

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, November 5, 2023



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THIRTY-FIRST 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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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Do we not have one father?
Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b
-2:2b, 8-10)

Psalm - In you, Lord, I have found my peace
(Psalm 131)

Second Reading - You have received not a hu-
man word but the word of God (1 Thessaloni-
ans 2:7b-9, 13)

Gospel - Call no one your father on earth; you
have but one Father, the one in heaven
(Matthew 23:1-12)

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of
the United States or a movie star or a billion-
aire? These are people whom the world exalts
as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel,
they have places of honor wherever they go.
Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different ex-
amples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the
greatest among us are the servants. These are
the people we are to honor and imitate. We
are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to
serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus,
who gave his life in service to the world.

2023 Second Collection Schedule
November 4-5 . . . Military Svc USA
November 11-12 . . . Building Fund
November 18-19 . . . CC Human Dev.



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Father Francisco Garces Assembly 3643

**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.

LOOKING AHEAD
(NV Time)

- Nov. 7 1pm Guild Meeting (Garces)
- Nov. 8 11am Coffee w/a Cop (Garces)
- Nov. 10 1pm Don Laughlin Memorial
(DCT Riverside Resort)
- Nov. 12 9am Coffee & Donuts (Garces)
- Nov. 13 9am Troop Outreach (Garces)
- Nov. 14 9am Troop Outreach (Garces)
- Nov. 23 8am Thanksgiving Mass (church)
- Dec. 15 5pm SJB Christmas Party
(Starview Room Riverside Resort)

THANKSGIVING PROJECT

The Ladies Guild Thanksgiving Project in November is to contribute clothing and blankets to the Colorado River Food Bank and Catholic Charities Community Services Bullhead City. The Food Bank needs clothing and blankets. Catholic Charities needs men's clothing sizes 32-38 pants, shirts sizes Medium-XL, boxer (not white) underwear for men and sports bras for women, socks and shoelaces. Items should be new or lightly used and clean. The Guild will accept donations at the church until November 10th. Thank you for your generosity in helping the less fortunate.

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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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CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. John the Baptist 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 \$25.00 each or a table of 10 for \$250. Tickets will go on sale the first weekend in November. This year's theme will be CHRISTMAS SONGS so each table will be named with a Christmas song title. You would choose your table name from the list of song titles when you purchase the tickets.

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

Deacon AJ Sales

Hello, I'm in my last year of seminary at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. I grew up in Las Vegas with my parents, Sennen and Bessie, and my little sister Cathy who works at Catholic Charities! My home parish was St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Much of my vocational discernment came through the time I spent in youth ministry. I have a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and see her as an integral part of my vocation. Some fun facts about myself: I have a shih tzu named Porkchop, I like to sing and play guitar, lift weights, and eat at all the different restaurants in Las Vegas. Please pray for me and my brother seminarians, and please know I pray for you all too.

Current Seminary:
Mundelein Seminary, Illinois

Anticipated Ordination to Priesthood:
June 2024

Favorite Spiritual Reading:
Imitation of Christ, Story of a Soul:
The Autobiography of St. Therese
of Lisieux, and The Diary of St.
Faustina

TROOP OUTREACH PROJECT

Our Troop Outreach will be stuffing Christmas Stockings in the Garces Center at 9:00 am on Monday & Tuesday, November 13th & 14th right after daily Mass.

Looking at stopping for the day around 2:00 pm, so any amount of time you can put in will be greatly appreciated. Coffee and '50-'60's music will once again be provided.

Fun & fellowship provided by our great volunteers!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of this ministry.

John Reed-Coordinator

SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

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.
(702) 235-7723.

Believe in the possibility of help and healing.
There is hope.

**November 4, 2023
Through
November 12, 2023**



PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

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

Saturday Nov. 4	4:00 PM	Liv/Dec Wilmes/Petersen Families
	6:00 PM	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday Nov. 5	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen & †Brian Johnson
	10:00 a.m.	†Garry Allen
	12 Noon	†Thomas Patrick Anderson
Monday Nov. 6	8:00 a.m.	Matthew Bennington
Tuesday Nov. 7	8:00 a.m.	†Steve Fortier
Friday Nov. 10	8:00 a.m.	†Tony Sedano
Saturday Nov. 11	4:00 p.m.	†Robert Pepin
	6:00 p.m.	Sharon & Dick Flatten
Sunday Nov. 12	8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SJB
	10:00 a.m.	†Major Jerry A. Patton
	12 Noon	Seigworth Family

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 - Rob Ewing - 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Rm 11:29-36; Ps 69; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rm 12:5-16b; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rm 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday	Rm 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rm 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN

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



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>

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.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Born: October 2, 1538

Died: November 3, 1584

Feast Day: November 4

Patron Saint of Bishops, Cardinals, Seminarians, and Spiritual Leaders.

He is the Patron Saint of Fr. Charlie.

Here are some well-known quotations from this great Saint.

"The Rosary is the most divine of devotions."

"Souls are won with the knees."

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out...Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter...Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."

"Behold Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our Mediator and Advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart."

"We must meditate before, during and after everything we do. The prophet says: 'I will pray, and then I will understand.'" This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all are part of our work.

In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others."

"The best way not to find the bed too cold is to go to bed colder than the bed is."

"Prayer is the beginning, the progress and the complement of all virtues."

"Whoever complains that when entering the choir for the psalmody, when going to celebrate Mass, immediately a thousand thoughts assail his mind and distract him from God, should be asked: before going to choir or Mass, what did you do in the sacristy? How did you prepare yourself? What means did you choose and employ to set your attention?"

"We are all weak, I confess; but the Lord God has given us means with which, if we wish, we can be strengthened with ease."

"If you administer the sacraments, O brother, meditate on what you do; if you celebrate Mass, meditate on what you offer; if you sing psalms in choir, meditate on Whom and on what you are saying; if you direct souls, meditate on the Blood that has washed them, so all that is yours should be done in charity."

"Just as Christ came into this world once, clothed in our flesh, He is also ready to come again, at any moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts with the profusion of His graces, as long as we do not resist Him."

"It is impossible for you to keep yourself chaste if you are not continually vigilant over yourself, because negligence brings about the loss of chastity very easily."

Just for fun this week, try to find at least one quotation from your own Patron Saint. Share it with Fr. Charlie verbally or in large dark print!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!