

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, June 28, 2026



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm - For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading - We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel - Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates it's important as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

Second Collection Schedule

June 27-28 Peter's Pence
July 4-5 Building Fund
July 11-12 CSA

PETER'S PENCE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of June 27 and 28, 2026, our Archdiocese will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the Holy Father's charitable outreach to those suffering from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty throughout the world.

As Pope Leo XIV continues his ministry as Successor of Peter, this collection is a tangible way for Catholics to stand in solidarity with him and his mission to serve Christ by serving those most in need.

At the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV reminded the Church: "Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another." In that spirit, I encourage you to prayerfully support this important collection.

May God bless you abundantly for your faith and generosity.

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, PhD
Archbishop of Las Vegas

To learn more, visit:
www.usccb.org/peters-pence

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Bullhead City offers a Grief Support Group that meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m., in their Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome and there are no reservations required.



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

HEART OF STONE

From LuAnn Kruz
(Director of Music)

Heart of Stone is a MOVEMENT inspired by the Bible verse EZEKIEL 36:26-27, "I will give you a NEW heart and put a NEW spirit in you; I will remove from you your HEART OF STONE".

On September 29th, 2025, while jogging downhill in the desert, I tripped on a pointed Rock. I went flying and got hurt very badly. For the next 7 months, out on my daily trail, I began to kick that "Bad Rock" that hurt me. I kicked it every day until it came loose, and I decided to remove it.

On April 27th, 2026 (7 months later) I looked at the Rock I tripped on and kicked; I turned it upside down so the point was now on the bottom. I realized it was in the shape of a HEART!

I share this story with you because I believe everyone can have a "Stony Heart." It took me 7 months of kicking my own Heart of Stone to finally get a NEW HEART.

The Heart of Stone Movement was born...

You can get your Heart of Stone rock from LuAnn or Sheila (Music Ministry). There will also be rocks available on the Gift Shop table.

If you would like to help the movement MOVE... We need: Artists to help paint, people to help package the rocks, donations and/or sponsors, and people to distribute the rocks.

Our Heart Rocks have been blessed by Father Charlie.

May GOD BLESS you and fill your hearts with PEACE, LOVE and JOY!

****HEART ROCKS ARE ALWAYS FREE****



2026 ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE

September 11th & 12th

"City on a Hill"
Orleans Hotel
lvatholic.org

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.

K.O.C. INSTALLATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will host their Officer's installation ceremony on July 7, 2026, 5:30 PM at the American Legion Post 60, in Laughlin. Tickets are \$25.00 per person with your choice of either pork chops or fried chicken breast. Everyone is invited to attend.

You must RSVP to Fred Wells: 702-803-4234.

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

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)*

"DINNER SOCIALS"

Fr. Francis Garces Assembly 3643 is hosting "dinner socials" on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They will be held at various locations throughout the Colorado River Valley. Our first is at "The Ranch Bar & Grill" at Laughlin Ranch on July 14, 2026. Cocktails at 5:30 PM, dinner immediately. Everyone will order directly off the menu. All are invited to attend for an enjoyable evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with fellow parishioners & share in the fellowship, bring your friends, too! There will be a guest speaker at each dinner. You **MUST** RSVP to Shawn Kilpatrick at 928-299-0202 or Shawn.Kilp@outlook.com if you would like to attend. We hope to see you all there!

Notes from the Music Ministry

**Selected Hymns for this weekend
(Subject to change)

#737 We Gather Together

#695 Where Charity and Love Prevail

#733 Prayer of Saint Francis

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 TO SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Blessed Redeemer, Saints Peter and Paul were leaders and models in strengthening the faith of the infant church, and I ask them to pray for my faith to grow strong. Saint Paul wrote in his second letter to Saint Timothy, "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have." Wherever I am still a baby in my relationship with You, weak and uncertain, I ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for me to grow into spiritual maturity. Help me, O Lord, to increase in faith and trust. Where Your presence is but a spark in me, fan it into a flame that brightens other people's lives.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for me.
Amen.

