

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, November 16, 2025



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THIRTY-THIRD 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.

Holy Day Masses: Please refer to St. John's Bulletin

Baptisms: *Registered and active parishioners* should contact the priest at least one month in advance to make the arrangements.

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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm - The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading - Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel - Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

GOD'S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God's healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That's a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It's the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

Second Collection Schedule

Nov. 15-16	CC Human Development
Nov. 22-23	Building Fund
Nov. 29-30	Building Fund

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day

8am Mass - Office Closed

Dec. 4 - LuAnn's Christmas Recital

4:30pm in the Garces Center

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception

8am - 12pm - 6pm at the church

Dec. 12 - Parish Christmas Party

See page 7 for more info

WORD & SONG BOOKS

The new Word & Song Missal/Hymnals have arrived and may be purchased for \$5.00 each at the parish office or our gift shop at the Riverside Masses.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Party on December 12th in the Starview Room at the Riverside Resort. \$30 per ticket or \$300 for a table of 10.

Excerpts from "A Guide to Confession"

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), we encounter Jesus Christ, who after rising from the dead breathed the Holy Spirit on his Apostles—the first priests—and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name (Jn 20:23). The Heart of Christ burns with love for us and he wants us to experience his immense and unfathomable mercy by confessing our sins and receiving his forgiveness. This Sacrament gives us the consolation of God's pardon and strengthens our relationship with Christ and his Church.

Recognizing Sin and Growing in Holiness: As followers of Jesus, we need to examine our lives and recognize our sinful thoughts, words, deeds, and omissions so that we can bring them to God for forgiveness. Such an examination of conscience should be done regularly, always with trust in God's mercy and love and in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We all sin, but we do not all acknowledge our sins. It takes honesty and courage to reflect upon our refusals of God's grace and our rejections of his law of love. Contemporary society is often blind to the reality of sin and sometimes even presents sinful behaviors or lifestyles as positive goods to be sought and desired. In his encyclical Reconciliation and Penance (1984), Pope John Paul II suggests that defining sin of modern times is the "loss of sense of sin" and reminds us of St. John's warning: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8).

Sin is the deliberate violation of God's law. Although sin promises illusory goods or happiness, it results in harm to the sinner, who is always the primary victim of sin. The Church teaches that there are two kinds of sin: mortal and venial. Mortal sin is a deliberate and free choice of something known to be seriously wrong that destroys our friendship with God and separates us from him (cf. 1 Jn 5:16-17). All of the following three conditions must be met for a sin to be mortal: (1) it must be something serious; (2) it must be done with sufficient knowledge of its gravity; and (3) it must be done with sufficient freedom of will. Venial sin is a minor offense against God's law that hurts our relationship with God but does not destroy it.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the ordinary way to have our sins forgiven. It is an encounter with the mercy of the living God, who meets us where we are in our weakness and our sins, and it powerfully deepens our psychological and spiritual growth. The source of many graces, it should be celebrated regularly and whenever the need is felt. Monthly confession is a healthy and effective means of growing closer to God and leading a balanced, Christ-centered lifestyle.

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.



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>

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

-Ephesians 6:10-17

Notes from the Music Ministry

***Selected Hymns for this weekend**

(Subject to change)

#781 Sing a New Song

#739 You Are Near

#670 They'll Know We Are Christians



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 THE ARCHANGELS

Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us.

Holy angels, pray for us.

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 November 09, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 6512.00
2nd: AOLV for Military Svcs	\$ 1120.00
Building/Operations Fund	\$ 830.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
St John's Guild	\$ 25.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 3.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 551.00
CSA*	\$ 35.00
AOLV Retired Priests Collection	\$ 25.00

*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending November 09, 2025

Saturday

<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>181</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>123</u>

Sunday

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>181</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>188</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>94</u>

Total Attendance 767 (+25)

Last Months Expenses

<u>Garces Center Mortgage</u>	\$12,000.00	<u>Remaining Balance</u>	\$1,165,777.17
<u>ADOLV Monthly Assessment</u>	\$3,697.00	<u>Assessment YTD</u>	\$14,788.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$25,040.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$96,659.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$7,809.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$31,784.00 +/-

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

Goal = \$47,129.00 Funds Received \$44,548.50 Goal Balance = \$2,580.50

#Participating Families	Parishioner Pledges	%Goal Received
215	\$45,847.00	95%

Only 2 months left in the Archdiocese Annual CSA campaign. And with your help 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 !!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12, 2025

Starview Room at the Riverside Resort

Our Theme for this year is:

"CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY"

Table of 10 - \$300.00

Individual Ticket - \$30.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 15th

1. A Christmas Carol	26. The Art of War
2. A Tale of Two Cities	27. The Bible
3. Adventures in Paradise	28. The Cat in the Hat
4. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	29. The Count of Monte Cristo
5. Animal Farm	30. The French Chef
6. Brave New World	31. The Great Gatsby
7. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	32. The Hitchhiker's Guide
8. Conversations with God	33. The Hunchback of Notre Dame
9. Dracula	34. The Hunt for Red October
10. Fahrenheit	35. The Joy of Cooking
11. Frankenstein	36. The Little Prince
12. Gone with the Wind	37. The Lord of the Rings
13. Gulliver's Travels	38. The Martian Chronicles
14. Harry Potter	39. The Red Badge of Courage
15. How the Grinch Stole Christmas	40. The Scarlet Letter
16. Interview with a Vampire	41. The Screwtape Letters
17. Jonathan Livingston Seagull	42. The Shack
18. Mere Christianity	43. The Three Musketeers
19. Nineteen Eighty-Four	44. The War of the Worlds
20. Peter Pan	45. The Wizard of Oz
21. Pinocchio	46. Thomas the Tank Engine
22. Robinson Crusoe	47. Timmy and the Christmas Owl
23. Sherlock Holmes	48. Treasure Island
24. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	49. War and Peace
25. The Art of the Deal	50. Where's Waldo

Get your group of 10 together and choose your table.

November 15, 2025
through
November 23, 2025

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Saturday Nov. 15	4:00 p.m.	tVal Petersen
	6:00 p.m.	tTim Flatten
Sunday Nov. 16	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Cochran
	12:00 p.m.	Seigworth Family
Monday Nov. 17	8:00 a.m.	tCatalina Troche
Tuesday Nov. 18	8:00 a.m.	Michael & Meghan Doherty
Friday Nov. 21	8:00 a.m.	Robin McCormack
Saturday Nov. 22	4:00 p.m.	Sheila Patton Birthday
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Townsend
Sunday Nov. 23	8:00 a.m.	tRJ Bucsko
	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	12:00 p.m.	tThomas Patrick Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
Wed.	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28
Thurs.	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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!

Bernie Thompson - Jim Lachermeier - Lawrence Cruz - Walter Wiegand - Pamela Benda - Regina Ramage - Deborah Collins - Alli Kvasnicka - Jenon Johnson - Judy Moran - John Vertucci Jr - 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 - Bryan Rivard - Angela Hoover - Kathleen Sperando - Nicole Hurner - Mary Baker - Gail Licata - Valerie Boyd - Whitney Reimand - Edna Mananggit - Greg Feyen - Eric Hoss - Deborah Crook - William Bryan - Paul Kleszcz - John Vertucci, Jr. - Heather Marasco - Mike Atwell

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.

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.**

***Please note the new time.**

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.