

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026



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TWENTY-FIRST 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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm - Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading - How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel - Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:13-20).

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great confession of faith in Christ as the Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the minds or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

Second Collection Schedule

Aug. 22-23 CSA
Sept. 5-6 Building Fund
Sept. 12-13 CSA

LADY OF KNOCK

(By Dana & D. Scallon)

There were people of all ages
Gathered round the gable wall
Poor and humble men and women
Little children that You called,
We are gathered here before You
And our hearts are just the same.
Filled with joy at such a vision
As we praise Your name.

CHORUS: Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland
All my cares and troubles cease.
As we kneel with love before you
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

Oh Your message was unspoken
But the truth in silence lies
So I gaze upon Your vision
And the truth I try to find.
Here I stand with John the teacher
And with Joseph at Your side.
And I see the Lamb of God
On the altar glorified.

CHORUS: Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland
All my cares and trouble cease.
As we kneel with love before you
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

BRIDGE: And the Lamb will conquer
And the woman clothed in the sun
Will shine her light on every one.
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OUR LADY OF KNOCK

In 2017, I was attending a magic convention in Liverpool, England. One of parishioners, Sally Carr, invited me to spend a few days with her in Ireland. I happily agreed and also made arrangements to spend a few days at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland. To me, this is one of the most beautiful apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I want to share the story with all of you.

After Mass, please take one of the specially designed prayer cards. They are unique to our little parish here in Laughlin.

-Fr. Charlie

On the evening of August 21, 1879, fifteen villagers in Knock, Ireland, witnessed a silent apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Evangelist, some angels, and the Lamb of God, on an altar with a cross.

On that rainy evening in Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, around 8:00 PM, Mary Byrne, Mary McLaughlin, and other villagers saw three life-size figures at the gable of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The figures were Our Lady in white with a crown, St. Joseph bowing slightly, and St. John the Evangelist holding a book and pointing toward heaven. In front of them was a plain altar with a cross and a lamb, surrounded by angels, all raised about two feet above the ground, yet the gable remained dry despite the rain. The vision lasted for nearly two hours, and witnesses ranged in age from 5 to 75 years old, including children and adults from the village and surrounding area.

Fifteen official witnesses gave detailed accounts to a Commission of Enquiry in October 1879. Among them, 11 year-old Patrick Hill provided one of the most vivid descriptions, noting the figures appeared alive and full-bodied, yet silent. The testimonies were judged trustworthy and the Catholic Church later recognized the apparition officially in 1979.

Although the figures spoke no words, the apparition conveyed rich biblical and liturgical symbolism. The Lamb on the altar represents Christ's sacrifice. The silent nature of the vision emphasized hope, divine comfort, and the Eucharistic presence, particularly meaningful to Irish Catholics recovering from the Great Famine and enduring economic problems in the 1800's.

The fifteen witnesses of the apparition were ordinary villagers, ranging in age from 5 to 75 years old. Among them were:

Mary Byrne, one of the most well-documented witnesses.

Patrick Hill, a young boy whose vivid testimony strengthened the case for Knock's authenticity.

Bridget Trench, who famously tried to touch the apparition, only to feel nothing but air.

Their consistent testimonies remained unchanged for decades, and none of them sought personal gain from the event. Most of the witnesses are buried in simple graves in the village of Knock.

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)

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'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.

The next "Social" will be September 8th at Orios Mexican Restaurant in Bullhead City.

You MUST RSVP by September 6th to Shawn Kilpatrick at 928-299-0202 or Shawn.Kilp@outlook.com if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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!

HEART ROCKS ARE ALWAYS FREE

Notes from the Music Ministry

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

#811 Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above
#Lady of Knock (page 2 of bulletin)
#746 Go Now in Peace

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.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve.*

*To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in
this valley of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us.*

*And after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of your womb, Jesus.*

*O clement, O loving,
O sweet, Virgin Mary.*

*Pray for us
O Holy Mother of God;
That we may be worthy of
the promises of Christ.*

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 August 16, 2026

Collections To The Church

1st: Offertory	\$ 4547.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 230.00
Christmas	\$ 130.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 50.00
St John's Guild	\$ 100.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 102.00
 Gift Shop	 \$ 292.00

*Special Collection For The Archdiocese

2nd: Rural parish Appeal*	\$ 1565.00
Assumption*	\$ 436.00
CSA*	\$ 28.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance

Week Ending August 16, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 136

6:00pm 90

Sunday

8:00am 130

10:00am 113

12:00pm 121

Total Attendance 593 (+25)

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 \$30,375.00 Goal Balance = \$18,893.00

#Participating Families
176

%Goal Received
62.0%

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER
Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 12690

The Knights of Columbus Council 12690 are hosting a Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner for all those who work and volunteer in ministry at St. John the Baptist church.

The dinner will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 PM in the Garces Center.

A big Thank You to all of those who do so much for our Parish in paradise!

Please email your RSVP to
Grand Knight Gabe Nunez at
Knights12690@gmail.com

K.O.C. PARISH PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus Council 12690 Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 PM.

The Knights will have the grill fired up for hot dogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings.

Look for the Pot-Luck Sign-Up Sheets at Mass soon.

Fun and great entertainment for us all!

****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 OCTOBER 4, 2026.*****

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

**August 22, 2026
through
August 30, 2026**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Terri Hebbeler
Aug. 22	6:00 p.m.	†Stephen and †Brian Hebbeler
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Jess Alcantar
Aug. 23		89th Birthday
	10:00 a.m.	Baby Cailyn
	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St John the Baptist
Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Maria Padilla
Aug. 24		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Esperanza Eilinger
Aug. 25		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Tim King
Aug. 28		
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St John the Baptist
Aug. 29	6:00 p.m.	†Tony Sedano
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Rose Guliana
Aug. 30	10:00 a.m.	†William McAuley
	12:00 p.m.	†Kay & Fred Moore

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26
Wed.	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs.	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE TO INSERT NAMES ON THIS PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeyer - 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 - 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.

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00AM in the Garces Center.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 1st.

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.**