

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026



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TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 - The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm - The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading - God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel - the kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of his idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put...to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

Second Collection Schedule

Oct. 3-4 Building Fund
Oct. 10-11 CSA
Oct. 17-18 World Mission Sunday

A NEVADA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ADVISORY

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 6!

In NEVADA'S November 2026 general election, there is an abortion ballot initiative that proposes to **RADICALLY EXPAND AND ENSHRINE ABORTION INTO OUR NEVADA CONSTITUTION.**

The Nevada Catholic Conference opposes this constitutional amendment and the ballot initiative seeking to permanently place the right to abortion in our state constitution. We urge you to vote NO on this dangerous initiative that threatens the dignity, safety and rights of women, children, and families for many reasons; among them:

IT DANGEROUSLY EXPANDS ABORTION RIGHTS.

Abortion, already legal in Nevada up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, **WOULD NOW BE PERMITTED TO THE 9th MONTH OF PREGNANCY, TO FULL TERM.**

IT RATIFIES REMOVAL OF PARENTAL NOTIFICATION and family involvement from abortion decisions made by minor children. Parental consent is required to give a student a Tylenol; yet this initiative **WOULD ALLOW A MINOR TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION WITHOUT A PARENT EVEN KNOWING.**

IT IS DANGEROUS FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS. Question 6 **WOULD REPLACE THE 'LICENSED PHYSICIAN' requirement for abortion WITH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER,** a term that includes nurses, dentists, opticians, and medical laboratory technicians (NRS439A.0195) AND severely threatens the state's ability to regulate abortion clinics for basic health, safety, and sanitary conditions.

For these and many other reasons,
the Nevada Catholic Conference urges all

Vote NO on Question 6!

NEVADA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC POLICY VOICE OF
THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
Learn more on this and other initiatives at:
www.NevadaCatholic.org

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Feast Day - October 4

Patron Saint of Animals, Ecology, Merchants, Environment

Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1181 or 1182. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he enjoyed an easy life. He was very well liked by everyone and considered a leader among his peers. Francis longed to be a knight so when Assisi and Perugia went to war, he joined the fight. Captured and imprisoned for a year, Francis was ransomed only to resume his old ways. He longed for glory but on the way to his next battle, dressed in fine armor, he had a dream in which God told him to return home to Assisi.

Francis turned to God in prayer and solitude to discover his calling. Kneeling below the crucifix in San Damiano Church, he heard God tell him, "Francis, repair my church." Of course, Francis thought God meant the church where he was kneeling so he immediately went out and sold some of his father's fabric to get money for the repairs. Furious, his father demanded his money back. Francis returned the money, denounced his inheritance and stripped himself of the clothes on his back. Begging for stones, he rebuilt San Damiano and two other deserted Chapels, St. Peter's and St. Mary of the Angels. Francis took the Gospel message literally, gave away all he had, served the poor, took nothing for the journey and as others joined him, went out two by two to preach penance, brotherly love and peace.

He and his followers went to Rome to have their order approved by Pope Innocent III. Francis was made a deacon so he could read the Gospels in Church. A few years later, a young girl, Clare, heard him preach and together with her sister Agnes, joined Francis to form an order for women known today as the Poor Clares. Francis was known for his love of all of God's creation. As his order grew, he allowed others to take over leadership and he retreated to the mountainside in solitude. There, amongst nature and in poverty, he received the stigmata, the five wounds of Christ. Two years later, in 1226, Francis died.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

3:00 PM

Bring your animals, great & small, to the church courtyard where Fr. Charlie and Deacon Richard will bless them with Holy Water at 3:00 PM. For everyone's safety, please have your animals on a leash or in a carrier. Invite your neighbor!

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Every Catholic should be familiar with this powerful prayer. It is interesting to note that the Rosary was actually given in a vision NOT to a child, not to a GRANDMOTHER, but to a MAN. This has always been seen as a most powerful prayer, a real part of Spiritual Warfare.

Wednesday, October 7, is the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. It was originally called the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, marking the day in 1571 when the forces of Catholic Europe defeated the Muslim invaders in a very decisive naval victory in the Battle of Lepanto saving Christian Europe and Western Civilization. The victory was attributed to the prayerful power of the Rosary.

Please check our Gift Shop tables at Church and at the Riverside for a wide variety of Rosaries ranging from \$1.00 to \$20.00



See You in Church

K.O.C. PARISH PICNIC

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

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

Pot-Luck Sign-Up Sheets are now available at each Mass.

