

Saint David Catholic Church
January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 2:1-11
Jesus performs His first sign at a wedding feast



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 19, 2025-January 25, 2025

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18

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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, Jan. 11, 2025 & Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025

Saturday—————\$ 537.00

Sunday—————\$1282.00

Mail-Ins————--\$ 0.00

Online—————\$ 200.00

Total Collection All Masses—— \$2019.00

Weekly Budget Expenses———— \$3000.00

Difference (short)————-- \$ 981.00

St. V De Paul—————\$ 163.00

Total Deposit————— \$2182.00

Attendance: Sat-29; Sun-79

Total Attendance-108

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 Cager*

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 19, 2025—January 25, 2025

Sun., Jan. 19: 9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church

Tues., Jan. 21: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Wed., Jan. 22: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Thurs., Jan. 23: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Fri., Jan. 24: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 25: 4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



From Loyola Press

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

The Pastor's Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 20, 2025 — Sunday, January 26, 2025

Monday, January 20, 2025

The Pastor's day off.

The office of the parish is closed.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**DUE TO THE WEATHER, THE
OFFICE OF THE PARISH IS
CLOSED.**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:45PM: Meeting with Priests
- 6:30AM: Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 12PM: Lunch with Priests
- 3PM to 4:45PM: Meeting at St. Daivid
- 6:30PM: Counseling Session

Friday, January 24, 2025

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30: Confirmation Class
- 6PM to 8PM: Fr. Oswald final Visit to Josephites at St. Augustine High School

Saturday, January 25, 2025

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 9AM: Sunday Liturgy
- 1PM: to 2PM: Meeting at St. David
- 5 to 6PM: Wedding Prep Seminar in Westbank
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank

Yes, your pastor is back and he wishes you a week filled with joys, peace, and God's heavenly blessings. Please be safe.

I remain yours truly,

***Very Rev. Oswald Pierre Pierre-Jules,
S.S.J.***

Your Pastor



January 19, 2025

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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

27 Paid in Full; 12 Payment Plans; 2 Pledges

Total Collected as of 1/12/25: \$36,987.65

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

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

3 Year Campaign
"Garden of Giving"

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.



Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs. (Loyola Press)

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

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



One day there was a _____ in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started to run out of _____ at the wedding banquet, his mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." She then told the _____ to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There were some water _____ there which held about twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants. "Fill the pots with _____." And they filled them to the brim.

"Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of the banquet," Jesus said.

When the master of the banquet tasted it, the water had been _____ to wine. He was amazed at how good it tasted. "Most people serve the _____ wine first and when the guests have had to much to drink, they bring out the _____ wine; but you have saved the best until last!"

John 2:1-11 (Paraphrased)

best	cheap	servants	wedding
changed	pots	water	wine

January Birthdays

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



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY