

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 8, 2026



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THIRD SUNDAY OF 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalms - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2,5-8).

Gospel - Ask, and you will be given water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42).

THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

Second Collection Schedule

Mar. 7-8	Building Fund
Mar. 14-15	Catholic Relief Services
Mar. 21-22	Building Fund

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!!!**

A huge Thank You to EVERYONE who participated in our Garces Mass on Tuesday, March 3rd. It was amazing! Everyone worked so hard to make it a very special celebration. Bishop Gordon and his Pilgrims had a wonderful time. Our Knights of Columbus had a great turnout and the dedicated women of our St. John's Ladies Guild were, once again, totally awesome! Our music ministry was outstanding and the Fr. Garces Song-Viva Jesus was a big hit.

Thank you again for celebrating this historic day with all of us.

Fr. Charlie & Staff

**TO ALL CHURCH STAFF,
MINISTRY GROUPS, KOC,
LADIES GUILD, VOLUNTEERS...**

Arthur Walsh would like to invite you to an Appreciation Luncheon in gratitude for your dedication and service. Please join him in the Garces Center on Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM.

Kindly RSVP to Kristine by calling or texting 561-380-0286.

See You in Church

RELICS OF CHRIST'S PASSION

Sunday, March 15th

3:00 PM

Please 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.

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 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

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)

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>

Notes from the Music Ministry

**Selected Hymns for this weekend
(Subject to change)

#544 Shepherd of Souls

#470 Lord, Let Me Walk

#466 From Ashes to the Living Font

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in your loving plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people.

Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars; ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.

Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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 March 01, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 10,575.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 808.00
Building/Operations Fund	\$ 80.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 14.00
Gift Shop	\$ 465.00
Ash Wednesday*	\$ 1.00
Rural Parish Appeal	\$ 2.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending March 01, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 279

6:00pm 131

Sunday

8:00am 162

10:00am 190

12:00pm 152

Total Attendance 914 (-70)

Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	\$12,000.00	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	\$1,132,987.09
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	\$3,697.00	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	\$29,576.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$21,519.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$199,509.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$3,529.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$44,387.00 +/-

Garces Center Monthly Mortgage Fund

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

Funds Received **\$ 458.00**

Goal Shortage = **\$ 11,542.00**

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$10,136.00 Goal Balance = \$39,132.00

#Participating Families
70

Parishioner Pledges
\$00.00

%Goal Received
21%

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.

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

\$10.00 Each

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 with a simple soup supper following the service.

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.

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>



<p>March 7, 2026 through March 15, 2026</p>	<p>Mass Intentions For The Week</p>  <p><small>© J. S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
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Saturday March 7	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Lucille Wenstrup †Louise Merchlewitz
Sunday March 8	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	†Eileen Campbell All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist John Kutches Family
Monday March 9	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Constance
Tuesday March 10	8:00 a.m.	†Asuncion Reyes Favorito
Friday March 13	6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Rural Priests & Deacons All Parishioners of SJB
Saturday March 14	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sonia Moreno-Bauer Bill Townsend
Sunday March 15	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Erich Koetter & Sister †RJ Bucsko All Parishioners of SJB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:43; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
Wed.	Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs.	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	1 Sm 16:16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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 Pflingstler - Paul Stevens - Jim Lynch - Mike Diaz - Victoria Rodriguez - Sharon & Brian Dooley - Holly Brennecke - James Watson - Joan Peterson - 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 - Armour Patterson

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.**