

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026



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SIXTEENTH 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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm - Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading - The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel - Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43).

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD
The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, the, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love, and clemency? Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

Second Collection Schedule

July 18-19 Sem/Clergy Ed & Dev
July 25-26 CSA
Aug. 1-2 CSA

SEMINARY/CLERGY ED & DEVELOPMENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas will hold its annual second collection for Seminary and Clergy Education and Development on the weekend of July 18 and 19, 2026.

This important collection helps support the education and formation of our Seminarians, including tuition, housing, and other formation expenses, while also providing ongoing education and enrichment opportunities for our Priests.

This year we are blessed with continued growth of Men studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. We may have up to 27 men that will be preparing for the Priesthood this fall for our Archdiocese. Our Seminarians are studying at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, St. John's Seminary in Colorado, and the North American College in Rome.

We are also grateful for the dedicated Priests of our Archdiocese, who faithfully serve Christ and His Church through their ministry to the people of God.

Your generous support of this collection affirms the importance of Priestly vocations and helps ensure that we continue to prepare faithful shepherds to serve our growing Catholic community. Please keep our Seminarians and Clergy in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas

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 "Chamorrado" 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****

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 your altars; ardent but gentle 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.

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
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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

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.

We had such a great time at the last one and are looking forward to the next Social on August 11th, which we're planning to hold at El Charros Mexican Restaurant. We'll confirm the location in next weeks' bulletin. It's at an earlier time. Cocktails at 4:30 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)

#736 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#569 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#830 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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.

FLOS CARMELI

"Flower of Carmel"

O beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a Pure Virgin, assist me in this necessity.

O Star of the sea, help and protect me! Show me that Thou art my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee!

Mother and Beauty of Carmel,

Pray for us!

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 July 12, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 4568.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 740.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 70.00
Colorado River Food Bank	\$ 100.00
Gift Shop	\$ 425.00
Assumption*	\$ 20.00
Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 20.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending July 12, 2026

Saturday	
<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>156</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>85</u>
Sunday	
<u>8:00am</u>	<u>125</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>142</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>109</u>

Total Attendance 617 (-51)

June Operating Expenses—End of FY 25-26

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$718,107.31</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$3,697.00</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$44,364.00 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$18,843.00</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$283,391.00 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$11,189.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$68,266.00 +/-</u>

Profit & Loss for June 2026 \$ -7,279.00

Profit & Loss FY 2025-2026 \$ -78,706.47

*Archdiocese Special Collections Remitted \$ 16,964.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$26,337.00 Goal Balance = \$22,931.00

#Participating Families
173

%Goal Received
53.0%

A Quick Introduction to Father Garces

Francisco Hermenegildo Tomas Garces was born in a small village in Spain on April 12, 1738. He was baptized in the parish church the very next day. Over the years, his family had given many priests to the Church.

Francisco joined the Franciscans while still a teenager and was ordained as a priest in 1763. He became known locally as "the children's priest" because he seemed to be able to speak at their level.

When the Franciscans were looking for volunteers for the missions in New Spain (Mexico, etc.), Fr. Garces volunteered and was sent to Santa Cruz College in Querataro. He was assigned to San Xavier del Bac in Sonora, which is in the present-day Tucson, Arizona. It was from there that he traveled among the tribes on the Gila and the Colorado Rivers.

He was a younger contemporary and friend of Fr. Junipero Serra, famous for the California missions, and they met for several days in March of 1776 at the San Gabriel Mission.

During his explorations, he was searching for a northern route to connect the missions in Sonora with the missions on the California coast. He worked closely with the Spaniards but his priority was always sharing the Catholic Faith with the native population. In fact, he was criticized by other Franciscans for "being almost an Indian" himself because he spent so much time with them and even enjoyed their foods.

Fr. Francisco Garces was the first European and the first Catholic priest to enter what is now Nevada, and he entered what is now Laughlin 250 years ago this year. He crossed the Colorado River on March 3, 1776, and was still here writing in his diary on March 4. There is a beautiful Nevada State Marker on Needles Highway near Big Bend State Park celebrating the event. And this event really gives Laughlin the right to be called the "birthplace and heart of the Catholic Faith in Nevada!" Yet another reason why we call this place "PARADISE."

By the way, Fr. Garces is credited with naming the Colorado River. He noticed the red silt in the water and he called it RIO COLORADO or RIVER COLORED RED. The name still stands!

But, I have to admit that Fr. Garces was wrong about one thing. According to his diary, he looked up from the river to the mesas above it and wrote something like: "There shall be a church there and it shall be named St. Peter's." What he really meant to say was: "There shall be a church there and it shall be named St. John the Baptist, and they shall also worship in a casino named Riverside right along this beautiful river."

Fr. Garces was martyred on July 18 or 19, 1781, at La Purissima Conception Mission near present-day Yuma, Arizona. We hope and pray that the Catholic Church will declare him to be a saint sometime in the future. When this happens, most likely July 19 will become his official feast day as a Catholic Saint.

REAL EXCERPTS FROM FATHER GARCES' DIARY:

"I proceeded three leagues of the course northwest with some turns to the west-northwest. I observed this locality and named it San Pedro do los Jamajabes, below are good mesas for the foundation of missions, and though they are near the river, they are free from inundation." (March 3, 1776).

"I departed, accompanied by three Jamajab Indians and by Sebastian on a course southwest and at two leagues and a half arrived at some wells which I named Posos de San Casimiro. There is some grass." (March 4, 1776).

Fr. Garces' favorite greeting was "VIVA JESUS!" which means "JESUS LIVES!"

The Garces Center in Laughlin, Nevada, is the first building in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas to be dedicated in his honor.

**July 18, 2026
through
July 26, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Phil & MaryAnne Verville
July 18 55th Anniversary**

6:00 p.m. Camila & tLaron Adams

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †James Santangelo

July 19 10:00 a.m. Seigworth Family

**12:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St
John the Baptist**

Monday 8:00 a.m. Soledad Cruz

July 20 Birthday Blessings

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. †Dan Lentz

July 21

Friday 8:00 a.m. †Fe Polizon

July 24

Saturday 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of SJB

July 25 6:00 p.m. Cheryl Bechard Birthday

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †Jlee LeFiles

July 26 10:00 a.m. Klein & Ashfeld Families

12:00 p.m. †Yvonne Fatheree

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Mi 6:1-4,6-8; Ps 50; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15,18-20;Ps85;Mt 12:46-50

Wed. Sg 3:1-4b; Ps 63;Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Thurs. Jer2:1-3,7-8,12-13;Ps36;Mt13:10-17

Friday Jer3:14-17;Jer31:10-13; Mt13:18-23

Saturday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28

**Sunday 1Kgs 3:5,7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52**

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 - Vin-
cent Kleszcz - James Konieczka - Jon & Yvonne Sut-
ton - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman -
Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers -
Brooklyn Mallett - Sue Wade - Joshua David Thye -
Lawrence Chavez - Mike Goolsby - Roel Sermonia - Cal-
vin Ramage - 314 ARS Beale AFB - Christopher Navar-
ro - Rich Wells - Kathy Comparetto - Cayden Sefton -
Omar Ledesma Belmonte - Irene Lopez Contreras -
Skip Rasmussen - Thomas Brophy - Maria Noriega -
Shelly Sparks - Kathy Sadler - Lucille Finn

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 vic-
timized 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.**