

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, May 17, 2026



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## THE ASCENSION 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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT	GABE NUNEZ	760.217.0454
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	LUANN KRUZ	928.754.2650
FUNERAL COORDINATOR	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm - God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading - May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel - Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

**"PUSHED" OUT ON MISSION**

There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the Church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28-20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen ascended glory.

**Second Collection Schedule**

May 16-17 . . . . Catholic Communications  
May 23-24 . . . . . Building Fund  
May 30-31 . . . . . Building Fund

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS  
CAMPAIGN**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of May 16 and 17, 2026, our Archdiocese will take up the second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and The Catholic University of America.

This collection supports the Church's mission to share the Gospel in today's world through television, radio, websites, social media, print and other forms of communication. Fifty percents of the funds collected for the campaign remain in our Archdiocese to support local communications needs, including diocesan publications, media outreach, and other evangelization efforts.

The collection also supports The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Through its teaching, research, and service, the university helps form students and leaders who serve the Church, the nation, and the world.

Your generosity helps strengthen the Church's voice in our communities and helps form future leaders for service to the Gospel.

For more information about the Catholic Communications Campaign, please visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

To learn more about The Catholic University of America, please visit [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu)

Sincerely 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 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 Conway.

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**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**May 26th**

**JAVA WITH THE JUDGES**

4:30pm - 6:00pm

American Legion Post 60

Topic: Civil & Criminal aspects of our Justice Courts.

*gino.briscoe@clarkcountynv.gov*

**June 4th**

**36TH ANNUAL CHEF'S FOOD FEST**

5:00 pm

Aquarius Casino Resort

\$100.00 per person

*Laughlin Chamber of Commerce*

**Sept. 11th - 12th**

**2026 ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

"City on a Hill"

Orleans Hotel

*lvatholic.org*

**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.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR COR\***

**WE HAVE A CHANGE FOR COR THIS MONTH DUE TO THE PIANO RECITAL (see below).**

**COR WILL NOT MEET ON MAY 21st. WE'VE RESCHEDULED TO MEET MAY 28th, 5:30 PM (OUR REGULAR TIME).**

**The regular schedule will resume in June. Please join us for Prayer, Formation and Fraternity!**

**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)***

- #515 Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise***
- #705 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***
- #621 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King***



**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.

**ASCENSION PRAYER**

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.*

*May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!*

*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 May 10, 2026

<b>1st: Offertory/Easter</b>	<b>\$ 4373.00</b>
<b>2nd: Building Operations Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1032.00</b>
St John's Guild	\$ 111.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 30.20
Holy Water	\$ 152.00
Gift Shop	\$ 766.00
CSA *	\$ 208.00

\*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending May 10, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	
<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>132</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>119</u>
<b>Sunday</b>	
<u>8:00am</u>	<u>141</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>187</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>111</u>

**Total Attendance 690 ( -29 )**

## Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$320,000.38</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$738,149.90</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$3,697.00</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$36,970.00 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$33,699.00</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$243,219.00 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$5,727.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$49,358.00 +/-</u>

## 2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

<b>Goal = \$49,268.00</b>	<b>Funds Received \$21,982.00</b>	<b>Goal Balance = \$27,286.00</b>	
#Participating Families 262		%Goal Received 45.0%	

## CURRENT PROJECTS

Garces Center Kitchen Air Conditioner replacement.      Gathering Bids      \$24,000.00 Cur Est

St. John the Baptist Church was proudly featured in a story about Catholic Church in a casino published by the international news site **The Independent**.

Here is a link to that published story.

<https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/riverside-casino-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 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 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.



## YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

**April 4, 2026 - January 10, 2027**

**St. Francis of Assisi RCC**

**2300 Sunridge Heights Pkwy**

**Henderson, NV 89052**

### **PARISH FESTIVAL**

**October 9-11, 2026**


The Year of St. Francis was proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. From January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, the universal Church is invited to reflect on Franciscan themes of peace, simplicity, and care for creation. Pilgrims who visit Franciscan sites or churches titled under the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi during this time may receive a plenary indulgence. Pope Leo described this year as a call to spiritual renewal and deeper discipleship, encouraging the faithful to embody the Gospel values lived by St. Francis with humility, joy, and reverence for all of God's creation.

All are invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi parish this year.

*sfahdnv.org*

**May 16, 2026  
through  
May 24, 2026**

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



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<b>Saturday May 16</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Michael Liam Doherty Birthday Blessings</b>
<b>Sunday May 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Fr. John Mulligan</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Juan B. Chavez Family</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b>
<b>Monday May 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mother's Day Novena</b>
<b>Tuesday May 19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†William and †Elsie McAuley</b>
<b>Friday May 22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Cara Doherty Birthday Blessings</b>
<b>Saturday May 23</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>†Helen Salgado</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>All Parishioners of SJB</b>
<b>Sunday May 24</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>†Ted Larkin</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Matthew Snyder</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Seigworth Family</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wed.** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thurs.** Acts 22:30;23:6-11;Ps 16;Jn 7:20-26  
**Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday** Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Ps 11;  
 Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
 12-13, Jn 20:19-23

**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - 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 - James Konieczka - Armour Patterson - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Lucille Finn - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers - Diana Walburn - Brooklyn Mallett - Sue Wade - Joshua David Thye - Lawrence Chavez

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. *The Ladies Guild is currently on Summer Break. Meetings will resume the Fall.*

**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.