

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025



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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: 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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FUNERAL COORDINATOR	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON	702.298.0440

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms - Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading - Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel - People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-20).

PROCLAIM GOD'S GLORY

A threefold message develops in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Usually suffering is part of the formation process. We are to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who imagine themselves saved are really not. The door of salvation has been closed in their faces despite their cries and pleas. On the other hand, some who are treated with contempt and disdain actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement on hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once caught your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people whom you imagine are not invited to God's kingdom? Why do you think so? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and you outside.

Second Collection Schedule

Aug. 23-24	Building Fund
Aug. 30-31	CSA
Sept. 6-7	Building Fund

WELCOME TO PARADISE FR. MIKE!

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN August 23rd & 24th

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is established in every diocese to organize support for the missions. Each year it brings to every parish, one of the groups working in the missions to speak about their particular work.

This year, the ST. PATRICK FATHERS, who work in Africa, South America & the Caribbean have been assigned to speak at our parish this weekend.

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (aka ST. PATRICK FATHERS) was formally established on March 17, 1932. There are now 238 priests in the Society and more than 83 students preparing for the priesthood in Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa.

Most of the people among whom they work are extremely poor, and there is no means of training their seminarians and supporting their priests in their work other than the donations they receive.

Fr. Michael Madigan was ordained in 1987 and has worked in various parts of Africa for the past 25 years. He is currently based in Chicago and will be our Mission Representative for this weekend.

www.stpatricksfathers.org

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions regarding an annulment or divorce, were you married outside the Catholic Church? This keeps you from receiving the Sacraments. We have answers! Don't wait any longer. It's not as complicated as you might think. Take the first step and ask Fr. Charlie, or any priest! Jesus is calling you...

Let's git-r-dun!

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:

lvatholic.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes for our registered parishioners, both children and adults, will begin in OCTOBER. For more information please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Charlie.

See You in Church

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.

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).



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.



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

Out with the OLD, In with the NEW! Gift Shop Inventory Sale

For the next several weeks, please check out our GIFT SHOP tables when you come to Mass at the Church or at the Riverside. Besides the Colorado River Holy Water and Father Charlie's books, each week we will feature some Gift Shop items from the past and some brand new items being added to our inventory. Check this sale out!

Notes from the Music Ministry

****Selected Hymns for this weekend***

**(Subject to change)*

#726 See Ye First

#739 You Are Near

#667 Song of Good News



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 VOCATIONS

O Lord of the harvest,
your Word finds a home in our
hearts,
call us to community,
and invites us to generous service
of the human family.
Bless with courage and spirit
your priestly people,
called to full participation
in the one Body of Christ.
May many choose to respond
in public service
to your call offered in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***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 August 17, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 4278.00
2nd: Rural Parish*	\$ 759.00
Assumption	\$ 1264.00
Building/Operating Fund	\$ 155.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 100.00
CSA*	\$ 28.00
Seminary Clergy Education*	\$ 10.00

*Special Collections for the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending August 17, 2025

Saturday

4:00pm 162

6:00pm 102

Sunday

8:00am 156

10:00am 98

12:00pm 101

Total Attendance 619 (-21)

Monthly Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$1,197,926.40</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$3,697.00</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$3,697.00 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$20,000.00 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$6,586.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$6,586.00 +/-</u>

2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal	Goal Pledged	Cash Received	Balance Due	#Participating Families
\$47,129.00	\$37,552.00	\$34,823.50	\$12,305.50	212

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 !!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING I ATE!

By Father Charlie

Some people paint pictures to relax. Other people cook or bake to relax. Still others watch TV or go to the movies to relax. And there are even those who go to the gym or go jogging to relax. I don't do any of those things. When I want to relax, I go to my home office and I write articles or even books. I have been this way for as long as I can remember...and that is a long, long time.

Since the beginning of Lent, I have been working on a new book. It is a collection of 30 dreams I have had over the years. Some are funny, some are educational, some are just weird! The title sums up where I think many of them have their origin. Those late night snacks will do it every time!

With the illustrations by Alex Gil, I have completed this collection of dreams. If you have ever wondered about what your priest dreams, here is your chance to find out. This is a fun book. There are no deep thoughts or powerful life lessons. Just some fun things to read and look at.

The actual publication date is September 8, but I was able to order some advance copies to arrive in time for the weekend of September 6-7 here at the parish. Each book is nearly 200 pages long, extra large print and bold drawings. Even the book size is really LARGE - 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

The price in the parish will be \$10.00 each. And to sweeten the pot, I will donate \$2.00 from each book sold in the parish during September and October to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. As you can see from the financials page this week, your generosity is helping us reach and maybe even surpass our guaranteed goal this year. This will be my way of helping.



**August 23, 2025
through
August 31, 2025**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday Aug. 23	4:00 p.m.	†Terri A. Hebbeler
	6:00 p.m.	†Tom Leonard
Sunday Aug. 24	8:00 a.m.	Kathy & Tom Skiba
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Monday Aug. 25	8:00 a.m.	†Bill and †David Jones
Tuesday Aug. 26	8:00 a.m.	Colleen Ross
Friday Aug. 29	8:00 a.m.	†Tim King
Saturday Aug. 30	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	6:00 p.m.	†William McAuley
Sunday Aug. 31	8:00 a.m.	Deisen Lauro Birthday
	10:00 a.m.	Jamie & Jenny Donnelly
	12:00 p.m.	†Thomas Patrick Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Th 1:1-5,8b-10; Ps 149; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Th 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mt 23:23-26
Wed.	1 Th 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs.	1 Th 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Th 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Th 4:9-11; Ps 98; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14

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 - Troy Fessler - Bill Corkey

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 NEUENS 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. *Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM in the Garces Center.*

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.