Great Food, Fun, Fellowship and Entertainment for us all!

TEE TIME

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held October 31st at El Rio Golf Club in Mohave Valley. More info next week.

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)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S

Online Masses and Social Media locations

Website: Laughlin Catholic

<https://www.laughlincatholic.com>

YouTube: SJBCatholic 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 October 13th, at El Rio Country and Golf Club (1 Paseo El Rio, Mohave Valley, AZ). Cocktails at 4:30PM, dinner around 5:00PM. Fun Halloween theme.

You MUST RSVP to Shawn Kilpatrick at 928-299-0202 or Shawn.Kilp@outlook.com by October 11th 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

A sincere THANK-YOU to everyone who has helped in this ministry. It takes all of us!

We are in need of Artists, Donations of Supplies, and Sponsors to help cover costs. We have distributed over 2,000 Heart Rocks already! GOD IS ON THE MOVE...

Notes from the Music Ministry

**Selected Hymns for this weekend*

**(Subject to change)*

#733 Prayer of Saint Francis

#573 One Bread, One Body

#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.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord,

*make me an instrument
of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, your pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

O Divine Master,

*grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console;*

*to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying
that we are born to
eternal life.*

Amen.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**OCTOBER****FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. -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 September 27, 2026

Offerings To The Church

1st: Offertory	\$ 5195.00
2nd: Building Operations Fund	\$ 1245.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 5.00
Gift Shop	\$ 363.00

*Special Collections For The Archdiocese

ADOLV Elem School Tuition*	\$ 29.00
CSA*	\$ 25.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending September 27, 2026

Saturday

4:00pm 219 +78

6:00pm 106 +18

Sunday

8:00am 135 -15

10:00am 166 +37

12:00pm 65 -19

Total Attendance 721 (+99)

August Operating Financials

Offerings & Deposits:	\$ 31,485.25
Operating Expenses:	\$ 42,268.49
Profit / Loss:	\$ -10,783.24

Garces Center Mortgage Fund

Monthly Mortgage:	\$ 12,000.00
Amount Collected This Month:	\$ 250.00
Amount Collected Last Month:	\$ 750.00

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Goal = \$49,268.00 Funds Received \$30,635.00 Goal Balance = \$18,633.00

#Participating Families
176

%Goal Received
62.0%

SOME BEAUTIFUL & THOUGHTFUL QUTATIONS BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

"Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words."

"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

"For it is in giving that we receive."

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given."

"I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can work through anyone."

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

"Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self."

"Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society."

"Nor did demons crucify Him; it is you who have crucified Him and crucify Him still, when you delight in your vices and sins."

"We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer."

"He who works with his hands is a laborer.

He who works with his hands and head is a craftsman.

He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist."



October 3, 2026
through
October 11, 2026

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners of St
Oct. 3 John the Baptist
6:00 p.m. †Steve & Sharon Fortier

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †Andrew B. & †Rosa G.
Oct. 4 Moreno & Family
10:00 a.m. †Dan Lentz
12:00 p.m. †Gloria and †George Smith

Monday 8:00 a.m. †Elsie McAuley
Oct. 5

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. †Brian and †Stephen
Oct. 6 Johnson

Friday 8:00 a.m. †David Bryan
Oct. 9

Saturday 4:00 p.m. †Michael Lepper
Oct. 10 6:00 p.m. All Parishioners of SJB

Sunday 8:00 a.m. †Robert Mooney
Oct. 11 10:00 a.m. Matthew Nguyen
12:00 p.m. †Robert Tague

*The fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace...*

Galatians 5:22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139; Lk 10:38-42
Wed. Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 117; Lk 11:1-4
Thurs. Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14,19-20;
Mt 22:1-14

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 - 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 - Christopher Na-
varro - Rich Wells - Omar Ledesma Belmonte - Irene
Lopez Contreras - Thomas Brophy - Maria Noriega -
Antonio Noriega - Armando Noriega - Shelly Sparks -
Kathy Sadler - Lucille Finn - Aubrey Goss - Clay John-
son - Mary Herrera - Bill Franz - Debra & Kevin Crook

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 October 6th.

PROMISE TO PROTECT & PLEDGE TO HEAL

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available
to help you or anyone who has been abused or vic-
timized 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.