

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**



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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### 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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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading - Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel - Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

### OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be - a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

## Second Collection Schedule

Nov. 22-23 . . . . .	Building Fund
Nov. 29-30 . . . . .	Building Fund
Dec. 6-7 . . . . .	CSA

## LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day  
8am Mass - Office Closed

Nov. 30 - Season of Advent begins

Dec. 4 - LuAnn's Christmas Recital  
4:30pm in the Garces Center

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception  
8am - 12pm - 6pm Masses 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.

## THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and - Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and of the favor, able interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

We invite you to join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2025, at 8:00 AM (Nevada Time) at the church as we thank God for all His blessings on us and on our great American nation.

Cash donations on Thanksgiving Day will be accepted for the Colorado River Food Bank here in Laughlin.

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to combat the disturbing growth of secular as well as atheistic thinking around the world. Many rulers and elites in various countries had fallen dangerously prey to the notion that mankind could manage just fine without God.

They sought to relegate our Creator to an insignificant role in public life or to no role at all.

When we kick God out of our lives our world becomes more turbulent and dangerous, not less, as we wind up worshipping the false gods of money, power, and fame instead. As St. James said in his New Testament letter "where there is envy and contentiousness there is instability and every wicked deed" (James 3:16).

Pope Pius XI pointed out in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, in which he established the feast of Christ the King, that our Lord is the author of happiness. He wrote, "Oh what happiness would be Ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!"

Indeed, imagine how much less strife would we see in this world if we all made a better effort to follow His law of Love established in the Ten Commandments!

(Excerpts from Our Catholic Prayers)

## 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>

## 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.



## Notes from the Music Ministry

### \*Selected Hymns for this weekend

\*(Subject to change)

**#629 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**#642 Lord of the Dance**

**#638 To Jesus Christ Our Sov. King**



## 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 CHRIST THE KING**

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe.

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	\$ 6536.00
2nd: Human Development*	\$ 900.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 60.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 105.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 393.00
CSA*	\$ 23.00

\*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending November 09, 2025

### Saturday

<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>147</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>115</u>

### Sunday

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>197</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>116</u>

**Total Attendance 743 (+01)**

## 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 \$45,763.50      Goal Balance = \$1,365.50**

<b>#Participating Families</b>	<b>Parishioner Pledges</b>	<b>%Goal Received</b>
<b>216</b>	<b>\$46,847.00</b>	<b>97%</b>

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.

*See You in Church*



November 22, 2025  
through  
November 30, 2025

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**

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Saturday Nov. 22	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sheila Patton Mary Townsend
Sunday Nov. 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	tRJ Bucsko All Parishioner of St. John the Baptist
	12:00 p.m.	tThomas Patrick Anderson
Monday Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.	tStephen & tBrian Johnson
Tuesday Nov. 25	8:00 a.m.	tMaria Arcelia Aceves
Thursday Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING DAY	
	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Friday Nov. 28	8:00 a.m.	All Priests & Deacons of the tri-state area
Saturday Nov. 29	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	tShiela Walsh Sharon Flatten
Sunday Nov. 30	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	tRudy Javorka & tFrantisek Stembara All Parishioners of SJB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed.	Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thurs.	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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 - 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 - 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.