

# Saint David Catholic Church

January 7, 2024

## Epiphany of the Lord

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*Matthew 2:1-12*



## 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

**January 7, 2023- January 13, 2024**

**Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Mark 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8 and 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19; Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 2:13-17

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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

*December 16& 17, 2023    December 23, 25, 2023    December 30& 31, 2023*

Saturday———— \$ 703.00	Saturday———— \$1458.54	Saturday———— \$ 704.00
Sunday ————— \$ 863.00	Sunday ————— \$ 806.00	Sunday————— \$1285.00
Mail-Ins———— \$ 646.00	Christmas———— \$1221.00	Mail-Ins———— \$ 45.00
Online ————— \$ 375.00	Mail-Ins———— \$ 530.00	Online————— \$ 25.00
<b>Total Masses—— \$2587.00</b>	Online ————— \$ 130.00	<b>Total Masses——\$2059.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget— \$3000.00</b>	<b>Total Masses——\$4145.54</b>	<b>Weekly Budge— \$3000.00</b>
Difference———— \$- 413.00	<b>Weekly Budget—\$3000.00</b>	Difference———— \$- 941.00
Flowers————— \$ 60.00	Difference———— \$+1145.54	<b>Total Collection—\$2059.00</b>
Fund Fest———— \$ 1100.00	Flowers————— \$ 18.00	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Total Collection—\$3747.00</b>	Donation———— \$ 500.00	<b>Saturday-34; Sunday-61</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Total Collection—\$4663.54</b>	<b>Total Attendance: 95</b>
<b>Saturday-40; Sunday-72</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	
<b>Total Attendance: 112</b>	<b>Saturday-44; Sunday-49</b>	
	<b>Total Attendance: 93</b>	

*Thank you for generosity to your parish.*



### Mass Intentions for the Week of January 7, 2024—January 13, 2024

Sun., Jan 7th:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., Jan. 9th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., Jan. 10th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., Jan. 11th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., Jan. 12th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., Jan. 13th:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



*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, Dolores Cages, Byron Jupiter, Mable Howard*





## *3 Year Campaign*

### *“Garden of Giving”*

Dear Family and Friends,

St. David Church has been in existence since 1937. Our mission is to remain spiritually committed to our parishioners and community for many years to come.

To support this effort, please consider one of the following donations:

☐ \$5,000 Stone

☐ \$2,500 Stone

☐ \$1,000 Stone

☐ \$375 Gold Leaf

- Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Donor's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Donor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Message: \_\_\_\_\_



Payment Plans:

	<u>\$375 Gold Leaf</u>	<u>\$1000 Stone</u>	<u>\$2500 Stone</u>	<u>\$5000 Stone</u>
3 Years:	\$10.45 a month	\$27.80 a month	\$69.45 a month	\$139.00 a month
2 Years:	\$15.65 a month	\$41.66 a month	\$104.20 a month	\$218.35 a month
1 Year:	\$31.25 a month	\$83.35 a month	\$208.35 a month	\$416.80 a month

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you would like to set up a payment plan or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 504-947-2853. If any of these plans are not suitable for you, we are willing to work with you.

## *Father Oswald returns this Week*

Father Oswald will return this week. In case of an emergency, please contact the office and your message will be sent to him. Father Oswald wishes you a blessed and productive New Year. Please stay safe.

**(From Loyola Press)**

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



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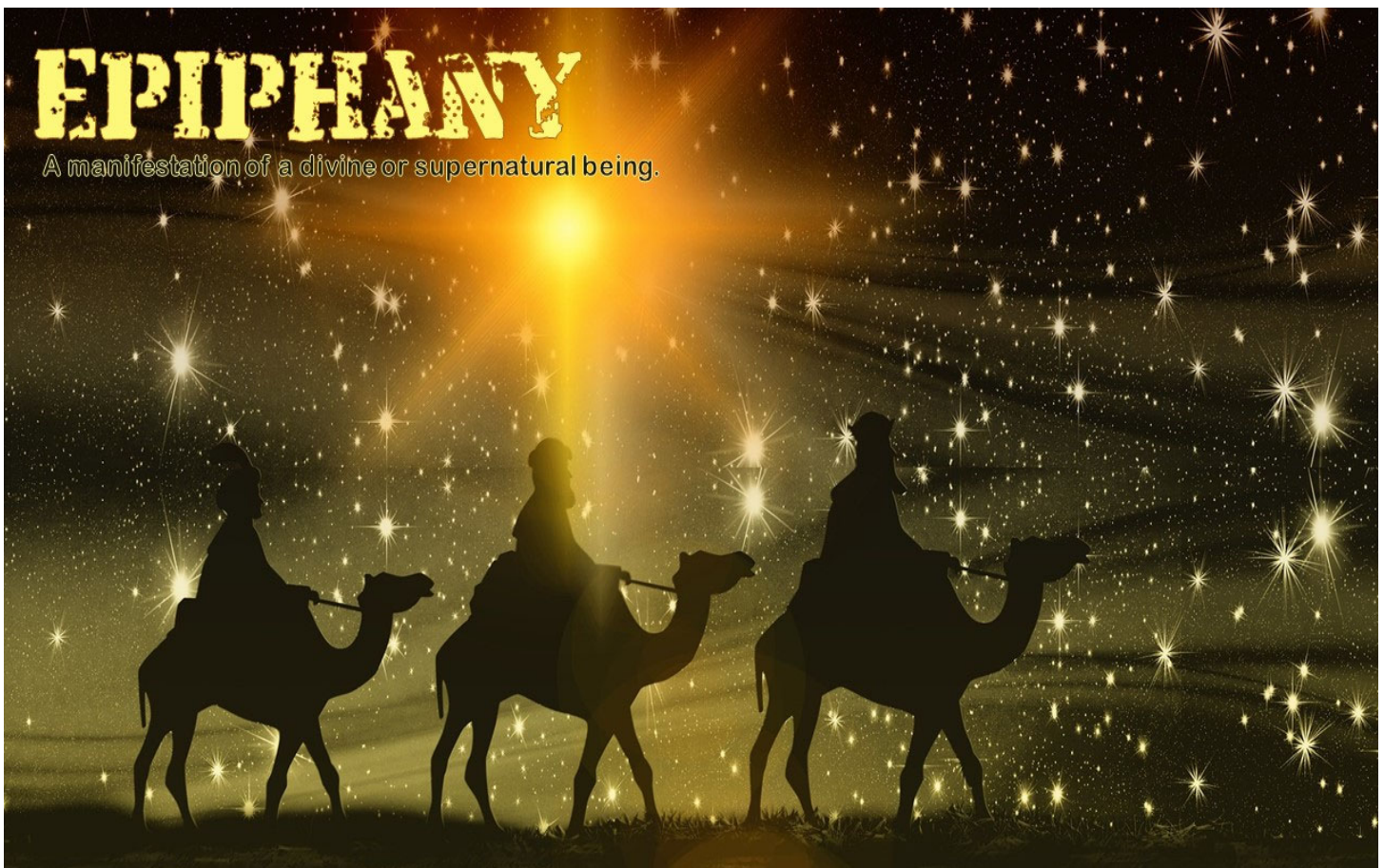
**Memorial Bricks**

The new forms for the memorial bricks will be in kept in the back of the Church.



**Hymnal Orders**

The last day to order a memorial Hymnal is December 31. Please turn in your order request form in as soon as possible. Thank you.



***10-Day Pilgrimage to Shrines Italy***

Are you ready to go to Italy, especially to Rome? Well, you have been asking about that, and your wishes have been granted. From New Orleans to Rome April 15-24, 2024. \$4, 799 Land/Air. We are putting on hold the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land to focus on the one to Italy. Are you ready? If you are, let us to go to Rome, the Headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the office of the parish during its hours of operation. Also, please pick up a package as you leave TODAY!

## Youth and Young Adult Corner

### Matthew 2:1-12

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. (From Loyola Press)

# The Visit of the Magi

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



After Jesus was born in \_\_\_\_\_ in Judea, during the time of King Herod, \_\_\_\_\_ from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been \_\_\_\_\_ king of the Jews? We saw his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east and have come to \_\_\_\_\_ him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it \_\_\_\_\_ over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother \_\_\_\_\_, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-12 (NIV)

Bethlehem  
born

gold  
incense

Magi  
Mary

myrrh  
star

stopped  
worship

# *January Birthdays*

• Cheryl Young	January 2nd	• Enola Daranda	January 20th
• Gail Davis	January 5th	• Kenzie Delaine	January 20th
• Ricardo Green	January 6th	• Denise Roland	January 22nd
• Tayari Porche	January 6th	• Elston Cormier	January 23rd
• Lucille Dezara	January 7th	• Dorothy Ellis	January 24th
• Jared Smith	January 7th	• Janet Robinson	January 24th
• Timara Day	January 9th	• Brandy Burrell	January 25th
• Loretta Barbre	January 10th	• Eunice Petit	January 25th
• Maya Bentley	January 11th	• Michelle Bacchus	January 26th
• Ariel Glaze	January 12th	• Mililenet Richardson	January 26th
• Issac Porche	January 13th	• Raymond Stevens	January 27th
• Duriel Bateman	January 14th	• Jeremy Coubarous	January 29th
• Ingrid Fernandez	January 14th	• Danion Little	January 29th
• Yvonne Plaisance	January 15th	• Jamyra Williams	January 29th
• Juliette Allen	January 16th	• Royce Williams, Jr.	January 29th
• Darryl Franklin	January 16th	• Brianna Winters	January 29th
• Janice Gardner	January 16th	• Kellen Daranda	January 31st
• Angela Thiboudeaux	January 16th	• Denise Luke	January 31st
• Donald Barnes	January 17th	• Darryl Wells	January 31st
• Henry B. Picquett, Jr.	January 18th		

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY