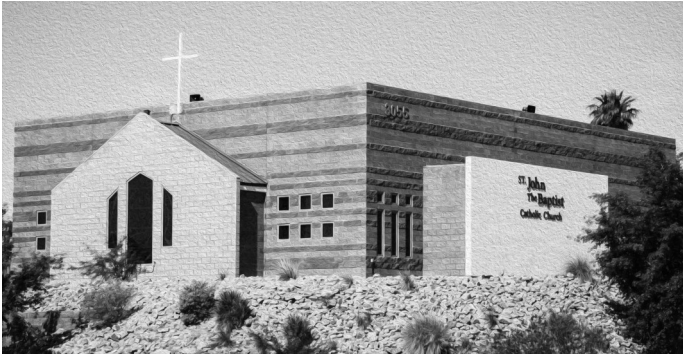


# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**



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## TWENTY-EIGHTH 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**

BUSINESS MANAGER	BRETT DENNIS 702.298.0440
GIFT SHOP COORDINATOR	MAUREEN MULLIN 702.298.1048
GUILD COORDINATOR	TRISH NEVIUS 702.298.0440
HIV/AIDS OUTREACH	REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN 702.564.4224
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	MARY RIVARD 702.298.0440
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INIT. (RCIA)	
TROOP OUTREACH COORDINATOR	JOHN REED 218.390.4270
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT	GABE NUNEZ 760.217.0454
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	LUANN KRUZ 928.754.2650
PRAYER CHAIN	ETHEL NEUENS 702-298-0440
SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT	SHEILA PATTON 702.298.0440

**2023 Second Collection Schedule**  
October 14-15 . . . . Building Fund  
October 21-22 . . . . World Mission  
October 28-29 . . . . Building Fund



**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.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - On this mountain the Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalms - I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading - God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel - I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14).

**GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS**

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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 at 6PM.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL**

Saint Michael 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.

## **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.

**VIVA JESUS!**

## **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.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN "WHITE MASS"**

The Southern Nevada Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites you to the annual Archdiocesan "White Mass" on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish, 3050 Alta Drive.

The White Mass is a special Mass for Catholic physicians, nurses, health care professionals, and their families. To RSVP or to receive more information on the White Mass and evening, please email: [csmasnv@gmail.com](mailto:csmasnv@gmail.com)

**INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is a process of instruction (catechesis) for those adults (18 years and older) that are considering God's call to become Catholic. Through RCIA, the church extends an invitation to those who have no association with a community of faith or want to convert from another faith. Within the same process RCIA provides an opportunity for baptized Catholics, who wish to complete their sacrament of confirmation.

Applications are available in the rack over the gift shop table at church or from the church office.

For more information please contact Father Charlie at 702-209-0440.

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**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Classes for 2023-2024 began on Sunday, October 8th. Registration forms are available in the church office. Classes are for the parishioners and families of St. John the Baptist.

**Required Documents**

A *Baptismal Certificate* for First Communion. Children must be at least seven (7) years old.

A *First Communion Certificate* for Confirmation. Students must be 14-17 years old.

Registration: \$25.00 per child.

Registration forms are available in the church office or in the rack above the gift shop table at church.

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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON:**

*October 16th-Pallium Mass-Shrine (Daily Mass will be celebrated)*

*October 18th-Church Tile cleaning*

**October 14, 2023  
Through  
October 22, 2023**



**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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

Saturday October 14	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	RuthAnn Petersen Birthday Blessings Siobhan Doherty
Sunday October 15	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	John & Judy's Families All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Seigworth Family
Monday October 16	8:00 a.m.	†Ana & †Irenio Adamos, Sr
Tuesday October 17	8:00 a.m.	†Wayne & †Karen Morgan
Friday October 20	8:00 a.m.	†Maurice Hoefer
Saturday October 21	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Juana Pereira †Francisco Cabrera
Sunday October 22	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12 Noon	Felisa Salazar †Peg Knippel All Parishioners of SJB

Janet Eliason - Jill Chen - Patrick Kitto-JoAnn Ponzi-Marty and Angie Gray - Val Petersen- RuthAnn Petersen - Ed Wilmes -Shari Simms - Charles Sperando - Larry Walden - Bernie Thompson - June Daneck - Fran Amendolare - 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 - Rob Stevens - 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 - Robert Barlow - Marian Barlow - Jane Vignoni - Joyce Young

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 1:1-7; Ps 98; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rm 1:16-25; Ps 19; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday	Rm 3:21-30; Ps 130; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Rm 4:1-8; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Rm 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**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 beginning on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 8:30 AM at the church office. On that day, only in person requests will be accepted for Masses. The stipend is given at the time the Mass is requested.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

The St. John the Baptist Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 15, 2023, in the Starview Room at the Riverside Resort from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Despite the current inflation, ticket prices will remain at \$25.00 each. Tickets will go on sale the first weekend in December at the weekend Masses.

The theme this year will be CHRISTMAS SONGS so each table will be named with a Christmas song title. Please think about getting a group of ten (10) and buying a whole table for \$250.00. One person would then distribute the tickets and your whole group would be together for the party which includes a buffet dinner and spectacular entertainment. You would choose your table name from the list of Christmas song titles when you purchase the tickets. Individual tickets are also available for open seating.

## RCIA UPDATE

Adults who are interested in becoming Catholics or adults who are Catholics but have not yet received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation should fill out an RCIA form and make an appointment to meet with Father Charlie during the month of October. Classes will begin in November. Father Charlie can answer general questions before or after the weekend Masses, but specifics require an individual appointment.

Of course, one of the requirements is that the person must be attending Mass at St. John's each weekend.