

Saint David Catholic Church

April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter

A pastoral scene at sunset. A shepherd in a white robe and red turban stands with a staff, herding a large flock of sheep across a grassy field. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the landscape. In the background, there are rolling hills and a few trees.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The worshipping community of St. David Catholic Church, nourished by the Holy Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit, empowered by the word of God, and inspired by our patron saints, St. Joseph, St. David of Wales and St. Maurice are committed to a deepening of our relationship with God and the universal church. We welcome and invite all to use their time and talent for the good of all God's people. Through prayer, worship, sacraments, evangelization, education and service, our community will endeavor to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We have come this far by faith because we walk by faith not by sight. (2Corinthians 5:7)



Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

- First Sunday of the month
- Form: Child born in Marriage
- Form: Child born outside of Marriage
- Forms need to be picked up in the parish office.
- Seminar with parents and godparents to be arranged with the pastor before the baptism.
- Coordinator: Mrs. Linda Pichon

Weekly Scripture Readings *April 30, 2023- May 6, 2023*

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3,4; John 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m.

Daily Masses:

Tuesday—Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the Rectory Chapel.

Novenas: Tuesday (OLPH), Wednesday (ST. Joseph) after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Confessions: 30 minutes before weekend Masses or anytime by request.

Eucharist Adoration: Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Chapel

Theme For the Parish

*St. David: Faith, Family and
Fellowship*

Contributions and Attendance

Saturday, April 22, 2023 & Sunday, April 23, 2023

Saturday ————— \$1402.00

Sunday ————— \$ 939.00

Mail-Ins ————— \$ 305.00

Online ————— \$ 200.00

Total Collection All Masses ——— \$2846.00

Weekly Budgeted Expenses ——— \$3000.00

Difference (short) ————— \$ 154.00

Gym Rental ————— \$ 250.00

Total Deposit ————— \$3096.00

Attendance: Saturday-42; Sunday- 89

Total Attendance-131

P.S. Thank you for being so generous to your parish



Joyce Costello, Lana Piquet, Shirly Martinez, Louis Caliste, Jr., Joseph Caliste, Arlene Craft, Doris Claiborne, Karen Wyseman, Beryl Wingate, Lewis Turner, Grace Leonce, Rasheed Picquet, Edith Smith, Armani Fernandez, Saalyiah Leslie, Yvonne Sanchez, Darryl Sanders, Norma Conohan, Shane Dave, David Williams, Shirley Francois, John Wysemam, Gaynell St. Julien, Veronica Nolan, Alfred Barbarian, Dolores Cages, Alberta Porche, Byron Jupiter

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 30, 2023-May 6, 2023

Sun., Apr. 30th: 9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church

Tues., May 2nd: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intention

Wed., May 3rd: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intention

Thurs., May 4th: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intention

Fri., May 5th: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intention

Sat., May 6th: 4:00p.m. Mass Intention



Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Father Oswald will be saying a daily Mass for all parishioners affected by the Coronavirus.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

The Pastors Weekly Schedule

May 1, 2023—May 7, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023

The Pastor's Day off.

The office of the parish is closed.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: Office Hours
- 3:30PM to 5:30PM: Couple's Counseling
- 6:30PM: Meeting at St. David

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Priests
- 6:30PM to 8:30PM: Meeting at St. David

Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Couple's Counseling
- 6:30PM: Meeting with Haitians Finance Council

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 10AM: Mass of Christian Burial Tessa H. Johnson
- 2:30PM to 3:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 5PM to 6:30PM Confirmation Class
- 7PM: Deanery Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 10AM: Baptismal Class for Haitians
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM: Meeting in Westbank

Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 9AM: Sunday Liturgy
- 12PM: Meeting at St. David
- 4:30PM to 6PM: Confirmation Class in Westbank
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank

Again, wishing you a very blessed, safe, and productive week.

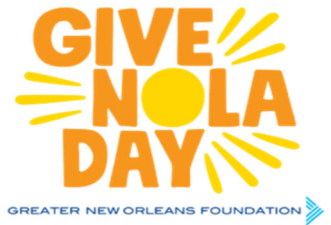


Announcements

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GiveNOLA Day

Would you please consider giving to the Ninth Ward Outreach Corporation at <http://givenola.org/NWOC> for GiveNOLA Day on May 2, 2023. NWOC has been responsible for the Toy Give-a-Way for over 15 years, held right here at St. David. We have assisted the residents of the Ninth Ward with other services such as food and clothing donations.



Planned Fundraisers for the Parish

Fundraiser: Line and Wine Dance

- Where: St. David Gym
- When: Friday, June 16, 2023
(Friday before Fathers Day/Juneteenth)
- Time: 7PM to 10PM
- Donation: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

St. David Campaign

- Please stay tuned for more information coming soon.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Do you or someone you know want to go to the Holy Land? Yes, we are planning to take you back to the Holy Land next year. Be ready to go visit the birth place of Jesus! More information will be announced at a later date.



Adult Altar Servers

Do you want to serve as an adult altar server? There is a place for you. Please contact Fr. Oswald or Kimberly Mirabin. They are waiting for your call.



RCIA Class

If you know anyone who has not received one, two or three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, please advise them to contact Father Oswald. Yes, we are ready to work with them.



Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

If you were civilly married and want your marriage blessed by the Church, please know that we are here to help you. You can wither call Father Oswald or Terry C. Montegut, the wedding coordinator for the parish.



April Birthdays

• Phillip Thomas	April 1st	• Emilia Carney	April 15th
• John Belson	April 2nd	• April Williams	April 16th
• Kevin Jones	April 3rd	• Irene Young	April 17th
• Caroline Lambert	April 3rd	• Alfred Barbarin	April 18th
• Blaise Moore	April 3rd	• Delia Crumby	April 19th
• Yvonne Sanchez	April 5th	• Joyce Costello	April 20th
• Braylen Burrell	April 6th	• Kayla Glenn	April 20th
• Joyce Hagan	April 10th	• Steven Luke	April 22nd
• TaRhonda Gasper	April 11th	• Christopher Banks	April 24th
• Jeffery Mirabin	April 14th	• Erica Johnson	April 24th
• Joseph Mirabin	April 14th	• Beverly Ladmirault	April 25th
• Michael Picot	April 14th	• Havan Bell	April 30th
• Shari Stewart	April 14th	• Bryce Morris	April 30th
• Michael W. Bergeman	April 15th		



April
Birthdays!