

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 26, 2026



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SEVENTEENTH 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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SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5,7-12).

Psalms - Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading - All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel - The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52).

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have the conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

Second Collection Schedule

July 25-26	CSA
July 25-26	Aid To Venezuela
Aug. 1-2	CSA
Aug. 8-9	Building Fund

AID TO VENEZUELA

"In the wake of the devastating earthquakes that have impacted Venezuela, causing significant loss of life and severe destruction, I offer the prayers and solidarity of the Church in the United States to our sisters and brothers affected by this tragedy.

"As rescue efforts are underway, I urge the international community to mobilize in support of the Venezuelan people, and to send the necessary humanitarian assistance to alleviate their suffering. Catholic Relief Services, the international relief agency of the Church in the United States, and its partner Caritas Venezuela, are already responding and assessing the needs at this early stage. We understand the U.S. government is readying an initial response and appreciate their partnership in responding to this natural disaster.

"Let us all join in prayer that Our Lady of Coromoto, patroness of Venezuela, will comfort and protect her children and that compassionate international assistance will arrive swiftly."

Bishop Zaidan

Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the USCCB

*St. John the Baptist will take up the
Special Collection of solidarity and assistance
"AID TO VENEZUELA"
this weekend July 25 & 26, 2026.*

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 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 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



See You in Church

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)

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)

#769 Sing Out Earth and Skies

#666 Here I Am, Lord

#705 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 ST. CHRISTOPHER

O Glorious St. Christopher
you inherited a beautiful name,
Christ-bearer,
as a result of the wonderful
legend that while carrying people
across a raging stream
you also carried the Child Jesus.
Teach us to be true-Christ-bearers
to those who do not know Him.
Protect all of us who travel
both near and far and petition Jesus
to remain with us always.
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 19, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 4493.00
2nd: Seminary & Clergy Edu*	\$ 764.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 75.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 50.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 103.00
Gift Shop	\$ 160.00
CSA*	\$ 8.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending July 19, 2026

Saturday	
<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>131</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>109</u>
Sunday	
<u>8:00am</u>	<u>137</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>86</u>

Total Attendance 631 (+14)

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 \$26,357.00 Goal Balance = \$22,911.00

#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 25, 2026
through
August 2, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday July 25 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
6:00 p.m. Cheryl Bechard Birthday Blessings

Sunday July 26 8:00 a.m. †Jlee LeFiles
10:00 a.m. Klein & Ashfeld Families
12:00 p.m. †Yvonne Fatheree

Monday July 27 8:00 a.m. †Tony Sedano

Tuesday July 28 8:00 a.m. †Alice Clemente

Friday July 31 8:00 a.m. †Bill & †Dianne Chaffe

Saturday Aug. 1 4:00 p.m. †Andy Anderson
6:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Sunday Aug. 2 8:00 a.m. †Andrew B. & †Rosa G. Moreno & Family
10:00 a.m. C.J. Good
12:00 p.m. †Pat Lowney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Jer 13:1-11; Deut 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43

Wed. Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 59; Jn 11:19-27

Thurs. Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rm 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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 - Jon & Yvonne Sutton - Nick & Hailie Hudson - Christopher Guzman - Jacob Rodriguez - Richard Beatty - Kathy Rogers - Brooklyn Mallett - Joshua David Thye - Lawrence Chavez - Mike Goolsby - Roel Sermonia - Calvin Ramage - 314 ARS Beale AFB - Christopher Navarro - Rich Wells - Cayden Sefton - Omar Ledesma Belmonte - Irene Lopez Contreras - Skip Rasmussen - Thomas Brophy - Maria Noriega - Shelly Sparks - Kathy Sadler - Lucille Finn - Blaine Arruda - Dana Bonsall

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.