

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, April 26, 2026



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	LUANN KRUZ	928.754.2650
FUNERAL COORDINATOR	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a,36-41).

Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading - Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel - The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

**IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD**

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were - contrary to their popular image - very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

**Second Collection Schedule**

April 25-26 . . .Black/Indian/Home Missions  
May 2-3 . . . . .CSA  
May 9-10 . . . . . Building Fund

**HAIL MARY'S FOR THE ARCHBISHOP**

Archbishop George Leo Thomas will celebrate 50 years as a priest on May 15, 2026. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1976.

Archbishop Thomas has a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So we are giving him a SPIRITUAL BOUQUET of HAIL MARY's from all the rural parishes and missions.

As the Rural Dean, I am asking all of the rural parishes and missions to collect pledges of HAIL MARY's for our Archbishop over the next few weeks. Please indicate the number of HAIL MARY's on the signup sheets at the church and at the Riverside. If you pray a ROSARY for the Archbishop, that would be 50 HAIL MARY's. I want to surprise the Archbishop with thousands of HAIL MARY's from the rural areas.

Thank you.

Father Charlie Urnick, Rural Dean

**Thinking of Volunteering?**

*Anyone interested in Volunteering at St. John the Baptist should speak with Sheila in the Parish Office.*

*There are opportunities available in our Music Ministry, Ladies Guild, Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Knights of Columbus.*

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS/ BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of April 25 and 26, our Archdiocese will take part in the national collection for the Catholic Home Missions and the Black and Indian Missions. Nearly half of U.S. dioceses are considered mission territory, where resources are limited and the Church struggles to sustain essential pastoral care.

Catholic Home Missions supports dioceses across the United States and its territories that face economic hardship, small or dispersed Catholic populations, or remote conditions. One example is the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago in American Samoa, where isolation and limited resources make ministry challenging. Through Catholic schools and ministries, the Church continues to serve both Catholics and the wider community.

Your generosity helps sustain parish life, faith formation, and the work of clergy, religious, and lay leaders in these communities.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph. D  
Archbishop of Las Vegas

### 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.

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2026

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

#### APRIL - FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

-USCCB Prayers

## 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)*

*#639 Baptized in Living Waters*

*#557 Gift of Finest Wheat*

*#583 Amazing Grace*



### 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.

**PRAYER OF****ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

*“ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER  
THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS  
BLOOD OF THY DIVINE SON,  
JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE  
MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD TODAY,  
FOR ALL THE HOLY  
SOULS IN PURGATORY.”  
AMEN*

Remember to pray frequently for the dead, especially when you pass by a cemetery or when you recall a person you knew who has died.

Pray also for the most forgotten and abandoned souls that have no one else to pray for them, and for any souls who may be suffering in purgatory due to our poor example or some fault of ours.

**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 19, 2026

1st: Offertory/Easter	\$ 5469.00
2nd: Building Operations Fund	\$ 1146.00
Building/Operations Fund	\$ 252.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 170.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 100.00
Gift Shop	\$ 550.00
CSA*	\$ 23.00

\*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending April 19, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	
<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>208</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>122</u>
<b>Sunday</b>	
<u>8:00am</u>	<u>144</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>165</u>

**Total Attendance 807 (- 16)**

## Last Months Expenses

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

## 2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

**Goal = \$49,268.00    Funds Received \$20,352.00    Goal Balance = \$28,916.00**

#Participating Families  
255

%Goal Received  
41.0%

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, when the readings invite us to contemplate one of the most tender images in all of Scripture: Christ as the shepherd who leads and cares for his flock.

### 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:

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OTHER DECEASED FEMALES TO BE REMEMBERED:

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<p><b>April 25, 2026 through May 3, 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions For The Week</b></p>  <p><small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Kristina Clark</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cheryl &amp; tJack Bechard Anniversary</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>tAntonio Valencia Family</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Esther and tBob Allen</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>tTony Sedano</b>
<b>April 27</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>tPeter Bryan</b>
<b>April 28</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>tMr. &amp; tMrs. Richard Andersen</b>
<b>May 1</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>tThomas Fredrick Patton</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>tJack Bechard</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>tAndrew B. &amp; tRosa G. Moreno &amp; Family</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of SJB</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>John &amp; Dorothy Kutches</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42/43; Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

**Wed.** Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

**Thurs.** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9;  
Jn 14:1-12

**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - James Watson - Michael Kreeger - Ann Castillo - William J. McNeill - Jimmy Jimenez - Kaylee Smith - Troy Fessler - 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 - Laurie Waters - Vincent Kleszcz - Flor Paez - James Konieczka - Armour Patterson - Deacon Dan - Chet Chetkaskas - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Harriet Anderson - Lucille Finn - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers - Diana Walburn - Bryan Rivard

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.