

Saint David Catholic Church

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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John 12:20-33*

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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

March 17, 2024–March 23, 2024

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 & Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56

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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, March 9, 2024 & March 10, 2024

Saturday----- \$ 874.00

Sunday----- \$ 742.00

Mail-Ins----- \$ 290.50

Online----- \$ 25.00

Total Collection All Masses----- \$1931.00

Weekly Budget Expenses----- \$3000.00

Difference (short)----- \$1069.00

Mass Intentions----- \$ 20.00

Fish Fry Donation----- \$ 30.00

St. V. De Paul----- \$ 135.00

Total Deposit----- \$ 2116.00

Attendance: Sat-31; Sun-67

Total Attendance-98

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, Dolores Cages, Mable Howard, Sarah Lastie

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 17, 2024—March 23, 2024

Sun., March 17th: 9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church

Tues., March 19th: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Wed., March 20th: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Thurs., March 21st: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Fri., March 22nd: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Sat., March 23rd: 4:00p.m. Carmella Pichon

Requested by: The Pichon Family





A Message from the Pastor

(from Loyola Press)

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Pastor's Announcements

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who worked together last Friday for the success of the Fifth Lenten fish fry. We are grateful for donations, your time and talents. Yes, St. David is blessed with parishioners like you, Because of your effort and donations, the parish made a profit of \$837.00 on the fish fry, and \$532. 00 as extra which means the parish made a total profit of \$1,369.00. Indeed, a parish that works together succeeds together. See you on Friday. Also, the Stations of Cross are held every Friday at 6:30p.m.

We thank ALL of you who attended the Three-day Lenten Revival. We hope that the Revival was beneficial to you. See you next year!

The Monthly Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 6: 30p/m. in the parish hall. We hope to see ALL members of the Council in attendance.

In observance of the Sacred Tridium and the Easter Holidays, the office of the parish will be closed on Wednesday March 27 and will reopen on Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 9a.m.

The Church urges **ALL** Catholics to regularly receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation/Confession especially before Christmas and Easter. As a result, the Sacrament will be celebrated on Tuesday March 26 at 5:30p.m. Also, do not forget to order your Easter Lilies. The envelope is at the back, please pick yours up **TODAY**. Next weekend is the deadline to do so. For questions, please see one of the ushers.

Friends and Church families, again, the parish Three-Year Campaign is our campaign, and it is a very crucial one which calls on everyone to take action to make it successful. The pledge card can be found in the back as you leave **TODAY**. Let us focus on the campaign by both fully participating and fully committing to the goal, which is success. Again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have already taken steps by making your own pledge. Let us continue to walk hand and hand for the success of such a very important fundraising campaign.

We continue to invite you to join us via conference call as we continue to pray together for peace. Yes, the whole world needs our prayers especially as we continue to pray for the end of gun violence in our country more importantly in the streets of New Orleans, for peace between Israel and Palestine, Russia, and Ukraine, and yes, a family that prays together. The number to call can be found on the website of the parish.

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Lenten Fish Fry Donations

This are the donations needed for our upcoming Lenten Fish Fry.

- Bread, Cakes, Cooking Oil, Cold Drinks, Water, Plates, Aluminum Pans, Sterno, Fish, Shrimp, Oyster, Fish Fry, Fork and Spoon Packages
- A cooked pan of Macaroni
- A cooked pan potato salad

Please see Hilda Clark concerning the cooked items.



Lenten Fish Fry Schedule

Friday March 22, 2024

Fish or Shrimp Plate

Combo Plate



Lenten Season Confession Schedule

Confession will be available in all Parishes from 5PM to 6:30PM on Wednesday March 6, March 13, and March 20, 2024.



Garden of Giving Update

5 Leaves Paid in Full; 3 Leaves on a Payment Plan; 4 \$1000 Stones on Payment Plan; 1 \$1000 Stone Pledge; 1 \$2500 Stone Paid in Full; 4 \$2500 Stones on Payment Plan; 1 \$ 5000 Stone Pledge; 2 Payment Plans for undecided stone.

Total Collected as of 3/3/24: \$7706.75

3 Year Campaign "Garden of Giving"

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

\$5,000 Stone	\$2,500 Stone
\$1,000 Stone	\$375 Gold Leaf

Forms are located in the back of the church.

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.



Youth and Young Adult Corner

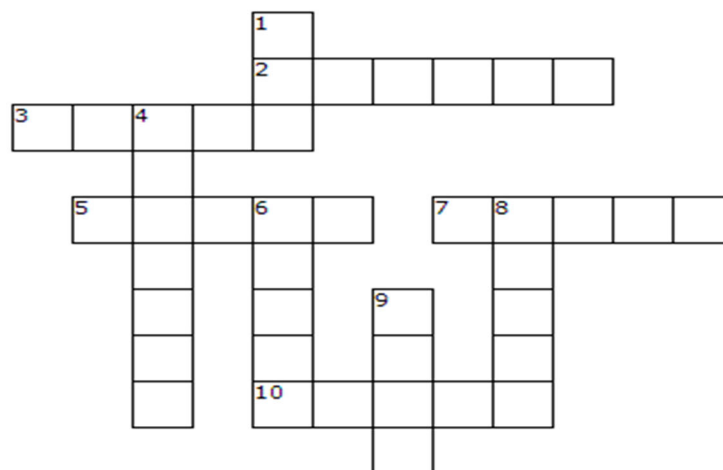
The Power of His Love. John 12:20-33

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The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To be raised up
- 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
- 5. What we humans use to speak or sing
- 7. The Son of God
- 10. The end of life

DOWN

- 1. Everyone and everything
- 4. To bring praise and honor to God
- 6. A large group of people
- 8. The land surface of the world
- 9. To attract someone or something

DEATH
ALL

ANGEL
DRAW

VOICE
GLORIFY

EARTH
LIFTED

JESUS
CROWD

March Birthdays

- Arthur Smith, Sr. March 1st
- Jerome Jones March 2nd
- In Loving Memory*
- *Geraldine Johnson* March 3rd
- In loving Memory*
- *Michael Broyard* March 6th
- Mable Howard March 6th
- Walter Merrick March 8th
- Gabriel Stark March 8th
- Article Fernandrz March 10th
- Mary Denis March 11th
- Gabriel Rogers March 11th
- Tychelle Young March 12th
- Ignatius Peters March 13th
- Sharon Cabral Peters March 15th
- Ricardo Green March 15th
- Hannah Johnson March 18th
- Walter Jackson, Sr. March 18th

- Diane Smith March 17th
- Nadine Ancar March 18th
- Jasmine Hughes March 19th
- Joshua Smith March 19th
- Craig Blair March 20th
- Arianne Hollingsworth March 20th
- Amis Nolan March 20th
- Jason Stewart March 20th
- Emmette Cager March 21st
- Jasonique Stewart March 21st
- Kyree Magee March 22nd
- Leslie Stewart March 24th
- Jonathan Nichols March 25th
- Nicole Ryans March 28th
- Beryl Wingate March 28th
- Brenda Hagan March 29th
- Sheryl Davis March 30th

