

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14).

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - You are called into one body: Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21).

Gospel - Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life), has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share - within our families, parish families and the wider human family - the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128 and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

Second Collection Schedule

Dec. 27-28	Building Fund
Jan. 3-4	Building Fund
Jan. 10-11	CSA

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

ALL MASSES ARE AT CHURCH

THANK YOU!

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us at St. John the Baptist this year with your time, talents and treasures.

Our parishioners and snowbirds, our volunteers, and Knights of Columbus members are AWESOME! Your support for our Clergy and staff, our Ladies Guild, and music ministry is OUTSTANDING!

GOD BLESS YOU

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See You in Church

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Secret Code Explained

PARTRIDGE in a pear tree = Jesus Christ

2 TURTLE DOVES = The Old and New Testaments

3 FRENCH HENS = Faith, Hope, and Charity, the Theological Virtues OR
the Holy Trinity

4 CALLING BIRDS = The Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

5 GOLDEN RINGS = The first five books of the Old Testament

6 GEESE-A-LAYING = The six days of Creation

7 SWANS A-SWIMMING = The seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 MAIDS A-MILKING = The eight Beatitudes

9 LADIES DANCING = The nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 LORDS A-LEAPING = The Ten Commandments

11 PIPERS PIPING = The eleven faithful Apostles

12 DRUMMERS DRUMMING = The twelve points of the Apostle's Creed

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From Archbishop Fulton Sheen

The Christmas message is not that peace will come automatically, because Christ is born in Bethlehem; that birth in Bethlehem was the prelude to His birth in our hearts by grace and faith and love. Peace belongs only to those who will have it. If there is no peace in the world today, it is not because Christ did not come; it is because we did not let Him in."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years and 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>

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.

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.

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>

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)

#442 Away in a Manger

#436 The Snow Lay on the Ground

#438 Go Tell It on the Mountain



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.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, foster-father to Jesus, guardian of and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. 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 21, 2025

1st: Offertory	\$ 4470.00
2nd: Priest Retirement Plan*	\$ 671.00
Building / Operations Fund	\$ 70.00
Garces Mortgage Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Troops	\$ 100.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 100.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 416.00
CSA*	\$ 10.00
Rural Parish Appeal*	\$ 5.00
Retirement Fund Religious*	\$ 50.00

Last Weekend Mass Attendance Week Ending December 21, 2025

Saturday

<u>4:00pm</u>	<u>149</u>
<u>6:00pm</u>	<u>91</u>

Sunday

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>203</u>
<u>10:00am</u>	<u>149</u>
<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>109</u>

Total Attendance 701 (+68)

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>	\$21,182.00 +/-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	\$33,370.00	<u>Expenses YTD</u>	\$141,616.00 +/-
<u>Utilities / Maintenance</u>	\$2,809.00	<u>Utilities YTD</u>	\$28,165.00 +/-

Garces Center Mortgage Fund

Monthly Goal = \$ 12,000.00

Funds Received \$ 6921.00

Goal Balance = \$ 5,079.00

The Feast if the Holy Family honors Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, serving as a model for Christian families, celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas (or Dec 30 if Christmas falls on Sunday). This movable feast, established by Pope Leo XIII in 1893, emphasizes family life, holiness, and virtues, encouraging families to draw inspiration from the Nazareth household, even as they faced challenges like fleeing to Egypt

THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

According to legend there was a candy maker who wanted to invent a candy that was a witness to Christ.

First of all, he used a hard candy because Christ is the rock of ages. This hard candy was shaped so that it would resemble a "j" for Jesus or, turned upside down, a shepherd's staff. He made it white to represent the purity of Christ.

Finally a red stripe was added to represent the blood of Christ shed for the sins of the world, and three thinner red stripes for the stripes He received on our behalf when the Roman soldiers whipped Him. Sometimes a green stripe is added as a reminder that Jesus is a gift from God.

The flavor of the cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is in the mint family and was used in the Old Testament for purification and sacrifice. Jesus is the pure Lamb of God, come to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

So, every time you see a candy cane, remember the message of the candy maker: Jesus is the Christ!



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 27, 2025
through
January 4, 2026

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

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Saturday	4:00 p.m.	tTony Sedano
Dec. 27	6:00 p.m.	Dick Flatten
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Erich Koetter & his sister
Dec. 28	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	12:00 p.m.	tPaul & tJuanita Chavez
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Meghan Doherty Birthday Blessings
Dec. 29		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	tMario LaBonte
Dec. 30		

NEW YEARS DAY

Thursday	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Jan. 1	10:00 a.m.	tSean Christopher and tThomas Fredrick Patton
	12:00 p.m.	Ed Fryke
Friday	8:00 a.m.	All Priests & Deacons of the Tri-State area
Jan. 2		
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Andrew D. Moreno & Diana C. Alvarado
Jan. 3	6:00 p.m.	tOdile Rivard
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	tAndrew B. & tRosa G. Moreno & Family
Jan. 4	10:00 a.m.	Thomas Leonard
	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Wed.	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Thurs.	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 - 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 -
Holly Brennecke - James Watson - Joan Peterson -
Larry Walden - Michael Kreeger - Ann Castillo - Wil-
liam J. McNeill - Jimmy Jimenez - Ted Larkin - Kaylee
Smith - Henry Olinger - Troy Fessler - Bill Corky -
Bryan Rivard - Angela Hoover - Kathleen Sperando -
Nicole Hurner - Mary Baker - Valerie Boyd - Whitney
Reimand - Edna Mananggit - Eric Hoss - Deborah
Crook - William Bryan - Heather Marasco - Mike At-
well - Bob Hannahs - Pat Miller - Kristin Costello -
Jennifer Halstead

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.*