

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, February 5, 2012



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**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 31230

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**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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## WEEKEND MASSES

*ST. JOHN'S CHURCH*

6:00 p.m. — Saturday

8:00 a.m. — Sunday

*RIVERSIDE RESORT AND 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, Friday,  
and First Saturday of the month.

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## REV. CHARLES B. URNICK, ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Joseph DiStefano \* *Seasonal 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 1775 by Father Francisco Garces, a Franciscan missionary.

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**Confessions:** 15 minutes before each Mass

**Rosary:** Recited 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

**First Friday and First Saturday Mass and Devotions:**  
St. John's at 8:00 a. m.

**Weddings:** Weddings are normally celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 p. 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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 SECRETARY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORD WAUNITA MARO 702.298.0440

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** - Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** - I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** - Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

#### THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's and Jesus is our Savior.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SJB Gift Shop

The Gift Shop invites all to stop by and see what we have to offer.

### The End Times

A Three Week Evening Series

Presented By: Deacon Dan

February 8th: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

**ADDITIONAL WEEK ADDED!**

**FEBRUARY 15TH: "PAY IT FORWARD"**

Read Page 4 for Details!

### Iraq/Afghanistan

Troop Outreach Program—Updated Column

Read Page 6!

### Father Charlie's Page 7!

Mardi Gras Trip!

Congratulations!

A Wise Thought

Our Snowbirds

### Blessing of Throats—St. Blaise

February 4th & 5th—After Mass

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2012

Mass at Church: 8AM-Noon-6PM

### Parish Mission

February 27—March 1, 2012

Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers

Read Page 5!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Friday, March 23rd: 9AM-5PM

Saturday, March 24th: 9AM-5PM

Sunday, March 25th: 9AM-Noon

Contacts for pick-up of items:

Laughlin: Fred Wells 702/298-5359

Bullhead City: Ron Survillas 928/754-2959

*Feb. 4, 2011  
through  
Feb. 12, 2012*

## Mass Intentions For The Week



### *PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS*

Saturday February 4	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Andrew Dejno Parishioners of St. John the Baptist †Robert Petrusek
Sunday February 5	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	†Dawn Lewis Imperi †Mollie Robinson †George Smith
Monday February 6	8:00 a.m.	Patrick Clements & Family and Patricia Horsman Family
Tuesday February 7	8:00 a.m.	†Jo Wizeman
Friday February 10	8:00 a.m.	†Lois Butler
Saturday February 11	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	†Jack Brunmeir Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
Sunday February 12	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	†Dortha and †Bob White †Mollie Robinson †Isidor & †Susanna Thelen

