

Saint David Catholic Church
February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

HOW TO BE
HAPPY
ACCORDING
TO JESUS

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

February 1, 2026, - February 7, 2026

Monday: Malachi 3:1-4 and Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 24:, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Sirah 47:2-11; Palm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mark 6:30-34

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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

Jan. 24, 2026 & Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026

Saturday—————\$ 923.00

Sunday—————\$ 79.00

Mail-Ins—————\$ 40.00

Online —————\$ 120.00

Total Collection All Masses——\$1162.00

Weekly Budget Expenses————\$3000.00

Difference —————\$-1838.00

Catholic Schools—————\$ 116.00

Donation (Boyd)—————\$ 1000.00

Total Deposit—————\$2278.00

Attendance: Sat-30; Sun-62;

Total Attendance-92

**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 February 1, 2026—February 7, 2026

Sun., Feb. 1: 9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church

Tues., Feb. 3: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Wed., Feb. 4: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Thurs., Feb. 5: 7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

Fri., Feb. 6: 7:30a.m. Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 7: 4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



Garden of Giving Update

38 Paid in Full; 13 Payment Plans; 2 Pledges

Total Collected as of 11/2/25: \$50,461.70

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

\$5,000 Stone

\$2,500 Stone

3 Year Campaign
“Garden of Giving”

\$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.



Announcements

Congratulations

- We thank Terry Montegut, Hilda Clark, and Denise Stevenson for becoming volunteers at the Black Catholic Office. We truly thank them for their ministry.
- Congratulations to Christine Decuir on her appointment to be the Ambassador of St. David the Archdiocese Black Catholic Office. We congratulate Ms. Decuir for also becoming the chairperson of the Evangelization Ministry .
- We congratulate Joyce Mumford, the Recipient of the 2026 St. Louis Medallion. The Medallion will be given by the Archbishop of New Orleans. Date will be announced soon. Congratulations Joyce, for the honor.

Biblical Seminar

We thank you for participating in the survey regarding the Seminar. Based on the results of the survey, the Seminar will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. The Next Seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM.

Again, thank you for participating in this survey.

Evangelization Ministry

We thank the members who attended the First Evangelization Ministry meeting last Tuesday. We humbly urge all the members that were not present to contact Ms. Christine Decuir, the chairperson of the Ministry regarding the meeting. We thank you ALL for your collaboration.

Beginning of Lenten Season is Coming

Yes, Wednesday the 18th of February is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. It is also a time for us to work together to have a successful Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser. We want a lot of your support by volunteering and donating. Beginning this weekend, a list of items that we will need for a successful fundraising will be included in the bulletin. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Lenten Fish Fry

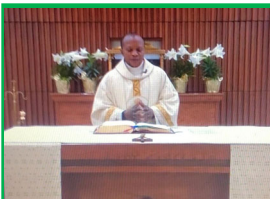
The Lenten Fish Fry will be every Friday from February 20, 2026 to March 27, 2026 from 11AM to 4PM. Dinners are \$15 Single; \$18 Combo.

Fish and /or Shrimp

Baked Mac and Cheese
Potato Salad

Items List for Donations for the Upcoming Fish Fry. Please consider helping us have a successful Lenten Fish Fry.

Green Peas	Fish	Pans & Tops	Cutlery
Bread	Shrimp	Paper Towels	Seasoning
Cake	Fish Fry	Sternos	Bread
Drink	Butter	Hot Sauce	Cake
	Oil	Packets	Drinks
	Peas	Napkins	Sandwich Bags



A Message from the Pastor

Beloved Parishioners,

I truly hope that you had a great week with God's blessings. Please know that you were in my thoughts and prayers throughout the whole week. My friends, this weekend, the Church invites us to go back to the sermon on the mountain where Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted. Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy. Where are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven".

My friends, every time we have the possibility to reflect on the sermon on the Mountain, the Beatitudes, we are called to reflect on the mark of being Christians. Jesus makes it clear that the ones who persevere and remain focused will be victorious. Indeed, we are called to be merciful toward one another because we will be shown mercy. Furthermore, we are living in a world driven by wealth, power and fun. However, we are reminded that what gives joy, happiness, and peace is when we have Jesus' orders on every step as we continue to follow Jesus.

Beloved friends, three years ago, we asked the Archdiocese to allow us to begin a Fundraiser campaign for our parish and the request was granted. I would like to remind you that the goal was to raise \$75,000 in three years. Indeed, this August 2026 will be the end of the campaign. However, as I look, I have realized that a great number of parishioners have yet to make a pledge. My question would be: This is a campaign for the parish that you love dearly, what are you waiting for to make your own pledge? Please remember that to keep the parish open, remains the effort of every parishioner.

Beloved, I am urging you to take the seven months to help to end the campaign to decide to make your own pledge. I am very sure you are not going to let down your Pastor or your Parish. I believe in you and you never let me down. I invite you to join us, my friends to continue to make the campaign a success. Are you ready? Are you tired? Let's go my beloved friends and families.

Indeed, we do have only seven months to go before the end of the campaign. Let us make a final push to get to where we need to be. I know that you agree with me and for that I will forever remain grateful. I pray that God will continue to bless you and yours abundantly.

