

**Saint David Catholic Church**  
**June 16, 2024**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Mark 4:26-34*  
*The reign of God is like a mustard seed.*



**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

*June 16, 2024-June 22, 2024*

**Monday:** 1 Kings 21:1-16; psalm 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Matthew 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 21:17-29; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Matthew 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Psalm 31:20, 21, 24; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sirach 48:1-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalm 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Matthew 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Matthew 6:24-34

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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, June 8, 2024 & Sunday, June 9, 2024**

Saturday	-----\$ 904.00
Sunday	-----\$ 860.00
Mail-Ins	-----\$ 989.00
Online	-----\$ 200.00
<b>Total Collection All Masses</b>	<b>----- \$2953.00</b>
Weekly Budget Expenses	----- \$3000.00
Difference (short)	----- \$ 47.00
St. V De Paul	----- \$ 152.00
Mass Intention	----- \$ 25.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>----- \$3130.00</b>

**Attendance:** Sat-38; Sun-81

**Total Attendance-119**

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



*Joyce Costello, Lana Piquet, Shirley Martinez, Louis Caliste, Jr., Joseph Caliste, Arlene Craft, Doris Claiborne, Karen Wyseman, 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 June 16, 2024—June 22, 2024

Sun., June 16th:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., June 18th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., June 19th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., June 20th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., June 21st:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., June 22nd:	4:00p.m. Elvera Word: Requested by The Children

Alfred Barbarin: Requested By The Family



**From Loyola Press**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 4:26–34*

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable’s meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.





# ***The Pastor's Weekly Schedule***

**Monday, June 17, 2024—Sunday, June 23, 2024**

## Monday, June 17, 2024

- The Pastor is Off
- The office of the parish is closed.

## Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Couple
- 6:30PM to 8:30PM: Finance Council Meeting

## Wednesday, June 19, 2024

**The office of the parish is closed in observation of Juneteenth**

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 1PM: Josephite Council Meeting
- 4PM to 8PM: Joseph Council & St. Augustine High School Board Meeting

## Thursday, June 20, 2024

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

## Friday, June 21, 2024

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Josephite Priests
- 6:30PM to 8:30PM: Wedding Prep Seminar

## Saturday, June 22, 2024

- 11AM to 12:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM to 8:30PM: Meeting in Westbank

## Sunday, June 23, 2024

- 9AM: Sunday Liturgy: Youth Rally; followed by sharing session in the Parish Hall
- 5PM to 6PM: First confession for candidates making first communion in Westbank
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank

*Again, we wish you and yours a week filled with joy, happiness, and blessings. Please stay safe and let us remain united through prayer and thoughts.*



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**Adult Faith Formation Seminars**

Beginning the month of May, we will hold a series of Adult Faith Formation Seminars. The seminars will be held on the following Thursdays: May 16 & May 30, June 13 & June 27. The sessions will be held from 6p.m. to 7:15p.m. Beginning the first weekend of May, a sign-up form for the seminars will be at the back of the Church.

**Mark Your Calendar**

The Youth Rally will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, following the 9AM Liturgy in the Parish Hall. The Rally will be followed by a sharing session.



**St. David's All Classes Reunion**

The St. David All Classes Reunion on September 7, 2024 from 6PM to 10PM at The Luxury Hall, 5555 Bullard Ave. New Orleans, LA 70128. We are inviting all former St. David students with their spouse or a guest. Your payment of \$55 per person due by June 30, 2024 via Zelle to Loma Conner Jones: lljc3free@gmail.com. Please email Geralyn Triss at tg4013@gmail.com with your name, class of, and veggie or regular meal for you and your guest. Loma Jones Conner will be at Mass on June 15 and 16 to collect money and info from those who would like to pay in person.

**Office of the Parish Closed for Juneteenth on June 19, 2024**

**Happy Juneteenth.**

**Garden of Giving Update**

12 Paid in Full; 15 Payment Plans; 3 Pledges

**Total Collected as of 6/9/24: \$11,999.25**

**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:

\$375 Gold Leaf

\$1000 Stone

\$2500 Stone

\$5000 Stone

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.

We have added the completed leaves on the tree. Please take a look and decide if you would like to add one for you or your loved ones.



# Youth and Young Adult Corner

## The Parable of a Mustard Seed

This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith. (Loyola Press)

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



T	E	G	B	W	J	C	D	M	F	A	R	L	Q	Y	O	H	X	Z	U	S	V	P	K	I	N
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 23-11-12-11-4-13-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-25-26-3-8-16-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-20-21-1-11-12-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-2-2-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-13-11-26-1-2-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-9-11-13-13-2-21-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-11-12-3-2-21-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-13-11-26-1-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-25-12-8-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-2-21-1 \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTED SMALLEST	MUSTARD PARABLE	KINGDOM BIRDS	NEST LARGEST	PLANTS SEED
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# *June Birthdays*

- Paulette Daniels June 2nd
- Mya Hagan June 3rd
- Anthony Robertson June 5th
- Nedra Williams June 5th
- Valena Coco June 6th
- Fr. Oswald June 6th
- Jerry Bean June 7th
- Justin Daranda June 7th
- Curtis Acker June 8th
- Byron LaFrance June 9th
- Dwayne Word June 10th
- Joyce Mumford June 12th
- Stanley Stewart June 12th
- Sr. Teresa Rooney June 13th
- Jaime Blair June 15th
- Troy Moore June 15th
- Leonard Dowden June 16th
- Elaine R. Peters June 16th

- Chiquita Hagan June 19th
- Ronald Porea June 19th
- Michael Thomas June 19th
- Norlita Parker Wells June 20th
- Jonathan Saul June 22nd
- Warren Allen June 23rd
- Lester Morgan June 24th
- Thomas Young June 24th
- Cynthia Bienemy June 26th
- Stephen Young, Jr. June 26th
- Helen Scott June 27th
- Arrin Banks June 28th
- Josephine Daranda-Bechet June 28th
- Brandon Bean June 29th
- Joseph Pearley June 29th
- Miriam Wilson June 29th
- Jennifer DeCuir June 30th



HAPPY JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS!