

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025



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SECOND 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.

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm - Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel - Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

THE LONG - AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

Second Collection Schedule

Dec. 6-7	CSA
Dec. 13-14	Retirement for Religious
Dec. 20-21	Retired Priests

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.

See page 3 for more information.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th - Wednesday

4:00 PM Mass

(Riverside Resort)

6:00 PM Mass

(St. John the Baptist Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th - Thursday

8:00 AM Mass

(St. John the Baptist Church)

10:00 AM Mass

(Riverside Resort)

12:00 Noon Mass

(Riverside Resort)

Monday, December 8, 2025

Holyday of Obligation

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

All Masses at the Church

8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM

The Immaculate Conception celebrates that Mary was conceived by her mother and father without any mark of original sin. Under this title, she was chosen by the American Bishops to be the Patroness of the United States of America. That is why this feast day is a HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION in our country but not in many other countries. See you in church with us on Monday, December 8, 2025.

NEXT WEEKEND

December 13-14, 2025

ALL MASSES AT THE CHURCH

NO MASSES AT THE RIVERSIDE

On this weekend, the ladies of the St. John's Guild will be serving refreshments in the Garces Center AFTER EACH MASS! There will be Christmas music and fun with DJ Darren! Bring the whole family. Please make a monetary donation at these gatherings for the COLORADO RIVER FOOD BANK which does so much good in our Tri-State area.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

We have plenty of patriotic items in preparation for the 250th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. They would make great Christmas gifts.

250th Caps - \$10.00 Each

250th Anniversary Coins - \$5.00 Each

We have a variety of metal signs (8"x12") with thoughtful or humorous sayings on them for \$5.00 Each.

We have beautiful and thoughtful religious gifts for friends and family.

Real Gemstone Rosaries - \$12.00 Each

Rosaries in a Bottle - \$2.00 Each

St. Christopher Visor Clips - \$5.00 Each

Mt. Carmel Scapulars - \$4.00 Each

Beautiful Cross pendants - \$5.00 Each

And for your gift-wrapping, we have sturdy gift bags for \$1.00 each in two styles:

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Stunning Celebration

And as a shameless self-promotion, but still a lot of fun, Father Charlie's new book "IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING I ATE" comes with a pack of crayons for only \$10.00 and makes a great gift. Also, "TIMMY AND THE CHRISTMAS OWL" is available for \$7.00 each.

And, of course, Sheila and LuAnn have CD's from our music ministry here in Laughlin "CHRISTMAS IN PARADISE" - for \$10.00 each.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our 25th year anniversary celebration continues!

The Knights will be hosting a recruitment drive at all Masses on December 13th & 14th. Knights will be on hand with information and the ability to sign you up on the spot. Our Council is widely recognized throughout the State as being very active in our charitable activities. At our last recruitment drive, we were blessed with 15 men who answered the call to help defend families, protection for the unborn and helping those with mental disabilities right here in the Colorado River Valley.

If you have ever considered putting your faith into action, join us and become a Knight of Columbus. You must be a practicing Catholic man and at least 18 years of age to join.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VIVA JESUS!

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>

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.

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)

#409 On Jordan's Bank

#416 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#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 PRAYERS**MORNING PRAYER**

As the sun rises this morning,
May the light of your Son Jesus
Shine on me, God of love and mercy.
As your Church watches and waits,
Keep me faithful in joyful hope
For the coming of Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

NIGHTTIME PRAYER

From heaven above
Watch over me this night;
Protect me as I sleep,
Surrounded by your love
And the song of the angels and
saints.
Hear my Advent prayer, O Lord.
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 30, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 6349.00
2nd: Building / Operations Fund	\$ 1204.00
Garces Mortgage Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 70.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Troop Outreach	\$ 207.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 446.00
CSA*	\$ 191.00
Campaign for Hum Development*	\$ 20.00
Retirement fund For Religious*	\$ 20.00
AOLV Military Services*	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception*	\$ 30.00
AOLV Priest Retirement*	\$ 40.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending November 30, 2025

Saturday

<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>185</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>138</u>

Sunday

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>188</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>162</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>91</u>

Total Attendance 786 (-22)

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 +/-

Garces Center Mortgage Fund

Monthly Goal = \$12,000.00

Funds Received \$170.

