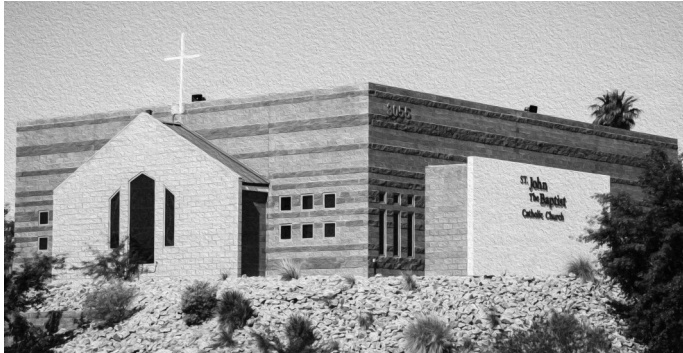


# *St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**



Physical Address: 3055 El Mirage Way  
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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**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**

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## **REV. CHARLES B. URNICK, ADMINISTRATOR**

*Deacon Richard Lambert - Pastoral Support - Deacon Dan McHugh*

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**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.

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**Confessions:** 15 minutes before each Mass

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are normally celebrated on Saturdays at 11:00 a. m. **Registered and active parishioners** should contact the priest 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 at 11:00 a. m. **Registered and active parishioners** should contact the priest at least six months in advance to make the arrangements.

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**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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT	GABE NUNEZ 760.217.0454
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PRAYER CHAIN	ETHEL NEUVENS 702-298-0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON 702.298.0440

**2023 Second Collection Schedule**  
Dec. 9-10...Retirement/Religious  
Dec. 16-17...Priest's Retirement  
Dec. 23-24...Building Fund

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) or visit [www.facebook.com/Kofc12690](http://www.facebook.com/Kofc12690).

**MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5:00 PM (NV TIME)**

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Today's second collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please donate to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much.

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES GUILD**

Meetings are held in the Garces Center on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month at 1:00 PM. This great group of ladies help with a variety of projects for our church and community. For more information please contact Trish 702-298-0440

**JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

Would you like to grow more deeply in your faith? Do you have the desire to learn more about scripture? Would you like to meet other members of our parish family? Come and read the Scriptures and discuss how we can apply them to our daily lives. Everyone is invited! We meet **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8:00AM in the Garces Center. For more information please contact Marilyn Tolone 909-618-3498. 98-0440.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14)

**Gospel** - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

**NEWS OF COMFORT**

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and in our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023**

**Saturday, December 23, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**4:00 PM MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**6:00 PM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)**

**10:00 AM MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**12:00 NOON MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023 (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

**4:00 PM MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**6:00 PM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)**

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

**8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)**

**10:00 AM MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**12:00 NOON MASS (Riverside Resort)**

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 30-31, 2023**

**NORMAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, January 1, 2024 (NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year!)**

**8:00 AM MASS (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)**

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**All Masses this weekend will be at the CHURCH!**  
**No Masses at the RIVERSIDE.**

And after each Mass, the ladies of the St. John's Guild will be hosting a PARTY in the Garces Center! So whichever Mass you attend, please join us for fun, a DJ playing CHRISTMAS SONGS, and some delicious refreshments. This is a fundraiser for the wonderful work of the COLORADO RIVER FOOD BANK, so your cash donations will be appreciated. There will even be surprise gifts for everyone who helps the food bank with any cash donation. COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

CONFESSIONS will be heard for 20 minutes before each Mass except on CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY. That gives everyone plenty of opportunities for CONFESSION before Christmas.

2024 CALENDARS may be picked up at the church at all the Masses on the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

WORD AND SONG Books are available for \$5.00 each at the church until the supply runs out.

Father Charlie's 2023 new book THE FLAMING BRASSIERE, A PET ALLIGATOR, AND A VERY DRY MARTINI - 75 Stories for 75 Years makes a great Christmas gift! Copies are \$15.00 each.

TIMMY AND THE CHRISTMAS OWL is a great book for children. Copies are \$7.00 each.

COLORADO RIVER HOLY WATER, blessed in honor of Father Francisco Garces, makes a thoughtful religious gift. Bottles are available for a freewill donation.

**December 9, 2023  
Through  
December 17, 2023**

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**   
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**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

PLEASE CALL SJB OFFICE TO INSERT NAMES ON THIS PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

Janet Eliason - Patrick Kitto-JoAnn Ponzi-Marty and Angie Gray - Val Petersen- RuthAnn Petersen - Ed Wilmes -Shari Simms - Charles Sperando - Larry Walden -Bernie Thompson - June Daneck - Jan Finnegan - The Sedat Family - Frances Sneed - Tammy Fortner - Terry Sheehan - Jerri Misenheimer -Jerry Bowen - Cat Greer - Bill Marquardt - Natalie Heiser - Kathy Reifsteck - Agatha O'Shea - Rebecca Helm - Carlos Valdez - Kathleen Sperando - Merle & Marianne Mathews - Edna Burtraw - Frank Cabatungan - Carol Kubernach - Robert Lock - Richard Helge - Bonnie Blais - Ramiro Ozuna - Dee Schneider - Ski Piaczynski - Mike Schliskey - Leslie Seaton - Brittney Stone - Allison Trask - Samuel Pierce - Shaun Valdez-Barb Survillas -Allison Tucker - Christopher Siefken - Rebecca Holub - Colleen Ross - Gerry Hartman - Mike Duccini - Barb Saxe - Brian Klaum - Heather Applegate - Marian Barlow - Jane Vignoni - Joyce Young - Roy and Dora Dominguez - Bonnie Finn - Joel Cervantes - Judy Lippelt - Sallie Reddoch - Tyson Mercer - Vince Crowell

Names remain on our list 2 months and then are 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 removed.

For many years we have listed the names of relatives and friends for whom prayers have been requested. While we try to keep that list updated, some of the names have remained there for years and occasionally we learn that one or several have died years ago. The list is really designed for those in immediate and serious need of the prayers of our parishioners and visitors.

Also, in view of the current privacy laws in our nation, individuals may not wish to have their names published at all. We have tried to be careful about this and respect their privacy. We must continue to do so.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call  
ETHEL NEUENS 702.298.0440



**\*MASS BOOK 2024 OPENS\***

Mass intentions may be reserved for the year 2024 at the church office.

The stipend is given at the time the Mass is requested.

Saturday Dec. 9	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Arthur Walsh †Cansiana Blanco
Sunday Dec. 10	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Denis Doom All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist †Pat Lowney
Monday Dec. 11	8:00 a.m.	Wilder Forrest
Tuesday Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	Cynthia Ortiz
Friday Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Barlow
Saturday Dec. 16	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dr. J. Stanley Casebere †Germain Gutierrez
Sunday Dec. 17	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	†Tony Sedano †Joe Morani All Parishioners of SJB

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde,19; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sunday	Is 61:1-2a,10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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>

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Are you ready for the best party of the year???

St. John's Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 15, 2023 in the Starview Room at the Riverside Resort from 5pm to 9pm (Nevada time).

Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 each or a table of 10 for \$250.00. This year's theme will be **CHRISTMAS SONGS** and each table will be named with a Christmas song title. You choose your table name from the list of song titles when you purchase the tickets for a table of 10.

Please feel free to decorate your table to "harmonize" with your Christmas song!

Doors Open	5:00 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM
Showtime	7:00 PM

*Last day to purchase tickets will be Monday, December 11th from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.*

