

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, May 3, 2026



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FIFTH 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel - "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of "vocation" and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today's apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own, so that you may announce the praises" of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life's vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace-wherever life takes us -in service, in word, and in sacrament.

Second Collection Schedule

May 2-3 CSA
May 9-10 Building Fund
May 16-17 Catholic Communications

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.

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 offer a new book titled VIVA JESUS.

This book was published in March 2026. It is the first-ever book for families and children about the life and legacy of Father Francisco Garces.

Written by our own Father Charlie, it features more than two dozen full-page original color illustrations by Alex Conwey.

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 also 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 is available on Amazon.com or right here at St. John the Baptist for \$15 (paperback) or \$20 (hardcover). It makes Father Garces' story come alive for readers of all ages.

Recently the leading authority on Father Garces, noted author and speaker Jeremy Beer, commented, "We received your book already and it is tremendous,...this is going to do more to extend awareness of Fr. Garces than anything else."

See You in Church

"MARY, FULL OF GRACE"

"We do not detract from God's glory when we honor Mary as our mother-we demonstrate His glory. In imitation of Jesus, we love and honor His Father as our Father. In imitation of Jesus, we love and honor His mother as our mother. As beloved disciples at the foot of the Cross, let's welcome Our Lord's mother as our own into our hearts and homes. Let's imitate Mary's faith filled obedience with our own "Yes" to the call of God in our lives. And let's invoke Mary's assistance to guide us to her Son, and through Him to the Father, by the working of the Holy Spirit."

From the article "Mary, Full of Grace" by Kimberly Hahn.

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.

MAY - THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

-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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

**Very Informal Piano
Spring Recital**

Join us for an evening of Food, Music, Fellowship and Fun.

Pot-luck style sit down dinner.

The artistic stylings of LuAnn Kruz's piano students will be your musical backdrop.

When: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026

What: Dinner and a show

Where: Garces Center

Please come, enjoy the fun, and support our young musicians.

**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)

#764 Sing a New Song

#563 Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

#811 Hail, Holy Queen



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.

Most Glorious Virgin,

*chosen by the Eternal Father
to be the Mother of
the Eternal Word made flesh
and the advocate of sinners.*

*Please obtain for me through
the Most Precious Blood
of your Divine Son,
the forgiveness of my sins,
the salvation of my soul,
and the means necessary
to obtain it.*

*In like manner, obtain for the world
the spread of the kingdom of
Jesus Christ upon the whole earth.*

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 26, 2026

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| 1st: Offertory/Easter | \$ 5491.00 |
| 2nd: Blach & Indian Mission* | \$ 775.00 |
| Building/Operations Fund | \$ 45.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 30.00 |
| Easter | \$ 80.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 5.00 |
| Gift Shop | \$ 468.00 |
| CSA* | \$ 35.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services* | \$ 5.00 |
| Rural parish Appeal* | \$ 3.00 |

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending April 26, 2026

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| Saturday | |
| 4:00pm | <u>193</u> |
| 6:00pm | <u>131</u> |
| Sunday | |
| 8:00am | <u>159</u> |
| 10:00am | <u>197</u> |
| 12:00pm | <u>119</u> |

Total Attendance 799 (- 08)

Last Months Expenses

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| <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> | \$36,970.00 +/- |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | \$22,381.00 | <u>Expenses YTD</u> | \$241,920.00 +/- |
| <u>Utilities / Maintenance</u> | \$5,727.00 | <u>Utilities YTD</u> | \$49,358.00 +/- |

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$21,982.00 Goal Balance = \$27,286.00

#Participating Families
262

%Goal Received
45.0%

The 5th Sunday of Easter is most commonly known as Cantate Sunday, a name derived from the opening words of the Introit, *Cantate Domino canticum novum* ("Sing to the Lord a new song"). In some traditions, particularly older Anglican or traditional Roman usage, it is also referred to as Rogation Sunday, while in Eastern Christianity, it is known as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

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:



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| <p>May 2, 2026 through May 10, 2026</p> | <p>Mass Intentions For The Week</p>  <p><small>© J. S. Palach Co., Inc.</small></p> |
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| <p>Saturday May 2</p> | <p>4:00 p.m. †Thomas Fredrick Patton 6:00 p.m. †Jack Bechard</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 3</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. †Andrew B. & †Rosa G. Moreno & Family 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St John the Baptist 12:00 p.m. John & Dororthy Kutches</p> |
| <p>Monday May 4</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. †Andrew B. Moreno</p> |
| <p>Tuesday May 5</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. †John Vallentine</p> |
| <p>Friday May 8</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. †Richard Helge</p> |
| <p>Saturday May 9</p> | <p>4:00 p.m. †Melissa LaCaze 6:00 p.m. Mary Kesgen Birthday</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 10</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena 10:00 a.m. †Brian & †Stephen Johnson 12:00 p.m. All Parishioners of SJB</p> |

| <u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u> | |
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| <p>Monday</p> | <p>Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a</p> |
| <p>Wed.</p> | <p>Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8</p> |
| <p>Thurs.</p> | <p>Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11</p> |
| <p>Friday</p> | <p>Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17</p> |
| <p>Saturday</p> | <p>Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21</p> |
| <p>Sunday</p> | <p>Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21</p> |

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 - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Harriet Anderson - Lucille Finn - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers - Diana Walburn - Bryan Rivard - Brooklyn Mallett - Sue Wade - Joshua David Thy

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.