

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, April 5, 2026



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them kerygma, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection, exactly how these kerygma began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

Second Collection Schedule

April 4-5	Easter
April 11-12	CSA
April 18-19	Building Fund

GARCES GIFT CAMPAIGN

A “super-duper” THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Garces Gift Campaign this past March! What a surprise! What a blessing!

We received donations from all over the country. We even received donations from other parishes. The response was overwhelming!

Our goal of \$175,000 was not only achieved, but surpassed! How often does that happen?

The Lord's hand was certainly involved in this campaign. May He continue to richly bless everyone involved, with a special blessing to the host family who started this campaign with their matching funds.



“EASTER”

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “East.” The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who IS the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ.

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HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS???

CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

ALLELUIA ALLELUIA

Happy Easter to all of our faithful parishioners and weekend visitors here in Paradise! There is no Catholic Christian holiday that outshines Easter! Not only do we celebrate the Lord's own resurrection-His triumph over sin and death-but we also celebrate our own hope of resurrection and our capacity to triumph over sin and death because of our union with Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Easter is the pre-eminent celebration of hope and new life! It is a celebration of all the possibilities for goodness and happiness that the future holds for each and every one of us from our birth right through eternity. Even death cannot limit God's love, grace and care for His creation.

Easter Week is also known as the OCTAVE OF EASTER. Eight days of rejoicing with the joy of the Risen Christ. In a way, each day of the Octave of Easter is like a "little Easter" all over again. The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is just too big, too much, to celebrate in just one day. We invite our parishioners and friends to share in the weekday 8:00 AM Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of this week.

As Saint Augustine said it so eloquently back in the 4th century: "We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" May we never lose sight of the joy of Easter and all the hope that this great Catholic Christian feast brings.

HAPPY EASTER and may GOD BLESS each and every one of you!

Fr. Charlie

Deacon Dan

Deacon Richard

See You in Church

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 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.



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
(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.**

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)*

#506 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#492 O Sons and Daughters

#502 Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem Rise



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.

THIS IS THE DAY!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Fill me this day, O Lord,
with joy in the Risen Christ.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Bless me this day, O Lord,
through the Spirit's power and
grace.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Guide me this day, O Lord,
to be a sign of your eternal love.

Alleluia!

Spirit of the Risen Christ, fill me
with your grace and peace.

Strengthen me to be faithful to the
calling of my baptism to proclaim the
Good News of salvation. 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 29, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 5567.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 913.00
Building/Operations Fund	\$ 69.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 360.00
Good Friday*	\$ 1.00
Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 3.00
Catholic Relief Services*	\$ 5.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending March 29, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 219

6:00pm 149

Sunday

8:00am 215

10:00am 236

12:00pm 160

Total Attendance 979 (+ 71)

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 \$ 186,245.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$18,008.00 Goal Balance = \$31,260.00

#Participating Families
171

%Goal Received
37.0%

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12th

3:00 PM

Sunday, April 12th is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. We will celebrate the Divine Mercy Novena Prayers each day this week at 3:30 PM in the church.

The big celebration will be at 3:00 PM on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, at the church. To obtain the plenary indulgence, you need to be at this service, and also do the following within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday: make a sacramental confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the pope. You must be as detached as possible from all attachments to sin.

In preparation for the Feast of the Divine Mercy, the Lord asked Sister Faustina to make a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday.

These nine days of prayer before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Sister Faustina a different intention. We, too, can make a novena or prayer for these intentions and others, especially by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For more information, please speak with Deacon Richard.



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.

THE FATHER GARCES ROSARY - \$10.00 Each

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

<p>April 4, 2026 through April 12, 2026</p>	<p>Mass Intentions For The Week</p>  <p><small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
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Saturday		
April 4	12:00 p.m.	Blessing of Food
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
	8:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday		
April 5	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. & †Rosa G. Moreno & Family
	10:00 a.m.	Loretta Koenig
	12:00 p.m.	†Brian and †Stephen Johnson
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Monday		
April 6	8:00 a.m.	James Addis
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Tuesday		
April 7	8:00 a.m.	Newly Baptized in our Archdiocese
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Wednesday		
April 8	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Thursday		
April 9	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Friday		
April 10	8:00 a.m.	World Peace
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
Saturday		
April 11	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Novena
	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	6:00 p.m.	Mary and †Bill Kesgen
April 12		
	8:00 a.m.	†Ted Larkin
	10:00 a.m.	Elmer Koenig
	12:00 p.m.	Julie Pratt
	3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Service

<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>	
Monday	Acts 2:14,22-23; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18
Wed.	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35
Thurs.	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118 Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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 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 - 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 - Dan Lentz - Chet Chetkauskas - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Harriet Anderson - Marilyn Tolone - Lucille Finn - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty

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.