

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025



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## FIFTEENTH 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: 15 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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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - The word of the Lord is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** - Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** - Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** - The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

#### GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

## Second Collection Schedule

July 12-13 . . . . . CSA  
 July 19-20 . . . . . Seminary/Clergy Ed  
 July 26-27 . . . . . CSA

### A DISPOSITION OF DISCERNMENT

If you're confused and unsure about your vocation, one of the very best things you can do is attend Holy Mass with a *disposition of discernment*.

The sacred liturgy imparts all the graces necessary to discern your vocation, whether to marriage, the priesthood, or consecrated life. The challenge is opening your heart to receive God's grace-then integrating it into a healthy discernment process that includes daily prayer and spiritual direction.

How do you obtain graces for discernment at Mass? Certainly not by trudging to church solely out of obligation, distractedly enduring the homily and offering a few half-hearted petitions. No, discernment during Mass requires a concentrated effort of will-an intentional, whole-hearted decision to open oneself to God as the liturgy unfolds.

Be realistic about the process of discernment. This is not a one-Mass thing. Yes, the Lord can speak powerfully during a single Mass, but normally Mass is one part of a process that takes many months. The first rule of discernment is to draw as close as possible to Jesus. Otherwise, how will you hear His gently whisper? (1 Kings 19:12). Commit yourself to daily prayer and service. Frequent the sacraments and meet regularly with a spiritual director. Seek good information about the various vocations and contact a Vocation Directory for help.

Excerpts from *DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION AT MASS* (Vianney Vocations) provided by the Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

## **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Archdiocesan Conference  
Orleans Hotel Convention Center  
September 5 & 6, 2025

The journey of the Christian life, and thus the journey of the Church is a pilgrim journey ever marching toward the beatific vision of heaven. As we celebrate 30 years as a pilgrimage diocese (now Archdiocese) of Las Vegas we look back at God's hand directing our past, we look forward in trust in His Divine Providence, and we look around us at our fellow pilgrims and those along the way who need our love and invitation to join the way of Christ Jesus.

*For more information and/or to register for the conference please visit:*

[lvcatholic.org](http://lvcatholic.org)

Southern California  
Renewal Communities (SCRC)  
presents:

### **A NEW HOPE**

Catholic Renewal Convention  
Saturday & Sunday  
August 16 & 17, 2025

Anaheim Marriott Hotel Ballrooms

Register Online: [events.scrs.org](http://events.scrs.org)

*The Power of the Holy Spirit Alive in the Church Today*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older. For information, please call Grand Knight Gabe Nunez (760-217-0454) or visit.

**Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM (AZ time).**

**Email: [Knights12690@Gmail.com](mailto:Knights12690@Gmail.com)**

**Website:**

**<https://soloist.ai/kofc12690>**

## **SPONSOR A SEMINARIAN**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring one of the Seminarists of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. The Church needs our help in supporting vocations. If you are interested in helping us with the needed financial and spiritual support of a Seminarist, please speak with any Knight for details or send us an email at:

[Knights12690@gmail.com](mailto:Knights12690@gmail.com)



### 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.



### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Compassus is a Hospice Care organization looking for Volunteers that are interested in Companionship/Sitting Vigil, Emotional & Spiritual Support, Active Listening & Caregiver Relief.

Compassus also has a Veteran to Veteran Volunteer program to pair with veteran hospice patients for Friendly visits, reminiscing & running errands. They also take part in pinning ceremonies & recognition events.

Determine your own time commitment. Make a difference in someone's life.

For more information please contact  
Lori Paulsen (928) 763-6433 or  
loripaulsen@compassus.com

### **Out with the OLD, In with the NEW! Gift Shop Inventory Sale**

For the next several weeks, please check out our GIFT SHOP tables when you come to Mass at the Church or at the Riverside. Besides the Colorado River Holy Water and Father Charlie's books, each week we will feature some Gift Shop items from the past and some brand new items being added to our inventory. Check this sale out!

### Notes from the Music Ministry

**\*Selected Hymns for this weekend**

*\*(Subject to change)*

**#753 Come Christians Join to Sing**

**#559 Wisdom's Feast**

**#750 Prayer of St. 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 FOR VOCATIONS**

Father, in your loving plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for our altars; ardent but gently servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025**

A Jubilee Year is a special time in the Church's tradition, observed every 25 years, to encourage holiness through acts of reconciliation and communion with others. The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," offering a time of spiritual renewal and grace amidst many global challenges. Marked by opportunities for reconciliation, local pilgrimages, and the Jubilee Indulgence, this sacred year invites the faithful to seek forgiveness, grow in repentance, and embrace hope.

