

Saint David Catholic Church
August 24, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

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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

August 24, 2025, 2025–August 30, 2025

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 11:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mark 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30

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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 16, 2025 & Sunday, August 17, 2025

Saturday	—	\$ 893.00
Sunday	—	\$ 535.00
Mail-Ins	—	\$ 0.00
Online	—	\$ 0.00
Total Collection All Masses	—	\$1428.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	—	\$3000.00
Difference	—	\$1572.00
Assumption	—	\$ 139.00
Total Deposit	—	\$1567.00

Attendance: Sat-36; Sun-63; Assumption-19

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 24, 2025—August 30, 2025

Sun., Aug. 24:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., Aug. 26:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., Aug. 27:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., Aug. 28:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., Aug. 29:	7:30a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., Aug. 30:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



From Loyola Press

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

The Office Hours

Tuesday, August 26, 2025-Thursday, August 28, 2025

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- 9AM to 12PM: Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- 9AM to 1PM: Parish Office Hours

Thursday, August 28, 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.



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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 8/17/25: \$45,674.10

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.

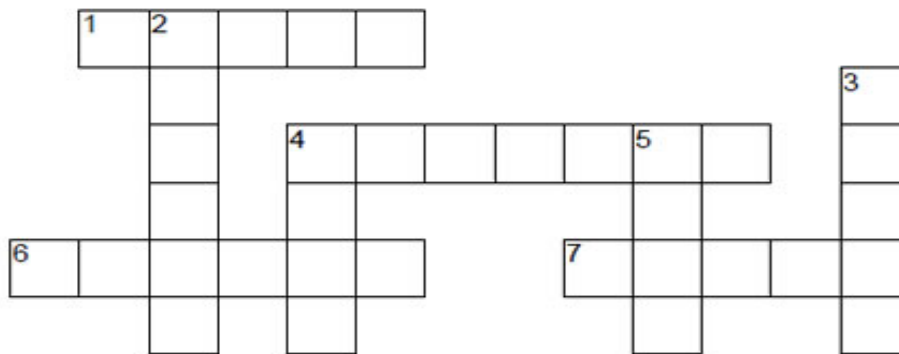
Youth and Young Adult Corner

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated. (Loyola Press)

The Narrow Door

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." Luke 13:24 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 13:22-30



ACROSS

1. To rap on a door with your knuckles
4. The opposite of inside
6. Not open
7. The place where a family lives

DOWN

2. Not wide
3. To go into
4. Not closed
5. An entrance to a room or building

NARROW
OPEN

ENTER
DOOR

OUTSIDE
KNOCK

CLOSED
HOUSE

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