I remain your truly and always,

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

The Pastor's Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 2, 2026—Sunday, February 8, 2026

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The Pastor is off

The office of the Parish is closed.

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Couple
- 7PM: Memorial Mass for Fr. Victor Lavole, OP in Westbank

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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

Thursday, February 5, 2026

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

Friday, February 6, 2026

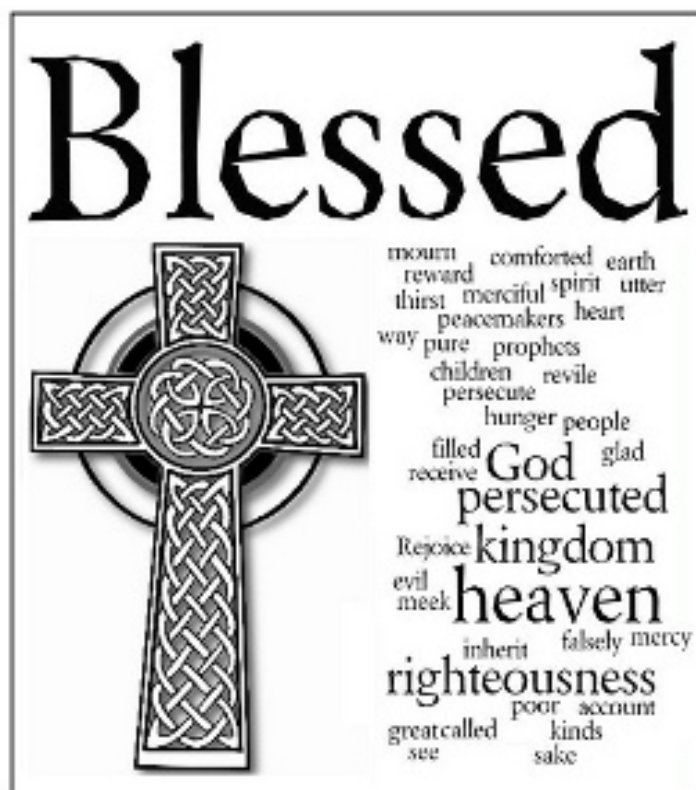
- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Couple
- 6:30PM to 8:30PM: Meeting with Josephite

Saturday, February 7, 2026

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- 9AM: Sunay Liturgy
- 12PM to 1:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank



Youth and Young Adult Corner

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status. (Loyola Press)

Youth Ministry Activities

- Youth Sunday is February 22, 2026.
- Inter Parish Youth Activity, TBA
- Youth Sponsored Car Wash, TBA

Looking for your talent: Please let us know your talent: singer, musicians, etc.



The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



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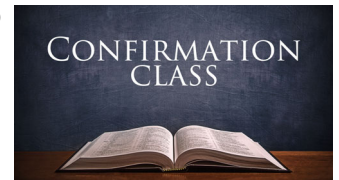
Maintenance Part-Time Position is still Available

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



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class has resumed. If you have a youth who is 16 years old who has not received the sacrament of confirmation, contact Fr. Oswald, who is the instructor of the class. Fr. Oswald is ready and he is waiting for your call.



Blessing of Your Marriage

If you have recently gotten married and are in need of your marriage being blessed, please contact the parish office. Fr. Oswald looks forward to hearing from you.



Evangelization Ministry

Fr. Oswald asks that whoever would like to join the evangelization ministry to please give him a call. Evangelization Meaning: Presenting the Gospel with the intent of seeing the person trust Christ. We are the new disciples and it's our responsibility to share the message with others. Let's bring others to God together.



Prayer for Vocation

*O Lord of the harvest,
Your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community,
And invites us to generous service of the human family.
Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people,
called to full participation in the one Body of
Christ.
May many choose to respond in public service to
your call offered in Jesus' name, Amen.*



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.*



February Birthdays

• Byron Alexander	February 1st	• Lillian Bell	February 23rd
• Elijah Reynolds	February 1st	• Beryl Reynolds	February 23rd
• Eve Brooks	February 3rd	• Christian Davis	February 24th
• Albertha Sanders	February 4th	• Danitra Hawkins	February 24th
• Kade Smith	February 4th	• Leroy Henry	February 24th
• Vivian Edwards	February 5th	• Jonathan Nichols	February 24th
• Ann Parfaite	February 5th	• Davone Morrison	February 26th
• Demie Thomas	February 5th	• Ronald Washington	February 26th
• Juliette Thomas	February 5th	• India Bell	February 27th
• Brandy Wilson	February 5th	• Craig Blair	February 27th
• Arthur Fernandez	February 7th	• George A. Blair III	February 27th
• Jeremy Bean	February 8th	• Dwayne Johnson	February 27th
• Kendric Kirk	February 8th	• Anita Waller	February 27th
• Mary Picot	February 8th	• Chance Morris	February 28th
• Monica Croom	February 9th	• Enox Ragland	February 28th
• Lana Williams	February 9th	• Ronald Farve	February 29th
• Christine Decuir	February 10th		
• Candice Stewart	February 11th		
• Michelle J. Egana	February 14th		
• John Jones	February 16th		
• Yorel Gardner	February 17th		
• Gaddin Dabon	February 18th		
• Carla Simmons	February 22nd		
• Jaquette Banks	February 23rd		

