

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, is love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic view" of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get real!" when we hear Luke's account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation," and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost, as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel say, "get real!" but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

Second Collection Schedule

April 11-12CSA
April 18-19 Building Fund
April 25-26 . . Black/Indian/Home Missions

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 this weekend - 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.

See You in Church

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

The Divine Mercy Devotion is associated with Sister Faustina Kowalska. In 1934, in obedience to her spiritual director and a congregational superior, she began to keep a diary which she entitled "THE DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL." This detailed account of profound revelations and extraordinary spiritual experiences reveals the manner in which Our Lord entrusted to her a special mission to announce to the world. In 1935, Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina and told her: "You will prepare the world for My coming."

The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday will conclude at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, April 12th as we celebrate the Divine Mercy Prayers. This is one of the gifts from the Catholic Church that gives us indulgences (Heavenly Rewards) for our own soul (forgiveness of all the sins of our lives) or for the souls and release into heaven of a deceased person that may be in a state of purification (Purgatory).

- 1. Go to confession within 20 days before or after this special Sunday.*
- 2. Receive the Eucharist on this special Sunday.*
- 3. Come to today's prayer service at 3:00 p.m. offering up prayers for the Pope and for yourself or a friend or relative who has died.*

It's a beautiful prayer time sharing the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Prayer (The Chaplets). Please come and join others in prayer at the church.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY (for recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed

On the five Our Father beads:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten Hail Mary beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Three times)

By saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to Me (*Diary 929*)

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 sing 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 you 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.

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

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)*

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)

#495 Thine Be the Glory

#507 Let Christians All Their Voices...

#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.

A PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming—that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven.

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 April 05, 2026

1st: Offertory/Easter	\$12,348.00
2nd: Building/Operations Fund	\$ 1222.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 14.00
Colorado River Food Bank	\$ 125.00
St John's Guild	\$ 25.00
CSA*	\$ 35.00
Holy Land/Good Friday*	\$ 30.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Easter Mass Attendance Week Ending April 05, 2026

Saturday	<u>8:00pm</u>	<u>150</u>
Sunday	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>322</u>
	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>329</u>
	<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>283</u>

Total Attendance 1,084

Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$1,124,463.65</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

Funds Received \$ 200,000.38

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%

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

It is a beautiful tradition to remember our mothers on Mother's Day each year. This year, as in the past, Fr. Charlie would like to offer a Novena of Masses for our mothers, living and deceased. A Novena of Masses is a series of 9 Masses on 9 consecutive days. So we will begin the Novena of Masses on Mother's Day, May 10th, and end it on Monday, May 18th.

On the days we do not normally have a Mass at the parish, Fr. Charlie will offer the Novena Mass privately.

HERE'S THE SCHEDULE:

- Sun. May 10th - 8:00 AM Mass
- Mon. May 11th - 8:00 AM Mass
- Tues. May 12th - 8:00 AM Mass
- Wed. May 13th - Private Mass
- Thurs. May 14th - Private Mass
- Fri. May 15th - 8:00 AM Mass
- Sat. May 16th - Private Mass
- Sun. May 17th - 10:00 AM Mass
- Mon. May 18th - 8:00 AM Mass

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA FORM

If you would like to include your mother, grandmother, Godmother, aunt or other significant female friends or family members in this Novena of Masses, **PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO ST. JOHN'S NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 7th.**

These will be placed on the altar at St. John's Church during the 9 days of the Novena. You may include a donation for this Novena of Masses, but a donation is not required.


MOTHER'S NAME _____

Circle one: LIVING DECEASED

OTHER LIVING FEMALES TO BE REMEMBERED:

OTHER DECEASED FEMALES TO BE REMEMBERED:



<p>April 11, 2026 through April 19, 2026</p>	<p>Mass Intentions For The Week </p> <p><small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
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<p>Saturday April 11</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St John the Baptist 6:00 p.m. Mary & tBill Kesgen Anniversary</p>
<p>Sunday April 12</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. tTed Larkin 10:00 a.m. Elmer Koenig 12:00 p.m. Julie Pratt 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service</p>
<p>Monday April 13</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. tJennie Sperling</p>
<p>Tuesday April 14</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. tSyl Kukla</p>
<p>Friday April 17</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. tTim King</p>
<p>Saturday April 18</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Allen & Mary Kidd 6:00 p.m. All Parishioners of SJB</p>
<p>Sunday April 19</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. tFred Telamontes & Joanne Santellanes 10:00 a.m. Seigworth Family 12:00 p.m. John & Dorothy Kutches</p>

<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>	
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed.	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thurs.	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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 - 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 - Kathy Rogers

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.

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.