

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 20, 2025



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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: 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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the Lord (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalms - He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading - Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel - Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

WATCH YOUR POSTURE

Our posture is often a tip-off to our hospitality and reverence for the Lord. Note the actions of Abraham as he greeted the Lord in the presence of three men who appeared near his tent. He ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them. He bowed to the ground as he met them. He and Sarah, his wife, hastened to prepare a meal and bring food and water to their guests.

In the Gospel story, Jesus' friend Mary sat at his feet in order to listen to him speak.

How do we welcome and reverence the Lord? What do our actions show? Do we remember the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament? How do we welcome the Lord in the scripture readings? How do we acknowledge his presence in our brothers and sisters, both at Mass and afterwards?

Second Collection Schedule

July 19-20Seminary/Clergy Ed
 July 26-27CSA
 Aug. 2-3CSA
 Aug. 9-10Building Fund

THANK YOU

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Your support through the Ash Wednesday collection has truly brought the Gospel to life. Because of you, the hungry are fed, the stranger is welcomed, and the vulnerable are seen with dignity and compassion.

With blessings,

Sara Ramirez
 President & Chief Executive Officer
 Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

We're excited to share that across the Archdiocese, including St. John the Baptist, the collection on that day raised \$240,466.92!

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 4-7 Fr. Charlie out of town
 No daily Mass on Aug. 4 & 5

Aug. 15 Assumption of the BVM
 Masses at church: 8am/12pm/6pm

Aug. 18 Mass of Sending Forth
 6pm Holy Family CC, Las Vegas, NV

Aug. 23-24 Missionary from St. Patrick
 Fathers will preach at all weekend Masses

Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

Matthew 7:2

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

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

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

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

Website:

<https://soloist.ai/kofc12690>

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



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.), Father Garces volunteered and was sent to Santa Cruz College in Querataro.

He was assigned to San Xavier del Bac in Sonora, which is in 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 Father Junipero Serra, famous for the California missions, and the 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.

Father Francisco Garces was the first European and the first Catholic priest to enter what is now Nevada, and he entered what is now Laughlin 245 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 this 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, Father 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 Father 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." No worries, I know he really meant to say that!

Father 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:

"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 Sevastian 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).

Father Garces favorite greeting was "Viva Jesus!" which means "Jesus Lives!"

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

VIVA JESUS!

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.

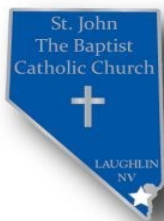


JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

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 13, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$5900.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 936.00
Building/Operating Fund	\$ 215.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00

*Special Collections that are sent To ADOLV

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending July 13, 2025

Saturday

4:00pm 148

6:00pm 96

Sunday

8:00am 162

10:00am 133

12:00pm 99

Total Attendance 638 (+59)

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)

Goal	Goal Pledged	Cash Received	Balance Due	#Participating Families
\$47,129.00	\$37,262.00	\$34,073.50	\$13,055.50	210

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 !!

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! Virgin, Flower of Carmel, Pray for us! Patroness of who wear the Scapular, Pray for us! St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, Pray for us! St. Joseph, Chaste Spouse of Mary, Pray for us! St. Joseph, Our Patron, Pray for us! O sweet Heart of Mary, Be our salvation!

Amen.

Notes from the Music Ministry****Selected Hymns for this weekend***

**(Subject to change)*

#789 Holy, Holy, Holy

#685 Here I Am, Lord

#670 They'll Know We Are

Christians by Our Love

**Mass Settings**

Glory to God - Mass of St. Ann

Holy, Holy, Holy - Mass of Creation

Lamb of God - Agnus Dei

**July 19, 2025
through
July 27, 2025**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday July 19	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Pixie McHugh Cheryl Berchard
Sunday July 20	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	†Antonio Lim All Catholic Priests of the Tri-State area All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Monday July 21	8:00 a.m.	†Earl Wardel Norton
Tuesday July 22	8:00 a.m.	Ron Resar
Friday July 25	8:00 a.m.	Victims of the North Rim fire
Saturday July 26	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB Cheryl Bechard Birthday
Sunday July 27	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	†Benjamin Ybanez, Sr. For all Grandparents †Tony Sedano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Ex 14:5-18 ; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Sg 3:1-4b; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wed.	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78; Mt 13:1-9
Thurs.	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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.