Goal Balance = \$11,830.00

Catholic Memorials for December 7, 1941

The heroism of Navy Catholic Chaplain Aloysius Schmitt, who died saving sailors during the attack on the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He is recognized as the first chaplain of any faith to die during the war.

The sacrifice of Joseph Nelles, a Catholic chaplain's assistant killed while preparing the altar at Hickam Air Force Base.

For all those effected on this day, We Pray To The Lord...

MARY AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

From its very beginning, the Church has revered Mary as the Mother of God, calling her the "God-Bearer." She is honored on our calendar, and over the centuries we have developed numerous prayers, rituals, and devotions to her. In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared that the Immaculate Conception—Mary preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception—is an essential truth for all Roman Catholics. What does it really mean for us to believe this?

We need to remember that Mary was fully human—totally dependent on God and completely vulnerable to human weakness. All of us are born defenseless against the power of evil until we are reborn in the waters of baptism and made into new creations filled with the grace of God.

But Mary did not need baptism to have this grace. For from the first moment of her life, God blessed her by granting what everyone who follows Christ is promised—fullness of life in the Holy Spirit. God so filled her with grace, even in the womb of her mother (traditionally named Anne, whose name means "grace"), that Christ would conquer sin in her and she could live her life completely open to God's will.

This teaching shows us that all of God's children are destined to be free from sin, to be bearers of the divine. Everything that happens to Mary is our destiny as well. Looking at all of Mary's life in this way is like a window that gives us a glimpse of our future glory. Her proclamation "May it be done to me" (Luke 1:38) reflects how all God's people who pray as Christ taught them also say, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

See You in Church

THE SOUND OF STILLNESS

There is so much busyness at this time of year, so much noise. Can you hear the voice over the racket? John the Baptist, in today's Gospel reading, says we must change ourselves. A great light is going to appear that will expose our sinfulness and burn up in fire what we cannot hide. We cannot afford to be complacent and think we are doing fine as we are. Change is a great idea, you think, but how do I do that?

Sixteen hundred years ago a young man grew up in what is now Algeria, on the north coast of Africa. He was the child of a Christian mother and a pagan father. They gave him an excellent education, but as a youth he fell in with a sect called the Manichees, who encouraged sexual promiscuity, drunkenness, and many other vices.

In his autobiography he tells us that he reached a point in his life when he had no beliefs and neither the prayers of his mother nor the urgings of his best friend to become a Christian seemed to have any effect. He prayed to God to change him, "but not yet." Finally, he stopped and realized his own limited ability, his emptiness and his powerlessness. He could do nothing through his own efforts. At that point he was quiet enough to hear the "still small voice." God said, "Take up and read," and the scriptures fell open to a passage in the Letter to the Romans (13:13-14). His heart was changed.

His name is Augustine and he became a bishop, a great Christian theologian, a doctor of the Church. Advent is a time to slow down, to be quieter, and to listen more carefully, or we might miss the personal message that God has for us.



December 6, 2025
through
December 14, 2025

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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Saturday Dec. 6	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 p.m.	tTim Flatten
Sunday Dec. 7	8:00 a.m.	Erich Koetter & his sister
	10:00 a.m.	tBill Hutchinson
	12:00 p.m.	All Priests & Deacons of the tri-state area
Monday Dec. 8	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	12:00 p.m.	tFred Leas
	6:00 p.m.	tStuart Thompson
Tuesday Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	St. John's Ladies Guild
Friday Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Council #12690
Saturday Dec. 13	4:00 p.m.	Outpouring of Divine Wisdom & Guidance
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday Dec. 14	8:00 a.m.	tZoilo & tLeonida Aguilar
	10:00 a.m.	tChris Johnston
	12:00 p.m.	tThomas Patrick Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs.	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde,19; Lk 1:26:38
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Is 35:1-6a,10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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 - 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 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.***