

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, August 2, 2026



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EIGHTEENTH 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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm - The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading - Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35,37-39).

Gospel - All ate until satisfied; they collected 12 baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Two years ago Michon and her children had gotten their own apartment and left the safety of the women's shelter behind. Three weeks ago she brought the children back for the first time since they had left. They came for the feast celebrating the grand opening of the shelter's new addition. The feast had felt just like old times, only better with plenty of speeches, laughter, tears and hugs and more than enough food to go around. Michon was glad to be able to bring a big chicken salad to share. There had been plenty of meals when she had nothing to contribute. At the feast everyone commented on how happy Michon's children looked and how much they'd grown. Since then she had already returned to the shelter four times as a volunteer. A feast could be defined as a large gathering of people to share food and memories in celebration of a significant event or vision. Feasts have an amazing power to heal and nourish our spirits, to bind us together in love and motivate us to care for one another. The feasts in today's scriptures illustrate the miraculous physical and spiritual nourishment that takes place when we gather for the Eucharist to celebrate the memory and promise of "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

Second Collection Schedule

Aug. 1-2 CSA
 Aug. 8-9 Building Fund
 Aug. 15-16 Rural Parish Appeal

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Believe it or not, Christmas is less than 145 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, beginning August 1-2, 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.

ATTENTION PLEASE

There will be **NO DAILY MASSES** at St. John the Baptist on **MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th** and **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th**.

Father Charlie will be out of town.

Our weekend Mass schedule will not change.

Daily Masses will resume on Monday, August 10th.

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

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.

The next Social is scheduled for August 11th, at El Charros Mexican Restaurant in Bullhead City.

Cocktails at 4:30PM, dinner immediately following. Everyone will order directly off the menu.

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!

Thus says the Lord:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

-Isaiah 55:10-11

Notes from the Music Ministry

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

#606 You Are the Way

#547 Let Us Break Bread Together

#610 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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
STS. MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS**

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,
you befriended Jesus as your

Lord and God,
and as the Son of Man,
to Whom you opened
your home and lives.

Please pray for me,
that I will also open the home
of my soul so as to befriend Him

Who is my God and is
the Resurrection and the Life.
Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,
pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

**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 July 26, 2026

1st: Offertory	\$ 4295.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 899.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 135.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 100.00
Holy Water	\$ 114.00
Poor Box	\$ 118.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 3.00
Gift Shop	\$ 240.00
Peters Pence*	\$ 20.00
Seminary & Clergy Education*	\$ 195.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending July 26, 2026

Saturday	
4:00pm	146
6:00pm	105
Sunday	
8:00am	162
10:00am	157
12:00pm	152

Total Attendance 722 (+91)

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 \$26,368.00 Goal Balance = \$22,900.00

#Participating Families
174

%Goal Received
58.0%

LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST 3: Fr. Charlie out of town until August 8th. No Daily Masses at St. John the Baptist on August 3, 4 & 7.

AUGUST 7: BACK TO SCHOOL Health & Wellness Fair 12:30pm-3:30pm
"Meet Your Teacher", Booster Seats, Clark County Resources and more.
Laughlin Schools - 1900 Cougar Drive (702-298-0828)

AUGUST 8-9: Missionary Weekend at St. John the Baptist with Fr. Michael Madigan of the St. Patrick Fathers as our guest Missionary.

AUGUST 15-16: Archdiocesan Rural Parish Appeal for the Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

AUGUST 17: MASS OF SENDING FORTH - For seminarians of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. 6:00pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (130 N. Pecos Rd. in Henderson, NV 89074).

SEPTEMBER 7: LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 11-12: "CITY ON A HILL" 2026 Archdiocesan Conference, Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas. (lvatholic.org)

****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 1, 2026
through
August 9, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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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. and Family
	10:00 a.m.	C.J. Good
	12:00 p.m.	†Pat Lowney
Monday Aug. 3	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday Aug. 4	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday Aug. 7	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Saturday Aug. 8	4:00 p.m.	†Dan Lentz
	6:00 p.m.	†Odile Rivard
Sunday Aug. 9	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	10:00 a.m.	Seigworth Family
	12:00 p.m.	†Pixie McHugh

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102; Mt 14:22-36
Wed.	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:20, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thurs.	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 - 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 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.**