

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 22, 2026

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT**



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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the Lord, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading - If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel - Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45).

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dripped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end. Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

Second Collection Schedule

Mar. 21-22	Building Fund
Mar. 28-29	CSA
April 4-5	Easter

GARCES BOTTLES

In light of the ongoing "Garces Gift Campaign", during this month of March, we kindly request that whoever has a plastic Garces bottle please return it to the parish office by Palm Sunday weekend so we can include it in the count for the matching funds. Thank you for your support. Every penny counts!

"Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."
-Psalm 37:4

THE 2026 CHRISM MASS

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph. D. welcomes all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass!

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

*St. John Neuman Catholic Church
2575 W El Campo Grande Ave
North Las Vegas, NV 89031*

*Guest Homilist
Archbishop Emeritus J. Peter Sartain
Archdiocese of Seattle*

See You in Church

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

The Physiology of the Crucifixion

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Please join us at the church for The Physiology of the Crucifixion, a talk based on the Shroud of Turin.

Dr. J. Stanley Casebere will give a reflection on the question of "why did Christ die in 3 hours when most crucifixions lasted from 24-36 hours?"

Everyone is welcome.

HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND - March 28th & 29th

Palms will be distributed at all the Masses (Church and Riverside Resort)

Monday & Tuesday - March 30th & 31st 8:00 AM Mass - Church

HOLY THURSDAY - April 2nd - 6:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church

GOOD FRIDAY - April 3rd - 3:00 PM - Communion Service - Church

4:00 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Prayers - Church

6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

HOLY SATURDAY - April 4th

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Confessions will be heard - Church

12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Foods - Church

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Prayers

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass - Church

(There will be NO Masses at 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM. The EASTER VIGIL is the ONLY Mass today. THE EASTER VIGIL IS THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER.)

EASTER SUNDAY - April 5th - 8:00 AM EASTER MASS - Church

10:00 AM EASTER MASS - Riverside Resort

12:00 PM EASTER MASS - Riverside Resort

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena Prayers - Church

No confessions will be heard at the Easter Weekend Masses! If you would like to go to confession, please come about 20 minutes before any of the Masses PRIOR to Easter weekend. The Divine Mercy Novena Prayers will be prayed at the church on GOOD FRIDAY at 4:00 PM, and then each day until Easter Saturday (April 11th) at 3:00 PM. On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 12th), we have the DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE at 3:00 PM at the church. Everyone is invited.

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)

*COR WILL NOT MEET DURING HOLY WEEK ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd. COR WILL RESUME MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16th AT 5:30 PM.

THANK YOU!

A sincere Thank You to everyone who attended and participated in the Relics of the Passion service last Sunday afternoon. The presentation was lovely and very moving.

It was also informative!

Did you know:

That Veronica's name was actually Seraphia. Veronica is derived from the Latin phrase vera icon, meaning "true image".

That the "Good Thief" (who was crucified with Jesus) was called Dismas-now Saint Dismas.

That the centurion who pierced the side of Jesus at the crucifixion was named Longinus-now St. Longinus.

Thank you Fr. Charlie and the Knights of Columbus for hosting this event and encouraging us in our Lenten Journey!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

Our Knights of Columbus are grateful to all of you who have attended our Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers this Lenten Season. Thank you to everyone who has provided the food and refreshments.

Thank you to Fr. Charlie for allowing this special ministry of Hospitality.

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

#466 From Ashes to the Living Font

#470 Lord, Let Me Walk

#473 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, fill me with love.

*Water from Christ's side,
wash me.*

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Never let me be parted from you.

From the evil enemy, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me,

and tell me to come to you,

that with your saints I may

praise you through all eternity.

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 15, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 6661.00
2nd: Catholic Relief Services*	\$ 964.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 140.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$ 95.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Gift Shop	\$ 1165.00
 CSA*	 \$ 40.00
Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
Black & Indian Mission*	\$ 20.00
Good Friday*	\$ 20.00
*Special Collection by the Archdiocese	

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending March 15, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 282

6:00pm 157

Sunday

8:00am 171

10:00am 189

12:00pm 153

Total Attendance 952 (+35)

Last Months Expenses

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

Garces Gift March Fundraiser

Match Goal = \$ 175,000.00

Funds Received \$ 99,454.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$12,371.00 Goal Balance = \$36,897.00

#Participating Families
103

%Goal Received
25%

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>



**March 21, 2026
through
March 29, 2026**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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Saturday March 21	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 p.m.	†Patrick Sieke
Sunday March 22	8:00 a.m.	Annileise Adam
	10:00 a.m.	Kathy Burke
	12:00 p.m.	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson
Monday March 23	8:00 a.m.	Arthur Walsh Birthday Blessings
Tuesday March 24	8:00 a.m.	†Jun Agliam
Friday March 27	6:00 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
	8:00 a.m.	All Priests & Deacons in the Tri-State area
Saturday March 28	4:00 p.m.	†Val Petersen
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday March 29	8:00 a.m.	†RJ Bucsko
	10:00 a.m.	Allan Koenig
	12:00 p.m.	Matthew Snyder

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30
Wed.	Is 7:10-14,8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs.	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - Pamela Benda - Deborah Collins - Alli Kvasnicka - Judy Moran - 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 - 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 - Vincent Kleszcz - Flor Paez - James Konieczka - Armour Patterson - Sharon Fortier - Deacon Dan

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.**