Kyle Ahrens - Jeff Allen - Mona Allen - Joanne Allison - Ann and Margie - Raymond Avila - Ralph Avila - Diane Barnes - Merle Baynes - Charles Berkheimer - Florentino Bocaling Jr. - George Brakel - Michelle Brow - Deidra Brown - Jackie Brown - Frank & Sandie Bruns - Rudy Buoni - Shawn Cardinal - Terri Carruth - Molly Cervantes - Alfonso Chavez - Carole Chinery - Diana Collins - Amanda Conneff - Marge Conrady - Agnes Conway - Luz David - Rudy David - Bob Deal - Bruce Dean - Margie Deisenroth - Georgette Dewitt - Gail Dukie - Kenny & Doug East - Tom Elenes - Charles Eliason - Leah Ezell - Lawrence & Marie Fenton - Chuck & Karen Flagge - Claudia Fogarty - William & Patricia Fogarty - Joe Foose - Steve Fortier - Gerry Freese - Brian Garner - Ann Gilligan - Nichicol Gleisner - Arturo Gonzalez - Bertha Gonzalez - Linda Greagan - Elsie Grey - Khloe Gurden - Bob Halcomb - Bill Hall - Ken Hallman - Felicia Hamer - Catherine Haneline - Melissa Hayden - Raymond Hayden - Helen Hemens - Chuck Hernandez - Lucy Hocking - Mary Hodapp - Carol Houdeshell - Donna Huggins - Bryan Jackson - Margie Keys - Brian Kelenske - Jim Kelly - Jerry Kerr - Pat Ketterer - Jack Kozenel - Jean Linezow - Jennifer Lindgren - Patricia Loar - P. J. Long - Thomas Mahon - Brandon & Jasmine Marx - Timothy & Justin Marks - Cindy Maynard - Claude McKenzie - Estelle McNamara - Ben Medina - Joanna Mosher - Betty Najaka - Willie Niles - Beverly Olthaus - Maty Paget - Dr. Marilyn Pagliuco Balton - Shari and Bernice Palpani—Tom Patton - Prenella Pentard - Eric Pfisterer - Charles Pigneri - Jack Pozenel - Zoe and Tom Pruitt - Roselie Pugrad - Mary Radford - Dorothy Rebsch - Eugene Rebsch - John Rodgers - Frances Rollin - Teresita San Agustin - Ruth Schnitzler - David Schroeder - Joseph Schwarzman - Larry Schyvincht - Lynda Seare - Gail Senk - Sister Carmela Trujillo - Frank Sladek - Dennis Smitch - Harriet Smith - Janice Squires - Cecil Standifer - Rosemary & Harry Stubil - Carlos Telles - Mark Terry - Sonya Timm - Jo Thompson Szymanski - Veronica Urczyk - Walter Ven Haagh - Shiela Walsh - Mike Wheeler - Christa Winter - Arlene Wiesenberg - Dora Wolff - Bill/Marge/Mavis Zoller.

Names remain on our list 3 months and then removed for 1 month. Call the parish office 702.298.0440, when the health of you or your loved one has improved, or if a name needs to be removed.

The stipend (donation) for one Mass is \$10. The Code of Canon Law has careful and specific canons which govern Mass Intentions. The rule is one Mass, one intention, one stipend. The stipend is given at the time the Mass is requested.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Feb. 6	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56 St. Paul Miki and Companions
Tuesday Feb. 7	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Feb. 8	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Thursday: Feb. 9	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Feb. 10	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37 St. Scholastica
Saturday: Feb. 11	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Feb. 12	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### **ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN**

If you want a particular petition prayed for, please call Yvonne  
Fatherree at 702.298.0690.



# MONTHLY MEETINGS

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

7:00 p.m. March through October  
6:00 p.m. November through February

Every Third Monday of the Month  
in St. John's Church

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older. For information, please call Grand Knight Fred Wells at 702.298.5359.

## ST. JOHN'S GUILD

1:00 p.m. St. John's Church  
Every First Thursday of the Month  
(September through May)

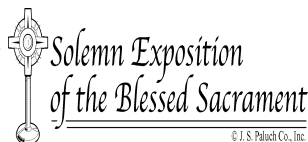
For information regarding the Guild, please call the church office. New members are always welcome.

# MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every First Friday of the Month  
After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

is the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, and Benediction, followed by Hourly Adoration: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 11:00 - 12:00 noon; 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Sign up for an hour in the vestibule of church. **How beautiful it would be to have several people keeping watch with The Lord.**



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Every First Saturday of the Month  
After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Devotional prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

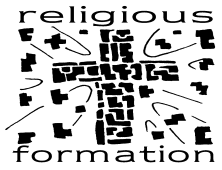
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Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
**HIV — AIDS OUTREACH**

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. St. John's Church  
Second Tuesday of the Month  
Director: Fr. Joseph O'Brien

## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

To be a member in the Catholic Church a person has to be fully initiated by the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. RCIA is the process that prepares a person for receiving these sacraments.



If you are interested in RCIA, you can find a form in the vestibule of the Church or you may call the parish office and ask to have a form mailed to you.

Classes are held on Sundays, at 9:15 AM, following the 8 AM Mass.

### THE END TIMES

#### A THREE WEEK EVENING SERIES

Wednesday Evening—6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

February 8th

Held at the St. John's Church.

If we quote our catechism "Catechesis on creation is of major importance. It concerns the very foundations of human and Christian life: for it makes explicit the response of the Christian faith to the basic question that people of all times have asked themselves... 'Where does everything that exists come from and where is it going?' The two questions, the first about the origin and the second about the end, are inseparable. They are decisive for the meaning and orientation of our life and actions."

Deacon Dan will be presenting this series as a continuation of the Revelation series presented in February of 2011. Topics will include:

- Review of 4 Week Revelation Series—2011
- Purgatory—The journey
- Heaven—the light of eternal glory
- Hell—you don't want to go there!
- Indulgences—understanding Grave Sins
- The Second coming—when will that be?
- The Rapture—is there value to suffering?
- Mary in the story of the Revelations

**ALL ARE INVITED - BRING YOUR BIBLES.**

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Deacon Dan is extending the Wednesday night lecture series by one week in able to share on:

February 15, 2012 at 6PM at the Church

A full length movie "Pay it Forward" with Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Joel Osment. A pyramid concept about doing good deeds. It is possible for one idea to change the world. A challenge by a school teacher to his students. One student's concept about good deeds in a pyramid fashion. Coffee, tea, cookies and.....

All are invited. No bibles required!  
Bring your heart....

**BASIC CATHOLIC PRAYERS****OUR FATHER**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be 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 are 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.

**TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

February 27 - March 1, 2012

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am and 6:00 pm (repeat of morning)

Father Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers, will be conducting this Spiritual Renewal. The theme will be:

Trying to Cope with Letting Go in order to find  
Peace and Freedom in Our Own Lives

**Mass and Four Reflections**

Day 1: Invitation to Come, See for Yourself and  
Run the Risk

Day 2: The Liberating Effect & Joy of Letting Go

Day 3: Do Not Cling—The Easter Mystery in Our  
Lives

Day 4: Letting Go To Pray—in the Inner Room, in  
the Garden, in the Streets

**SPEAK LIFE**

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon dies. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog looked puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.

**Living Stewardship Now**

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

COLLECTION OF 1/29/2012

Stewardship (191).....	\$2739.00
Loose.....	\$3853.00
Building Fund .....	\$1935.87
Gift Shop .....	\$368.25
Votive Lights.....	\$44.00
Poor Box.....	\$86.51
US Troops.....	\$127.00
TOTAL.....	\$9,153.63

Attendance: 1717

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
**February 4-6, 2012**  
**Boulder City**

In today's gospel it tells us that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray; He took the time to refresh his spirit. When was the last time you took time to get away as a couple and renew your relationship?

Early registration is recommended. For more information call Wayne and Marcia Kessler 702-566-8753. For information on Spanish language weekends, call Jose and Patti Santiago at 702-544-3755.

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2012 Second Collection Schedule

February 4 and 5.....	Catholic Stewardship Appeal
February 11 and 12.....	Diocese of Las Vegas Rural Parish App.
February 18 and 19 .....	Building Fund
February 22 .....	Ash Wednesday
February 25 and 26.....	Catholic Stewardship Appeal
March 3 and 4.....	Catholic Stewardship Appeal
March 10 and 11.....	Building Fund
March 17 and 18 .....	Catholic Relief Services
March 24 and 25.....	Catholic Stewardship Appeal
March 31 and April 1 .....	Building Fund

**Thank  
You**

RIVERSIDE RESORT  
AND CASINO, FOR THE  
CONTINUED USE OF  
DON'S CELEBRITY THEATRE  
AS THE SITE FOR OUR  
WEEKEND MASSES!

IRAQ/ AFGHANISTAN  
OUTREACH



Due to a tremendous response from everyone, we ended the year shipping a total of 574 packages, weighing a total amount of 9,860 lbs, at a cost of \$7,426.45 in postage. WOW! Did we do good or what?

