

Saint David Catholic Church
August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53
Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.



A
HOUSE
DIVIDED
LUKE 12:49-53

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

August 17, 2025, 2025–August 23, 2025

Monday: Judges 2:11-19; Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39a; Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Matthew 23:1-12

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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

August 9, 2025 & Sunday, August 10, 2025

Saturday	\$ 983.00
Sunday	\$ 987.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 330.00
Online	\$ 150.00
Total Collection All Masses	\$2450.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$3000.00
Difference	-\$550.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 118.00
St. V.D.P	\$ 67.00
Total Deposit	\$2635.00

Attendance: Sat-26; Sun-74

Total Attendance-100

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



*Lana Williams, Shirly Martinez,
Louis Caliste, Jr., Joseph Caliste,
Arlene Craft, Doris Claiborne,
Karen Wyseman, Lewis Turner,
Grace Leonce, Rasheed Picquet,
Saalyiah Leslie, Yvonne Sanchez,
Darryl Sanders, Norma Conohan,
Shane Dave, David Williams,
John Wysemam, Gaynell St. Ju-
lien, Norma Jean Wilson*

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 17, 2025—August 23, 2025

Sun., Aug. 17:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., Aug. 19:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., Aug. 20:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., Aug. 21:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., Aug. 22:	7:30a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., Aug. 23:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



From Loyola Press

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

The Office Hours

Tuesday, August 19, 2025-Thursday, August 21, 2025

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- 9AM to 1PM: Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- 9AM to 1PM: Parish Office Hours

Thursday, August 21, 2025

- 9AM to 1PM: Parish Office Hours

While the Pastor is away, the parish office hours will remain to be Tuesday-Thursday from 9AM to 1PM. If you call the office and receive no answer, please a detailed message with your name and number and your call will be returned during office hours. If you have an emergency outside of office hours, please email the parish at stdavid@arch-no.org with your message, name, and number and the secretary will respond by the following morning.

Dear God,

As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what.

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Maintenance Part-Time Position is still Available

If you or anyone you know would like to apply, or for more information, please contact the parish office during office hours.



Garden of Giving Update

33 Paid in Full; 11 Payment Plans; 2 Pledges

Total Collected as of 8/3/25: \$45,604.10

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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



*St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle,
Be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
We humbly pray.
And do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power,
Thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the
world,
Seeking the ruin of souls.*

Youth and Young Adult Corner

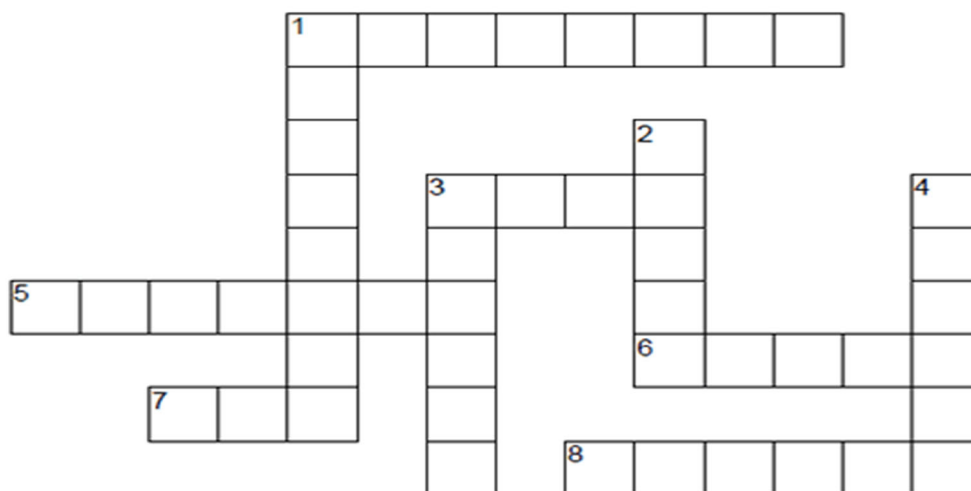
Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53 (Loyola Press)

The Dividing Line

"Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division." Luke 12:51 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 12:49-53



ACROSS

1. A female child of human parents
3. A chemical change that releases heat and light and is accompanied by flame
5. To be immersed in water
6. The third planet from the sun
7. A male child of human parents
8. The male parent

DOWN

1. Separating into parts or pieces
2. The absence of war
3. Members of a household usually consisting of parents and their children
4. The female parent

FIRE
EARTH

BAPTISM
FATHER

MOTHER
PEACE

DAUGHTER
DIVISION

FAMILY
SON

August Birthdays

• Ayrielle Gordon	August 1st	• Betty Stalbert	August 19th
• Evelyn Harrell	August 2nd	• Melba Mason	August 20th
• Eric Mims	August 2nd	• Elton Carney	August 21st
• Janae Winding	August 3rd	• Aimee Everett	August 22nd
• Keith Johnson	August 4th	• Lucullus Condor	August 26th
• Wilson, Tammy	August 7th	• Geney Boudouin	August 29th
• Jerome Devezin	August 8th	• Shirley Martinez	August 29th
• Chrishon Cager	August 9th	• Tanya Sterling	August 30th
• Barbara Claiborne	August 10th	• Allegra Peters	August 31st
• Siena Acker	August 11th	• Catrice Stevens	August 31st
• Nicholas Ballard	August 12th	<i>In Loving Memory</i>	
• Donald Bardell	August 13th	• Shirley Williams	August 7th
• Jasmine Porche	August 15th	• Earline Langford	August 8th
• Judith Tate	August 16th	• Yvonne Hollins	August 12th
• Byron Jupiter	August 18th	• Alberta Porche	August 19th
• Eric Whitaker	August 18th	• Augustine Cobette	August 30th

Let's
Celebrate
AUGUST
Birthdays

