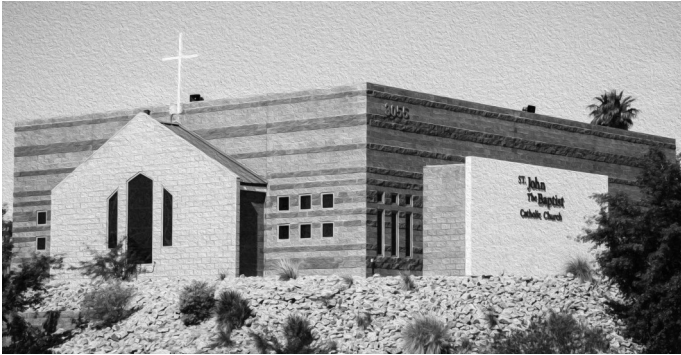


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.

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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2023 Second Collection Schedule
November 18-19. . . CC Human Dev.
November 25-26. . . Building Fund
December 2-3. CSA



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**MONTHLY MEETING:
EVERY 3RD MONDAY**
Council Meetings are held at
The Garces Center at 6:00 pm.

**MONTHLY MEETING:
EVERY 3RD TUESDAY**
Assembly Meetings are held at
The Garces Center at 6:00 pm.

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. Meetings are at 6PM.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31).

Psalm - Blessed are they who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel - To those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30).

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

OUTSTANDING!

The Troop Outreach thanks everyone for another year and a very successful one. This year the group stuffed 3,140 Christmas Stockings! Without the help of many this could not have been done. A special thank you to my wife for her endless hours to this ministry, to my committee, to Trish and the Guild, to Tonya and the Hero's ladies, to the police volunteers, to all our parishioners, snowbirds and visitors who gave time and money, and all the casinos and dentists for their very gracious donations.

God Bless All...
John Reed-Coordinator

LOOKING AHEAD
(NV Time)

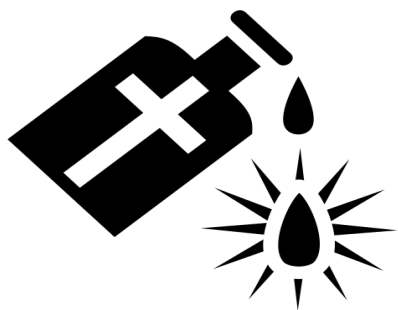
- Nov. 23-8am Thanksgiving Mass (church)
- Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception Masses
8am, 12 noon, 6pm (church)
- Dec. 15-5pm SJB Christmas Party
(Starview Room Riverside Resort)
- Dec. 15 & 16-All Masses at the church

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.



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.

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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.

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WORD & SONG HYMNALS HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2024 Word & Song Hymnals that we use for Mass have finally arrived and are available for \$5.00 each.



CONFESSIONS are heard by Fr. Charlie 20 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

MAGNUS IGBOKWE

My name is Magnus Chinedu Igbokwe, born and raised in Nigeria, in a Catholic family; I have a twin sister, and together we are older than another set of twins and three other siblings, making a total of seven children (five boys and two girls) of my parents, Mr. Emmanuel Igbokwe (late) and Mrs. Esther Igbokwe. My youngest brother became a Catholic Priest in 2021 in Nigeria.

My vocation journey began as an altar server, leading me to the minor and major seminary. I completed my seminary formation in 2013 in Nigeria and decided to take time for proper discernment, seeking a personal encounter with God. In 2017, I came to the United States for my further studies and later joined the Archdiocese of Las Vegas in 2020 and served in three different parishes. I am currently on a pastoral assignment and studies at Mount Angel Seminary.

**Current Seminary:
Mount Angel, Oregon**

**Anticipated Ordination to Priesthood:
June 2024**

**Favorite Spiritual Reading:
The Priest is Not His Own
By Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

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



**November 18, 2023
Through
November 26, 2023**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week** 
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Saturday Nov. 18	4:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	6:00 PM	Michael & Meghan Doherty Anniversary Blessings
Sunday Nov. 19	8:00 a.m.	Julie & Shawn Kilpatrick
	10:00 a.m.	tPat Lowney
	12 Noon	Dr. J. Stanley Casebere
Monday Nov. 20	8:00 a.m.	Maria Barlow
Tuesday Nov. 21	8:00 a.m.	tArchie & tLouise Plante
Thursday Nov. 23	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
	Thanksgiving	
Friday Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.	tCarl Zubris
Saturday Nov. 25	4:00 p.m.	tDon Coyle
	6:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
Sunday Nov. 26	8:00 a.m.	tFrank E. Moricz
	10:00 a.m.	tDany Hamelin
	12 Noon	tShyla Walsh

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Ps 119 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59;1 Chr 29:10bcd,11abc 11d-12a,12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Ez 34:11-12,15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

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 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 - Jeneane Casebere-High - Jan Finnegan - The Sedat Family - Frances Sneed - Tammy Fortner - Terry Sheehan - Jerri Misenheimer -Jerry Bowen - Cat Greer - Bill Marquardt - Natalie Hesper - Kathy Reifsteck - Agatha O'Shea - Rebecca Helm - Carlos Valdez - Kathleen Sperando - Merle & Marianne Mathews - Edna Burtraw - Anastacio Pulvera, Jr. - 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 - Cecil & Susanna Sharp - Joe Thorne - 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

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.

The First Presidential Proclamation of Thanksgiving

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and-Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceable to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favor, able interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately

instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

We invite you to join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 8:00 AM at the church as we thank God for all His blessings on us and on our great American nation.