Now, though, it's 2012 and we need to get ready for our Spring shipment of homemade goodies and start to collect supplies and money. Cookies, breads, candy or granola, whatever you would like to make or bake is great for our men and women.

I need names and addresses for the military men and women we will ship to. Please turn the information into Waunita or email me at gr82be2again@yahoo.com. We need this information **IMMEDIATELY** so all international paperwork and labels can be completed PRIOR to our shipping date.

We need all kinds of supplies from personal care items, snacks, first-aid, candy and other items you may find. Remember, this is our Easter shipment so filled eggs are also great.

We will be shipping on Wednesday, March 14th, at 10:00 AM at the church. Please start bringing your homemade items to church March 9th to the 14th. When packaging remember that we ship to one soldier and he/she will share with several soldiers so individual packaging is not necessary.

Father Charlie is working on an event to help us raise money for our program. If any of you have any ideas that might help, please let me know and I will work on them.

Cannot wait to see what we can accomplish this year, 2012!

If you want to help pack and ship *on a regular basis*, contact Waunita for the Volunteer Packet/Fingerprinting forms.

**God Bless You For your Ongoing Support!**

## "See You In Church"

### MARDI GRAS TRIP!

Vegas Magic Theatre  
Gold Coast Casino, Las Vegas  
Sunday, February 19th  
\$30.00 Per Person

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, so this is the last weekend before Lent. **Let's make it a magical one!** I have 40 seats available for the Vegas Magic Theatre at the Gold Coast Casino in Las Vegas. The \$30.00 price includes roundtrip bus transportation, an awesome magical variety show, and an experienced and smiling tour guide (Father Charlie).

2:30 PM - Bus leaves St. John's Parking Lot  
4:30 PM - We arrive at the Gold Coast  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM - On your own for dinner, snacks, playing the slots, etc.  
6:30 PM - SHOWTIME! (Magic and Variety Acts hosted by Ben Stone).  
8:30 PM - Bus leaves the Gold Coast  
10:30 PM - Bus arrives back at St. John's

To sign up, you must fill out the waiver forms at the church office or see Father Charlie after Mass. Let's go and have some Mardi Gras magical fun!

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order! After only two months, we are really doing well with the new Mass responses! Keep up the great work!

**The Lord be with you!**  
**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT!**  
Father Charlie

### A Wise Thought

St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians in the 1800's is known for many wise sayings. Perhaps this is one of his best: **"REMEMBER, GOD DOES NOT PAY US FOR RESULTS, BUT FOR EFFORT."** We all know how hard we try to be good, and how hard we try to avoid sin, but we sometimes fail and feel that we have disappointed God. But in fact, we haven't disappointed God at all. It is our efforts that please God. Our success is in the trying and not giving up. That's good for all of us to remember.

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### OUR SNOWBIRDS

We're right in the middle of our high season of snowbirds, and we're really grateful that so many people come from so many states and provinces to enjoy the warmth and beauty of Paradise (Laughlin) every winter. Please know that we enjoy your company and are glad to put out extra seating at the church and make room for you at the Riverside. Thanks for being an important part of our little parish as we gather at the river, the beautiful Colorado River.

Our gift shop is selling **three unique souvenirs** to take back home with you. Of course, we have our world-famous casino chips since we are the only place in the country (and probably the world!) where you can go to Mass in a casino. Bring home a few to prove to your friends that you really did pray in a casino! (**"Pray with us! It's a sure bet!"**). Chips are \$3.00 each, or \$5.00 each as a keychain or paperweight.

And we also have wonderful buttons and magnets designed by local artist Andy Kohut and Father Charlie featuring our **"It's so nice...It must be Paradise!"** saying. These are only \$1.00 each.

And, of course, you can bring home a copy of my book **DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE!** It's like having me right in your own home! (If that's something you might want to do!) It was fun to write, and hopefully is fun to read as a souvenir of your stay in Laughlin. The book is only \$10.00 here, or \$12.99 on Amazon.com.