund	\$ 1430.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 100.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Gift Shop	\$ 647.00
CSA *	\$ 36.00
Rural Parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
Ash Wednesday*	\$ 421.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending March 01, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 278

6:00pm 134

Sunday

8:00am 202

10:00am 224

12:00pm 146

Total Attendance 984 (-45)

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>	\$29,567.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$21,178.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$187,341.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$4,946.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$45,868.00 +/-

Garces Center Monthly Mortgage Fund

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

Funds Received **\$ 3,680.00**

Goal Shortage = **\$ 8,320.00**

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$9,951.00 Goal Balance = \$39,317.00

#Participating Families
70

Parishioner Pledges
\$00.00

%Goal Received
20%

THE FATHER GARCES ROSARY

Bathed in the waters of the Colorado River,
Carried to the Springs of St. Casmir,
Along the old Mohave Trail,
In the Footsteps of Father Garces.

Includes:

Father Garces Medal
Pack of Real Turquoise Chips
Commemorative Silver Box
Limited Production - only 400 items
Available only in Laughlin, Nevada
After 3:00 PM, March 3, 2026
\$10.00 Each

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.



**February 28, 2026
through
March 8, 2026**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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Saturday Feb. 28	4:00 p.m.	Keith Belden
	6:00 p.m.	†June Harberts
Sunday March 1	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	10:00 a.m.	Mike Engroff
	12:00 p.m.	†Andrew B. & Rosa G. Moreno & Family
Monday March 2	8:00 a.m.	Seigworth Family
Tuesday March 3	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Sedano
	2:00 p.m.	In Honor of Father Francisco Garces
Friday March 6	6:00 a.m.	†Ana Liza Deocareza
	8:00 a.m.	Vita - Happy 75th Birthday
Saturday March 7	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Wenstrup
	6:00 p.m.	†Louise Merchlewitz
Sunday March 8	8:00 a.m.	†Eileen Campbell
	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	12:00 p.m.	John Kutches Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
Wed.	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
Thurs.	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday	Mic 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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 Pfungstler - 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 - James Konieczka

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.**