

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026



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FOURTEENTH 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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FUNERAL COORDINATOR	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalms - I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading - The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9,11-13).

Gospel - Come all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on a ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carried the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

Second Collection Schedule

July 4-5 Building Fund
July 11-12 CSA
July 18-19 Sem/Clergy Ed & Dev

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*I pledge alliance
to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice
for all.*

"Blessed is the nation
whose God is
the LORD
the people chosen as
his inheritance."
-Psalm 33:12

See You in Church

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."



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 your 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.

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".

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

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

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)

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>

"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 following. 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)

#831 America

#829 America the Beautiful

God Bless America



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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue good work begun long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendships, and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 28, 2026

1st: Offertory \$ 5016.00
2nd: Peter's Pence* \$ 986.00

Building / Operations Fund \$ 185.00
Christmas \$ 30.00
Poor Box \$ 50.00

Gift Shop \$ 1485.00

CSA* \$ 18.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending June 28, 2026

Saturday
4:00pm 144

6:00pm 107

Sunday
8:00am 156

10:00am 157

12:00pm 104

Total Attendance 668 (-13)

June Operating Expenses

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

ADOLV Monthly Assessment \$3,697.00 Assessment YTD \$44,364.00 +/-

Operating Expenses \$17,511.30 Expenses YTD \$281,482.50 +/-

Utilities / Maintenance \$8,719.00 Utilities YTD \$64,792.00 +/-

Profit & Loss for May 2026 **- 11,650.00**

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$26,097.00 Goal Balance = \$23,171.00

#Participating Families
173

%Goal Received
53.0%

CURRENT PARISH PROJECTS

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

WORDS OF PATRIOTISM

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." -Thomas Jefferson/The Declaration of Independence

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labour to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them...Let it simply be asked, where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of moral and religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice?"
-President George Washington

"On every question of construction [let us] carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed." -Thomas Jefferson

"My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy." - President Thomas Jefferson

"Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right." -Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity." -President Herbert Hoover

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."
-President Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."
-President James Madison

"Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit."
-President Ronald Reagan

"Ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country."
-President John F. Kennedy

"When you open your hearts to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice!"
-President Donald J. Trump

"Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people."
-President Abraham Lincoln

****HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY AMERICA****

**July 4, 2026
through
July 12, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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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 St. John the Baptist
10:00 a.m. †Richard Schneider
12:00 p.m. †Andrew B. and †Rosa G Moreno & Family

Monday July 6 8:00 a.m. †Dan Lentz

Tuesday July 7 8:00 a.m. Omar Ledesma Belmonte & Irene Lopez Contreras

Friday July 10 8:00 a.m. †Brian and †Stephen Johnson

Saturday July 11 4:00 p.m. Carol Saunders Birthday
6:00 p.m. Kevin Patrick Doherty Birthday

Sunday July 12 8:00 a.m. †Paulette Marlow
10:00 a.m. All Parishioners of SJB
12:00 p.m. †Cristeta & Bill Corkey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Hos 2:16,17c-18,21-22; Ps 145; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Ps 115; Mt 9:32-38

Wed. Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Ps 105; Mt 10:1-7

Thurs. Hos 11:1-4,8e-9; Ps 80; Mt 10:7-15

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Is 6:1-8; Ps 93; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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 - 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 - Thomas Brophy

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 in 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.*