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION
JULY****FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE**

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

-USCCB Prayers

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 June 21, 2026

1st: Offertory \$ 5133.00
2nd: CSA* \$ 793.00

Building / Operations Fund \$ 353.00
Christmas \$ 30.00
Garces Center Mortgage \$ 50.00
Troop Outreach \$ 103.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending June 21, 2026

Saturday
4:00pm 170

6:00pm 90

Sunday
8:00am 162

10:00am 138

12:00pm 121

Total Attendance 681 (+31)

May 2026 Operating Expenses

Garces Center Mortgage \$12,000.00 Remaining Balance \$729,107.31

ADOLV Monthly Assessment \$3,697.00 Assessment YTD \$40,667.00 +/-

Operating Expenses \$20,278.00 Expenses YTD \$264,551.00 +/-

Utilities / Maintenance \$4,773.00 Utilities YTD \$56,676.25 +/-

Profit & Loss for May 2026 - 11,650.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$24,850.00 Goal Balance = \$24,418.00

#Participating Families
171

%Goal Received
50.0%

CURRENT PARISH PROJECTS

Irrigation Backflow - leak repair / replacement / inspection
Altar Spot Lights in Church. - Repair/Replace - being developed

250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE USA

JULY 4, 2026

For most of us adults, the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America will be the biggest patriotic celebration of our lives! And well it should be!

We give thanks to Almighty God for blessing the United States of America throughout our long and awesome history. This is definitely the occasion to celebrate the joy and honor of being American citizens. It is also an occasion to re-dedicate ourselves to preserving our America heritage and insuring a bright and hopeful future for our nation as one nation under God.

Our Catholic bishops have consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as their contribution to this amazing celebration. And, of course, we remain conscious of the motherly protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary under titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

So how shall we celebrate here at St. John the Baptist this July? We will enjoy the fireworks and community events provided by Laughlin and the other communities in our Tri-State area for sure. But our own Catholic community will sponsor the following events in July:

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

6:00 PM at the Garces Center
"1776" - the Movie Musical
Two hours and 20 minutes

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

2:00 PM at the Garces Center
"1776" - the Movie Musical
Two hours and 20 minutes

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

St. John the Baptist Church will remain open for prayer from the 6:00 PM Mass until 10:00 PM, providing 4 hours of July 4th to come in and pray for our great American nation, to light one of our red, white and blue votive candles, or to just spend a little time on this extraordinary national holiday thanking Almighty God.

We also encourage everyone to prepare for July 4th by praying the prayer honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and/or the Hail Mary for the NOVENA (9 days) leading up to July 4th beginning on Friday, June 26th.

**June 27, 2026
through
July 5, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday June 27	4:00 p.m.	All First Responders in the Tri-State area
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St John the Baptist
Sunday June 28	8:00 a.m.	All Caregivers in the Tri-State area
	10:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
	12:00 p.m.	Maureen Mooney
Monday June 29	8:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Tuesday June 30	8:00 a.m.	†Dan Lentz
Friday July 3	8:00 a.m.	†Martha Gutierrez
Saturday July 4	4:00 p.m.	LuAnn Kruz Birthday
	6:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for 250 Years of Freedom
Sunday July 5	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	10:00 a.m.	†Richard Schneider
	12:00 p.m.	†Andrew B. and †Rosa G. Moreno & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5; Mt 8:23 -27
Wed.	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50; Mt 8:28-34
Thurs.	Amos 7:10-17; Ps 19; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday	Amos 9:11-15; Ps 85; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rm 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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 - Kaylee Smith - Troy Fessler - Valerie Boyd - Whitney Reimand - Edna Mananggit - Eric Hoss - Deborah Crook - William Bryan - Heather Marasco - Flor Paez - Mike Atwell - Bob Hannahs - Pat Miller - Jennifer Halstead - Cheryl Wenstrup - Laurie Waters - Vincent Kleszcz - James Konieczka - Armour Patterson - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers - Brooklyn Mallett - Sue Wade - Joshua David Thye - Lawrence Chavez - Mike Goolsby - Roel Sermonia - Calvin Ramage - Elijah Boren Shepherd - 314 ARS Beale AFB - Christopher Navarro - Rich Wells - Kathy Comparetto - Cayden Sefton - Omar Ledesma Belmonte - Irene Lopez Contreras - Skip Rasmussen

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 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.