

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, November 30, 2025



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

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

Second Reading - It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel - Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Second Collection Schedule

Nov. 29-30	Building Fund
Dec. 6-7	CSA
Dec. 13-14	Retirement for Religious

LOOKING AHEAD

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)

Dec. 13 & 14 - All Weekend Masses
at the church
(See page 3 for more info)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets are 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.

**THIS IS THE FINAL
WEEKEND FOR TICKETS
SALES!**

"This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us be glad and rejoice in it!"

Psalm 118:24

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend we begin the annual period of waiting for Christmas known as Advent. For the next four Sundays, we will move ourselves spiritually closer to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th. Advent is a time of preparation and a time of expectation. Day by day, week by week, the intensity builds as we count off the days until Christmas Day.

Most of us don't like to be kept waiting, and most of us need to learn that waiting for Christmas can be a very productive time in our spiritual lives. As we wait, as we pray, as we gather for Mass each Sunday, we are building up the longing, the expectation, the anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ. This is not something that can be turned on like a light switch, this is something that has to build up within us and overwhelm us with its power and strength and beauty.

Remember the wonderful old saying that "Jesus is the Reason for the season!" Don't let yourselves be sidetracked by a culture that sees these coming weeks as merely a shopping frenzy for some politically correct "winter holiday." We are preparing ourselves for Christmas, the annual celebration of the birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Happy Holidays" or "Season's Greetings" is not a substitute for "Merry Christmas." Advent is a time to remind ourselves and our world exactly WHO and what we are preparing to celebrate on December 25th. Think about what you and your family can do so that on Christmas Day you and your neighbors will know WHO you are celebrating.

Have a great Advent!

YES, LORD

Yes to Love of God. How am I loving and serving God? Where could I do better? Am I seeking his presence through daily prayer: Am I learning to listen to him in his word? Have I sought him through faithful Mass attendance?

Do my words and actions say, "Yes, Lord"? Have I used my gift of speech in a way that honors God and builds up his people? Is there anything that needs cleaning up-foul language, gossip, complaining, verbal abuse?

Is Jesus the Lord of my time, money, and other resources? Have I been using these gifts to build his kingdom? Has desire or anxiety over money or possessions affected my decisions and distracted me from God? Can I honestly say I trust God with every part of my life?

ASK MARY FOR HER HELP:

"Holy Mary, help me to surrender my whole life to God with confidence in his love. May my life reflect your total gift of self: Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

-Excerpts from "the WORD among us" Advent 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DECEMBER 13th & 14th

ALL MASSES will be at St. John's Church the weekend of December 13th & 14th due to the Nutcracker Ballet at the Riverside Resort.

Please join us in the Garces Center after each Mass as the Ladies Guild will provide some Christmas cheer with a variety of goodies for all of us to enjoy.

CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

Thursday, December 4, 2025

4:30 PM NV Time

5:30 PM AZ Time

Garces Center

LuAnn (our Music Director) is pleased to invite you to a Christmas piano recital featuring talented young musicians ages 5 -15. Please come to support my students and enjoy their artistic Christmas performances. The show is brief but very entertaining with selections like "O Holy Night," "Star Wars," "Silent Night," and "Jingle Bells," to name a few.

There will be plenty of Christmas goodies as well.

An evening of fun you don't want to miss!



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.

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)

#418 Awake, Greet the New Morn

#422 People Look East

#423 Proclaim the Joyful Message



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.

ADVENT PRAYER

By Henri Nouwen

Although Advent is supposed to be a time of deep reflection, joy, and preparation for Christmas, it can also be a time of busyness, stress, and a never ending to-do list. But prayer has a way of helping us see what matters most...and what doesn't matter much at all. Next time you're feeling overwhelmed, take a moment to pray the following prayer.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

-Dynamic Catholic

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.

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

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKEND FOR TICKET SALES!!!

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 29, 2025
through
December 7, 2025

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

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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 and tFrantisek Stembera All Souls in Purgatory All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Monday Dec. 1	8:00 a.m.	Fr. John McShane
Tuesday Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	Bryan Rivard Birthday Blessings
First Friday Dec. 5	8:00 a.m.	tCharles B. Urnick, Sr.
Saturday Dec. 6	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB tTim Flatten
Sunday Dec. 7	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Erich Koetter & his sister tBill Hutchinson All Priests & Deacons of the tri-state area

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24
Wed.	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs.	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35- 10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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 -
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Judy Moran - John Vertucci Jr - Tom Stoks - Sarah
Graham - Adde Lemke - Judy Pratt - Susan Pfingstler -
Paul Stevens - Jim Lynch - Mike Diaz - 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 - Valerie Boyd -
Whitney Reimand - Edna Mananggit - Greg Feyen -
Eric Hoss - Deborah Crook - William Bryan - Heather Marasco -
Mike Atwell - Bob Hannahs

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.