

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026



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TWENTIETH 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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Thus says the Lord: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1,6-7).

Psalms - O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading - The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15),29-32).

Gospel - Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:22).

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone - not just the Chosen People - to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22). "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will.

Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situation and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

Second Collection Schedule

Aug. 15-16 Rural Parish Appeal
Aug. 22-23 CSA
Sept. 5-6 Building Fund

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Believe it or not, Christmas is less than 135 days away! And our little parish Gift Shop has been quietly, yet relentlessly, preparing for it by stockpiling awesome Christmas gifts and decorations. In fact, we have exhausted some of our storage spaces already!

So what is our solution? Each weekend we are going to bring out one or two Christmas items to give our parishioners and visitors a chance to Christmas shop early! We will do this at the Church and at the Riverside. Please consider buying something big or something heavy to help us clear some storage space.

By the way, we only have about 3 dozen of the USA 250th Anniversary Challenge Coins left after selling hundred. We will not be ordering any more when these are gone.

PERMANENT DIACONATE DISCERNMENT

Men between the ages of 30 and 55 (as well as their wives and families) who are discerning a possible call to serve the Church are invited to attend a Permanent Diaconate Discernment and information Session. These gatherings will offer an introduction to the ministry of the Deacon, the discernment process, formation expectations, and the needs of the growing Archdiocese of Las Vegas. These FINAL SESSIONS will all be at the central location of the Chancery and will be presented bilingually (August 22, 8:30-10:00 am; August 25, 6:30-8:00 pm; September 16, 6:30-8:00 pm). All are welcome to attend the session most convenient for them. To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and to register for one of the sessions, please visit lvcatholic.org/diaconate.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Laughlin, Nevada

We began as a Mission on August 15, 1992. We were elevated to a Parish on June 24, 2009.

Parish Administrators

Rev. John McShane August 1992-July 1996	Administrator #1 (4 Years)	Rev. Kevin McAuliffe August 1996-June 1997	Administrator #2 (11 Months)
Rev. Peter Romeo July 1997-June 1999	Administrator #3 (2 Years)	Rev. Ray Schultz July 1999-June 2001	Administrator #4 (2 Years)
Rev. Frank Yncierto July 2001-June 2008	Administrator #5 (7 Years)	Rev. Charles B. Urnick July 2008-Present	Administrator #6 (18 Years so far)

Other Mission/Parish Clergy

Rev. Joseph DiStefano 2002-February 11, 2017 (Death)	Assisting Clergy	Deacon Dan McHugh July 2004-Present	Parish Deacon
Deacon Richard Lambert February 2017-Present	Parish Deacon		

St. John the Baptist Catholic Mission was established on August 15, 1992, to meet the needs of the growing Catholic Community in Laughlin and the surrounding tri-state area. Over 500 signatures petitioned the Bishop of Reno to establish a Catholic Church here.

Father John McShane was sent as the first Administrator. The first Masses were celebrated in the Gold River Gambling Hall. Father John laid the foundation, purchased the rectory, and obtained the property on which the church would be built.

Father Kevin McAuliffe moved the weekend Mass to the Riverside Resort in 1996 at the invitation of Don and Betty Laughlin for whom the town is named.

Father Peter Romeo came in 1997, and Father Ray Schultz came in 1999. They both developed the Catholic community. In 2000, the Knights of Columbus Council 12690 was established.

Father Frank Yncierto came in 2001, and our church was dedicated on October 11, 2003, the first church ever to be built in Laughlin.

Father Charlie Urnick came in 2008. In June 2009, the church mortgage was paid off, and the Mission was elevated to the status of a Parish.

On October 10, 2021, the 6,500 square foot Garces Center was dedicated as the parish hall-the first building in the Diocese (now Archdiocese) of Las Vegas to be named in honor of Father Francisco Garces, the first European and the first Catholic priest to ever enter Nevada.

Over the years, we have been assisted by visiting priests, by Father Joe DiStefano, and by two permanent deacons - Deacon Dan McHugh and Deacon Richard Lambert.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish now serves the needs of more than 550 registered families, countless visitors to our Paradise throughout the year, and thousands of faithful snowbirds in the winter season.

