

**Saint David Catholic Church**  
**September, 8, 2024**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Mark 7:31-37*  
*Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.*



**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 September 8, 2024-September 14, 2024

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12; Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Luke 6:39-42

**Saturday:** Numbers 21:4b-9 & Philippians 2:6-11; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; John 3:13-17

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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

**Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 & Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024**

Saturday	-----	-\$ 817.00
Sunday	-----	\$ 615.00
Mail-Ins	-----	--\$ 155.00
Online	-----	-\$ 50.00
<b>Total Collection All Masses</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>\$1637.00</b>
Weekly Budget Expenses	-----	-- \$3000.00
Difference (short)	-----	-- \$1363.00
Building Maintenance	-----	\$ 95.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>\$1732.00</b>

**Attendance:** Sat-29; Sun-70

**Total Attendance-99**

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



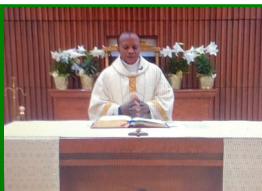
*Lana Piquet, Shirly Martinez, Louis Caliste, Jr., Joseph Caliste, Arlene Craft, Doris Claiborne, Karen Wyseman, Lewis Turner, Grace Leonce, Rasheed Picquet, Armani Fernandez, Saalyiah Leslie, Yvonne Sanchez, Darryl Sanders, Norma Conohan, Shane Dave, David Williams, Shirley Francois, John Wysemam, Gaynell St. Julien, Veronica Nolan, Dolores Cages, Mable Howard, Sarah Lastie*

## Mass Intentions for the Week of September 8, 2024—September 14, 2024

Sun., Sept. 8th:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., Sept. 10th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., Sept. 11th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., Sept. 12th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., Sept. 13th:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., Sept. 14th:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions







## *A Message from the Pastor*

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Friends:

Yes, your Pastor is back safe and sound from Washington, DC by the grace of the Almighty. Indeed, I give thanks to God for keeping me safe throughout my time in DC away from you, my beloved parishioners. I have brought with me greetings from other Josephites, and please know that you were indeed constantly remembered in my thoughts and prayers during those three days in DC. Yes, I did continue praying for our safety and security, especially during this year's hurricane season.

Beloved, please allow me to continue to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to ALL who have already made your pledge to support this very important and crucial campaign. Beloved, I know that we usually hold the parish picnic during the month of September. It is already September. I humbly urge you to let us know where and how you want us to enjoy the picnic as a family. Like we did last year, we invite you to voice your opinion regarding the picnic by participating in this short survey. Yes, what you have to say does matter, and of course, we are eager to hear from you.

My beloved Church Family, on this weekend's Gospel, a man who had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus. Indeed, Jesus was begged to lay His hands on the man with speech impediment. Jesus, for His part and away from the crowd, put His finger into the man's ear and spitting, touched the man's tongue then looked up to heaven and said to him "Ephphatha!" Which means "Be opened". As a result, the man's speech impediment was removed. Dearest friends, what is the message of the Gospel for us today's crowd? We may not have a speech impediment but all of us need Jesus's intervention. Indeed, like He did for the man in the Gospel, Jesus can fix what is broken, solve our problems, heal our illnesses, and increase our faith to realize that He is the same Jesus yesterday, today, and forever. Indeed, Jesus detests our lack of faith and wants us to trust Him always. Yes, let us continue to remind ourselves that we are and remain a parish that is based on: Faith, Family, and Fellowship. Yes, and together, we will continue to cherish and value family, to live by faith, and to fellowship with one another.

Well, my friends, I truly hope that you had an enjoyable Labor Day holiday. Please know that you will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers as we gather this week in downtown with all the priests and Bishops working in this Archdiocese for this year's priest convocation. Again and again, every time I have the opportunity, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unwavering support, your fervent and constant prayers, your understanding, and undeniable collaboration and commitment to this parish of ours we ALL love so dearly. Again together, let us continue to work as family for the well-being and success of St. David parish. Let us continue to look out for each other for indeed and together, we are stronger. There is no need to ask you because I already that you agree with your Pastor.

Wishing you and yours a week filled with joys and blessings. And I sincerely remain yours truly and always,

Very Rev. Oswald Pierre Pierre-Jules, Jr., S.S.J., Your Pastor

## The Pastor's Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 9, 2024 — Sunday, September 15, 2024

### Monday, September 9, 2024

The Pastor is off. The office of the parish is closed.

### Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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

### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

#### **New Orleans Archdiocese Priest Convocation**

Downtown New Orleans

Office of the Parish is open.

### Thursday, September 12, 2024

#### **New Orleans Archdiocese Priest Convocation**

Downtown New Orleans

Office of the Parish is open.

### Friday, September 13, 2024

#### **New Orleans Archdiocese Priest Convocation**

Downtown New Orleans

Office of the Parish is open.

- 7PM: Wedding Rehearsal in Westbank

### Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 11AM: Meeting at St. David
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM: Wedding in Westbank

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

- 9AM: Sunday Liturgy
- 12PM to 2PM: Meeting at St. David
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank

*Yes, and indeed, your Pastor wishes you and yours a very blessed, safe, and productive week filled with joy and God's blessings. Until we meet again, let us continue to keep each other in thoughts and prayers.*



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### Maintenance Part-time Position.

Beginning the first of September 2024, the maintenance part time position will be opened to anyone who is qualified for the job. If you want to apply, please call the office during its hours of operation to express your interest. What are the criteria and requirements of the Maintenance Position?

- 1) The position is opened to any man who can do the job.
- 2) The maintenance guy is required to do the following:
  - a) To take care of the Church and rectory, parish hall and Marais grounds.
  - b) To pay attention to what needs to be fixed or repaired in all buildings.
  - c) To maintain the parish car such as: oils changes, washing, etc.
  - d) To make sure both parish hall and Marais buildings are cleaned for weekend use.
  - e) To put out the garbage every Wednesday for pick up Thursday morning.
  - f) To open and close the St. David School Gymnasium whenever there is an event.
  - g) To do inventory, especially for the rectory, such as bulbs, tools, etc.

If you or someone you know who may be interested, please call or advise them to call the parish office at: 504 947 2853

Or Email: stdavid@arch-no.org

### Garden of Giving Update

16 Paid in Full; 17 Payment Plans; 3 Pledges

**Total Collected as of 9/8/24: \$20,382.75**

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

*3 Year Campaign  
"Garden of Giving"*

\$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.

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

Today's Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for and ministry to those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay his hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus' healing power is shown in his opening of the man's ears and the restoring of his speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christ's healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show his healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others. (Loyola Press)



### Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! Mark 7:34-35 (NLT)

Based on Mark 7:31-37 (NLT)

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# *September Birthdays*

• Debra Simmons	Sept. 1st
• Derrick Burrell	Sept. 3rd
• Joseph Mirabin	Sept. 3rd
• Eric Mims	Sept. 4th
• Shirley Francois	Sept. 4th
• Troy Green	Sept. 7th
• Raquel Anderson	Sept. 8th
• Eliseanne Coco	Sept. 8th
• Darryl Green	Sept. 8th
• Darlene Thurman	Sept. 8th
• Gilbert Luke, Jr.	Sept. 9th
• Brianne Whitaker	Sept. 10th
• Gary Demesme	Sept. 11th
• Myrielle Gibson	Sept. 11th
• Gregg Poree	Sept. 11th
• Charles Claverie, III	Sept. 13th
• Virginia Paul	Sept. 13th
• Edward Gasper	Sept. 16th
• Lillie Gordon	Sept. 16th
• Royal Demesme	Sept. 18th

• Edward Cager	Sept. 19th
• Alfred Porche	Sept. 19th
• Darcell Green	Sept. 20th
• Stephen Young	Sept. 20th
• David Hennessy	Sept. 21st
• Rosana Seymour	Sept. 21st
• Joyce Theodore	Sept. 21st
• Edgar Edwards	Sept. 22nd
• Ronald Honore'	Sept. 22nd
• Calvin Phipps	Sept. 22nd
• Bernice White	Sept. 24th
• Elvera Word	Sept. 24th
• Bertha Rideau	Sept. 26th
• Arnishesha Fernandez	Sept. 27th
• Zariah Gardner	Sept. 27th
• Jeffery Winding	Sept. 27th
• Hosea Stevens, III	Sept. 28th
• Yvette Jordan	Sept. 30th
• Michell Washington	Sept. 30th

CELEBRATE  
SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

