

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, September 14, 2025



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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalm - Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

Second Reading - Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

BEING LIFTED UP

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

Second Collection Schedule

Sept. 13-14 CSA
Sept. 20-21 Catholic School Tuition
Sept. 27-28 CSA

LESSONS LEARNED IN LIFE

"A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It is about being real, being humble, being strong and being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others. It is only then that we could have a full, happy and contented life."

Father Charlie

COLORADO RIVER FOOD BANK

The Colorado River Food Bank (CRFB) needs your help! Cuts in funding have caused a shortage in food supplies. CRFB is asking for financial support to purchase what is needed. This organization provides a fundamental service to our "river community". May God richly bless you for your continued generosity!

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!

BECOMING CATHOLIC - 2025

In the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, there is a program known as BECOMING CATHOLIC:

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

This program will begin in October and lead to completion at the Easter Vigil in 2026 (Saturday, April 4, 2026) for those candidates who are ready at that time.

It is presumed that the first steps should be to be actively attending Mass here at St. John the Baptist, to fill out a BECOMING CATHOLIC registration form, and to arrange a meeting with Father Charlie during the month of September to finalize arrangements.

There will be a general information meeting about BECOMING CATHOLIC in the Garces Center at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 14 for anyone wanting more information.

THE 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.

If you would like to be enrolled for this year's classes which will begin in October, please fill out the Religious Education form and bring it to the church office along with written proof of Baptism, and the fee of \$25.00 no later than September 22, 2025.

See You in Church



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.



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.

Registration forms are available at the church.

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).

Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM (AZ time).

Email: Knights12690@Gmail.com

Website:

<https://soloist.ai/kofc12690>

MIRACLES NEVER ENDING

Do you believe in miracles? Have you witnessed a miracle? Are you in need of a miracle?

Please join us at St. John the Baptist here in Laughlin on Saturday, November 8, 2025 and experience God's abundant blessings, mercy, and grace poured out and see for yourself that promises made by the Lord are promises kept by the Lord.

World renown Catholic Charismatic Healing Evangelist Robert "Brother Bob" Canton will be with us to conduct this Charismatic Healing Rally. Rosary starts at 9:00 AM and the Healing Rally starts at 9:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be Catholic or baptized. Jesus is calling!

*Ask and it shall be given,
Seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened...
(Matthew 7:7)*

(More information in the coming weeks or speak with Sheila in the parish office)

Notes from the Music Ministry

**Selected Hymns for this weekend*

**(Subject to change)*

#672 Lift High the Cross

#662 We Acclaim the Cross

#664 Near the Cross



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. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well.

"ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THY DIVINE SON, JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, FOR SINNERS EVERYWHERE, FOR SINNERS IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, THOSE IN MY OWN HOME AND WITHIN MY FAMILY. AMEN."

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 September 07, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 6052.00
2nd: Building/Operations Fund	\$ 1231.00
Garces Center Mortgage	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Saint Johns Guild	\$ 35.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 24.00
Gift Shop	\$ 270.00
CSA*	\$ 90.00
AOLV Retired Priests*	\$ 25.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending September 07, 2025

Saturday

4:00pm 165

6:00pm 91

Sunday

8:00am 152

10:00am 162

12:00pm 94

Total Attendance 664 (+55)

Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	<u>\$1,179,959.99</u>
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	<u>\$3,697.00</u>	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	<u>\$7,394.00 +/-</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$24,252.00</u>	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$44,252.00 +/-</u>
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	<u>\$7,600.00</u>	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	<u>\$14,186.00 +/-</u>

2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) #s as of last week

Goal = \$47,129.00

Goal Pledged	Funds Received	%Goal Received	Balance Due	#Participating Families
\$42,076.00	\$39,747.50	84%	\$7,381.50	215

Only 4 months left in 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.

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 !!

ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis was canonized as a Saint on Sunday, September 7, 2025. He is the first Millennial to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

He was born in 1991 and died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15.

He is known for his great devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Known for his deep faith and computer skills, he used his computer skills to draw attention to Eucharistic miracles around the world. His miracles exhibit, featuring more than 100 documented miracles involving the Holy Eucharist throughout history, has since traveled to thousands of parishes across five continents.

Born in London in 1991 and raised in Milan, Carlo Acutis attended daily Mass from a young age and was passionate about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Shortly after his first Communion at the age of 7, Carlo told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan."

Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," and he did all in his power to make the real presence known. His witness inspired his parents to return to practicing the Catholic faith and his Hindu au pair to convert and be baptized.

Many of Carlo's classmates, friends, and family members testified to the Vatican how he brought them closer to God. He is remembered for saying, "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints."

Shortly before his death, Acutis offered his suffering from cancer "for the pope and for the Church" and expressed a desire to go "straight to heaven."

Known as a cheerful and kind child with a love for animals, video games, and technology, Carlo Acutis' life has inspired documentaries, digital evangelization projects, and the founding of schools in his name. His legacy continues to resonate strongly with a new generation of Catholics.

**September 13, 2025
through
September 21, 2025**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday Sept. 13	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Christopher Walsh Normand Rivard
Sunday Sept. 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St John the Baptist †Anthony Espeleta Seigworth Family
Monday Sept. 15	8:00 a.m.	†Bob & †Marianne Blank
Tuesday Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	†Jose Rolando Rubi
Friday Sept. 19	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Engroff
Saturday Sept. 20	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Ana & Francisco Roberto Cheryl & Jack Bechard
Sunday Sept. 21	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Carol Helge All Parishioners of SJB †Thomas Patrick Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28; Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday	1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7:11-17
Wed.	1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35
Thurs.	1 Tim 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tim 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1Tim 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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 PARISH 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 - Edna Flores - Kim Wickenheisser

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 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, ***9:00AM** in the Garces Center.

***Please note the new time.**

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.