

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025



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## THIRD 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm - Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading - Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel - Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (Matthew 11:2-11).

### REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

## Second Collection Schedule

Dec. 13-14 . . . . .	Retirement for Religious
Dec. 20-21 . . . . .	Retired Priests
Dec. 27-28 . . . . .	Building Fund

## \*\*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)

### LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the office if you think you may have lost something while in the Church. We have a couple of bracelets, several lone earrings, prayer books, articles of clothing, toys, etc.

**DECEMBER 13-14, 2025**  
**ALL MASSES AT THE CHURCH**  
**NO MASSES AT THE RIVERSIDE**

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)

**#422 People Look East**

**#18 Awake and Greet the New Morn**

**#790 Soon and Very Soon**



## 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.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. Teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother, Health of the Sick and Cause of Our Joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

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 December 07, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 6977.00
2nd: CSA*	\$ 1097.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 405.00
Christmas	\$ 130.00
St. John's Guild	\$ 25.00
Poor Box	\$ 14.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 600.00
Retirement fund For Religious*	\$ 37.00
Mary mother of God*	\$ 100.00
AOLV Priest Retirement*	\$ 25.00

\*Special Collection by the Archdiocese

## Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending December 07, 2025

### Saturday

<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>189</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>87</u>

### Sunday

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>180</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>205</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>92</u>

**Total Attendance 753 (-33)**

## 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>	\$18,485.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$33,370.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$129,807.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$2,809.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$26,784.00 +/-

## Garces Center Mortgage Fund

**Monthly Goal = \$12,000.00**

**Funds Received \$421.00**

**Goal Balance = \$11,579.00**

The Third Sunday of Advent in 2025 is December 14th, known as Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday), focusing on the joy of Christ's coming.

Offerings often reflect themes of sharing, compassion, and generosity, moving from penitence to rejoicing as Christmas nears. Specific church offerings might support projects like building homes for the needy, emphasizing "enough" over materialism, and bearing "fruit" of good works in response to God's gifts, as suggested by John the Baptist's message.

### National Retirement Fund for Religious

On this weekend parishes across the Archdiocese of Las Vegas will participate in the Retirement Fund for Religious second collection. This annual appeal supports more than 20,500 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have given their lives in faithful service to the Church.

Many of these devoted women and men received little to no pay for their ministry. Today, their communities face significant challenges in meeting growing health care and eldercare needs. Your generosity provides direct assistance for medications, nursing care, and daily necessities. Ninety-five percent of every donation goes directly to the care of these retired religious.

Thank you for your continued kindness and prayers for our elderly religious, who also remember us daily in theirs.

May God bless you and your loved ones in abundance.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas,  
Ph.D.  
Archbishop of Las Vegas

See You in Church

### Join me in Joyful Prayer of a 27/54 day Novena

My extended family has a 3 year old child that has spent his whole life to date, being kept alive without hope of ever living a full and normal life. I have been asked to pray for him. His name is ADDISON STRONG. I personally began the first nine day Novena of 6 continuous novenas commonly known as a 27/54 day rosary.

The first 27 days are for a petition that the medical professionals can find a cure for his condition to give him that chance for survival.

Days 29 through 54 are for Thanksgiving for that successful day that the hands of the medical professionals, through God's mercy in answer to our prayers, can give his parents a chance to experience the joy that a child brings to a family.

Thank you to all of you and bless you abundantly.

Deacon Dan McHugh

(Pixie too!)



December 13, 2025  
through  
December 21, 2025

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**

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Saturday Dec. 13	4:00 p.m.	Outpouring of Divine Wisdom & Guidance
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday Dec. 14	8:00 a.m.	tZoilo & tLeonida Aguilar
	10:00 a.m.	tChris Johnston
	12:00 p.m.	tThomas Patrick Anderson
Monday Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	Charles King
Tuesday Dec. 16	8:00 a.m.	tMayola McCrary
Friday Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	Brett Dennis
Saturday Dec. 20	4:00 p.m.	Liv/Dec Wilmes & Petersen Families
	6:00 p.m.	Tim Flatten
Sunday Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	10:00 a.m.	Matthew Snyder
	12:00 p.m.	Seigworth Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32
Wed.	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
Thurs.	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-17; Mt 1:18-24

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 Kreger - 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 - Pat Miller

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.