As Bishop Daniel Walsh said at the first Mass in 1992, "In Laughlin, we want the community of faith to point out Jesus...The purpose of starting a church in a community is to help people who believe in Jesus keep their eyes on Jesus." For 34 years, we have kept our eyes on Jesus...and we will continue to do so.

Incidentally, on August 3, 2026, the Riverside marks its 60th Anniversary and St. John the Baptist church has been celebrating three of our weekend Masses in Don's Celebrity Theatre for 30 years. For half of its existence, the Riverside Resort and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church have been together almost every weekend.



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.

All are invited to attend for an enjoyable evening.

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!

The location for the September Social will be provided in the coming bulletins.

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.

Our Heart Rocks have been blessed by Father Charlie.

May GOD BLESS you and fill your hearts with PEACE,
LOVE and JOY!

Notes from the Music Ministry

**Selected Hymns for this weekend
(Subject to change)

#688 Shall We Gather at the River

#786 Christ Be Our Light

#811 Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above

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 THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

*O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of God and
Mother of humanity,
we believe with all the fervor
of our faith in your triumphal
Assumption, both body and
soul, into heaven, where you
are acclaimed as Queen by all
the choirs of angels and all the
legions of saints. And we
unite with them to praise and
bless the Lord who has exalted
you above all other pure
creatures, and to offer you the
tribute of our devotion and
our love.
Amen.*

-Pope Pius XII

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION
AUGUST****FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY**

Let us pray for that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

-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 August 9, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 5256.00
2nd: Building Operations Fund	\$ 1033.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 9.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 3.00
Gift Shop	\$ 465.00
ADOLV Elem School Tuition*	\$ 20.00
Assumption*	\$ 25.00
CSA*	\$ 105.00
Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 25.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance

Week Ending August 9, 2026

Saturday
4:00pm 133

6:00pm 84

Sunday
8:00am 119

10:00am 150

12:00pm 82

Total Attendance 568 (-53)

July Operating Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$708,989.46</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$4,209.00</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$4,209.00 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$19,358.11</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$19,358.11 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$14,867.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$14,867.00 +/-</u>

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$28,528.00 Goal Balance = \$20,740.00

#Participating Families
174

%Goal Received
58.0%

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.

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.

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 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.

****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026 - 2027****

(Classes are for registered parishioners and families of St. John the Baptist)

FIRST COMMUNION

1. A Baptismal Certificate is required for First Communion.
2. Children must be at least seven (7) years old.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION—In the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated for those high school students who are:

1. Members of our parish.
2. Actively attending Mass in our parish.
3. Who have been baptized and have received First Holy Communion.
4. Who attend and complete the required program of classes in preparation for the Sacrament.

BECOMING CATHOLIC—For those adults who:

1. Want to convert from another faith group and join the Catholic Church.
2. Have no religious affiliation at present and want to join the Catholic Church.
3. Who have been baptized as Catholics, but have never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

*****CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER.*****

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

**August 15, 2026
through
August 23, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday 4:00 p.m. Bob-Happy Birthday
Aug. 15 6:00 p.m. Declan Kontos Birthday

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †Dan Lentz
Aug. 16 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners of St
 John the Baptist
 12:00 p.m. †Betty Marx

Monday 8:00 a.m. Steve & Maria Schneider
Aug. 17

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. †Francisco Datu
Aug. 18

Friday 8:00 a.m. Cheyenne Good
Aug. 21

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Terri Hebbeler
Aug. 22 6:00 p.m. †Stephen & †Brian
 Johnson

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Jess Alcantar Birthday
Aug. 23 10:00 a.m. Baby Cailyn
 12:00 p.m. All Parishioners of SJB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Ez 24:15-23; Deut 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-8,30,35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wed. Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16

Thurs. Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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 - Armando David - 314 ARS Beale AFB - Christopher Navarro - Rich Wells - Omar Ledesma Belmonte - Irene Lopez Contreras - Skip Rasmussen - Thomas Brophy - Maria Noriega - Antonio Noriega - Armando Noriega - Shelly Sparks - Kathy Sadler - Lucille Finn - MaryAnn Coyle

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 September.

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.