**Prayer to 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, thrust 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 July 06, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$6446.00
2nd: Building/Operations Fund	\$1654.00
CSA*	\$ 55.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 24.00
Assumption*	\$ 5.00
Peters Pence*	\$ 15.00
AOLV Retired Priests *	\$ 25.00
Retirement Fund For Religious*	\$ 50.00
St John's Guild	\$ 35.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 13.00

\*Special Collections that are sent To ADOLV

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending July 06, 2025

### Saturday

4:00pm 118

6:00pm 106

### Sunday

8:00am 128

10:00am 118

12:00pm 109

**Total Attendance 579**

## Monthly Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$36,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$1,197,926.40</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$3983.90</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$47,871.49 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$23,348.13</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$311,257.21 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$5100.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$56,469.12 +/-</u>

## 2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Goal Pledged</b>	<b>Cash Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>#Participating Families</b>
<b>\$47,129.00</b>	<b>\$37,262.00</b>	<b>\$33,858.50</b>	<b>\$13,270.50</b>	<b>210</b>

We are 6 months into the Archdiocese annual CSA campaign. And with our latest numbers we are the closest to meeting the January goal than we have been for many years. And with your help through the end of the year, we will be even that much closer to actually meeting the goal.

As the CSA goal is a set "guaranteed" collection., we have had to make large payments out of our Parish funds to make up the difference year after year. As you continue to help collect with us we may have our first year that we meet and possibly beat our annual goal !! Let's Go !!

## **THE ROSARY, MEDITATION, AND THE VAGUS NERVE**

### **By Gary Jansen**

The body and soul are deeply connected. In Ignatian spirituality, we recognize that caring for our physical health is as important as nurturing our spiritual well-being. One fascinating intersection of science and faith lies in the role of the vagus nerve. The vagus nerve is a crucial part of our nervous system that regulates stress, relaxation, and overall well-being.

Recent studies show that prayer, meditation, and breathwork stimulate the vagus nerve, promoting calmness and reducing anxiety. This is precisely what happens when we pray the Rosary. The steady rhythm of prayers and the tactile progression through the circle of the beads create a meditative experience that slows the heart rate, deepens the breath, and shifts the body from a state of stress to conditions of rest and renewal.

St. Ignatius encouraged his followers to seek moments of stillness in prayer, allowing God's presence to transform them. The Rosary provides this quiet interlude. Each repetition of the Hail Mary is like a breath drawing us deeper into God's presence, quieting the mind and easing the tension we carry.

This cause-and-effect experience stems not just from spiritual intuition; it is borne out in physiological reality. When we activate the vagus nerve through meditative prayer, we cultivate resilience, improve emotional regulation, and enhance our ability to experience God's peace. Those who struggle with stress, insomnia, or anxiety may find the Rosary to be a powerful practice—not as a rigid obligation, but as a sacred rhythm that restores balance.

In a world that often feels overwhelming, prayer becomes a reliable anchor. The Rosary is more than a devotion to Mary; as a tool for healing. It aligns body, mind, and soul with God's grace. If you seek a deeper sense of peace, consider integrating this prayer into your daily routine. As Ignatius reminds us, God meets us where we are. Often, that meeting place occurs in the quiet rooms where prayers pulse with the steady rhythm of a heartbeat. That's the place where healing begins.

More reading from Loyola Press

**THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYING THE ROSARY** By Gary Jansen

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through  
July 20, 2025

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday July 12	4:00 p.m.	Phil & MaryAnne Verville 54th Anniversary Blessing
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Marvic Family
Sunday July 13	8:00 a.m.	†James Saunders
	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	12:00 p.m.	Seigworth Family
Monday July 14	8:00 a.m.	Makinzie Vandale Birthday Blessings
Tuesday July 15	8:00 a.m.	Janet Taberman
Friday July 18	8:00 a.m.	†Nancy Hartman
Saturday July 19	4:00 p.m.	†Pixie McHugh
	6:00 p.m.	Cheryl Bechard
Sunday July 20	8:00 a.m.	†Antonio Lim
	10:00 a.m.	All Catholic Priests in the Tri-State area
	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Ex 1:8-14,22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24
Wed.	Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Ps 103; Mt 11:25-27
Thurs.	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

### St. John'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>

## PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Sandi Houston - Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - Walter Wiegand - Pamela Benda - Regina Ramage - Deborah Collins - Alli Kvasnicka - Jenon Johnson - Judy Moran - John Vertucci Jr - Pat Conner - Tom Stoks - Sarah Graham - Adde Lemke - Judy Pratt - Susan Pfingstler - Paul Stevens - Jim Lynch - Mike Biaz - Victoria Rodriguez - Sharon & Brian Dooley - Rachel Ballister - Holly Brennecke - James Watson - Joan Peterson - Larry Walden - Michael Kreeger - Ann Castillo - JoAnn Saunders - William J. McNeill - Jimmy Jimenez - Ted Larkin - Vivian Pope - Kaylee Smith - Henry Olinger

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.

### ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call  
ETHEL NEUVENS 702.298.0440



## 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 Guild is on currently on break and will resume meetings in September.**

## 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.

### 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.