

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 29, 2026



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of Lord**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-100).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14-27:66).

HOSANNA

"Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

Second Collection Schedule

Mar. 28-29	CSA
April 3	Holy Land
April 4-5	Easter
April 11-12	CSA

HOSANNA

**HOSANNA,
TO THE SON OF DAVID,
O BLEST IS HE,
O BLEST IS HE,
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD!**

FRUIT

*The Fruit of Silence is Prayer.
The Fruit of Prayer is Faith.
The Fruit of Faith is Love.
The Fruit of Love is Service.
The Fruit of Service is Peace.*

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

See You in Church

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.**

THE FATHER GARCES ROSARY

Bathed in the waters of the Colorado River

Carried to the Springs of St. Casimir,
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

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)*

#Hosanna (Lyrics on page 2 of bulletin)

#483 Were You There

#473 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

*We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world
through your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*He entered the holy city of
Jerusalem in triumph and was
proclaimed Messiah and king by
those who spread garments and
branches along the way.*

*Just as we carry these branches,
may we follow Christ in the way
of the cross that,
dying and rising with him, we
may enter into your kingdom;*

*through Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, now and forever.*

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 22, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 6255.00
2nd: Building Operations Fund	\$ 1121.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 90.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Gift Shop	\$ 480.00
CSA*	\$ 18.00
Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
Catholic Relief Services*	\$ 5.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending March 22, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 241

6:00pm 114

Sunday

8:00am 179

10:00am 201

12:00pm 176

Total Attendance 908 (- 44)

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 Gift March Fundraiser

Match Goal = \$ 175,000.00

Funds Received \$ 122,566.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$14,626.00 Goal Balance = \$34,642.00

#Participating Families
127

%Goal Received
29.7%

VIVA JESUS

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of Father Francisco Garces becoming the first Catholic priest and the first European to enter what is now the State of Nevada in March, 1776, we are pleased to publish a new book titled VIVA JESUS. It is the first book ever published about the life and importance of Father Francisco Garces especially designed for both children and adults.

It features more than two dozen original full pages and full color illustrations by Alex Cowey and a text by Father Charlie. It also contains several original prayers as well as the Father Garces Song we sang on March 3, 2026. It even has the recipe for the Franciscan chocolate drink named "Champorrado" which we sampled on March 3rd with Bishop Gordon.

The book features a three act play for children about Father Garces written by our parishioner L.J. Dare.

At a little over 100 pages in a large 8.5 by 11 inch format, in full color, VIVA JESUS will be available for purchase at all the Masses on the weekend after Easter - April 11 & 12, 2026. The paperback edition will cost \$15.00 and the hardcover edition will cost \$20.00. Both editions will also be available on Amazon.com at slightly higher prices.



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 21, 2026 through March 29, 2026</p>		<p>Mass Intentions For The Week </p> <p><small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	tVal Petersen
March 28	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	tRJ Bucsko
March 29	10:00 a.m.	Allan Koenig
	12:00 p.m.	Matthew Snyder
Monday	8:00 a.m.	tTony Sedano
March 30		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	tLeona Ungerrita-Marshall
March 31		
<p>Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>		
April 2	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
<p>Good Friday Communion Service</p>		
April 3	3:00 p.m.	
	4:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
<p>Saturday VIGIL MASS</p>		
April 4	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of Food
	8:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>		
April 5	8:00 a.m.	tAndrew B. & Rosa G. Moreno
	10:00 a.m.	Loretta Koenig
	12:00 p.m.	tBrian & tStephen Johnson
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena

<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>	
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed.	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
Thurs.	Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Is 55:1-11;Is 12:2-6; Ez36:16-17a,18-28; Ps 42:3,5;43:3,4; Rm 6:3-11;Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps 188:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - Pamela Benda - Deborah Collins - Alli Kvasnicka - Judy Moran -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 - 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.