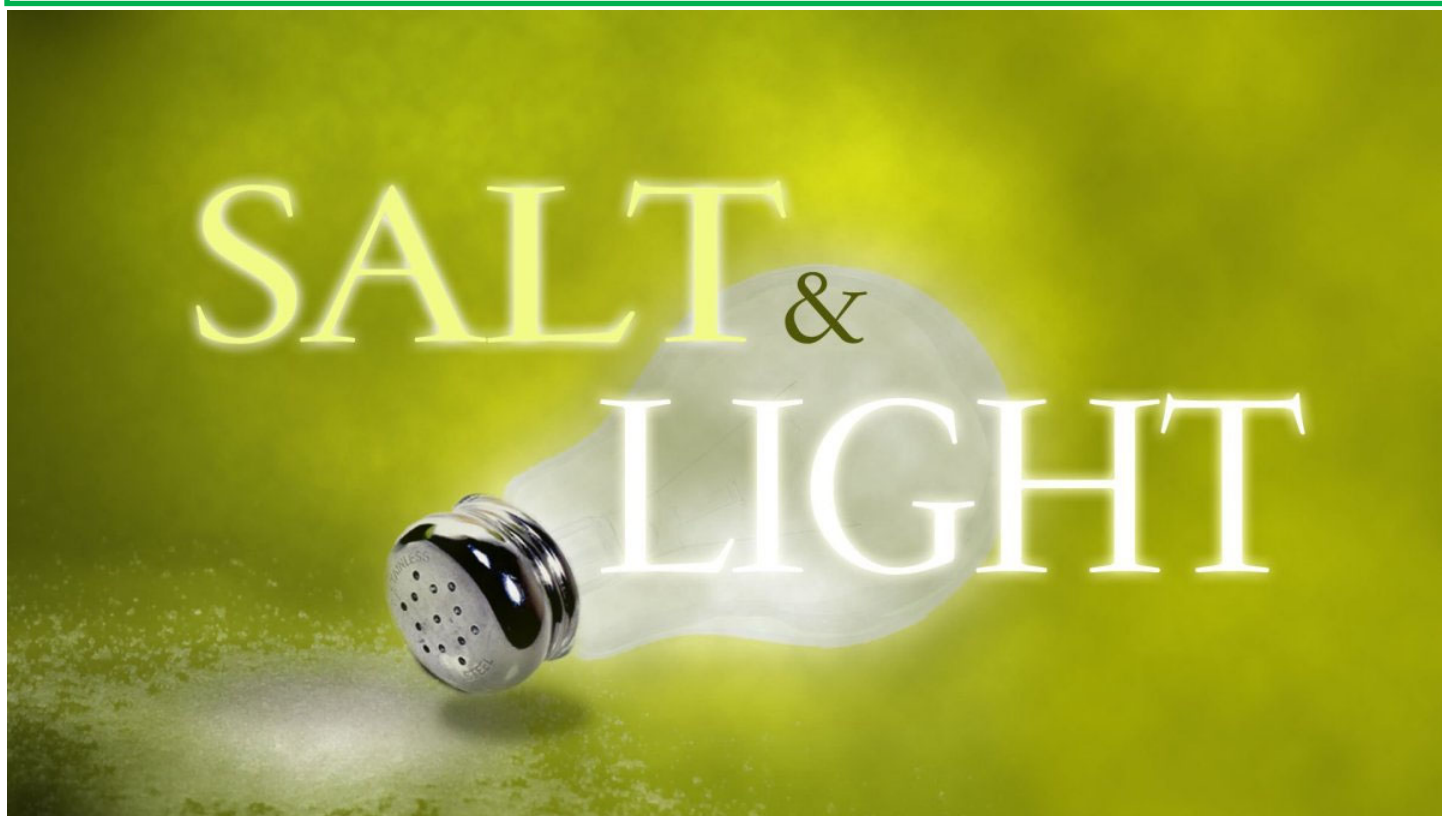


Saint David Catholic Church
February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that His disciples are to be the salt of the Earth and the light of the world.



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 8, 2026,–February 14, 2026

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mark 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mark 8:1-10

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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. 31, 2026 & Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026

Saturday	\$1134.00
Sunday	\$ 892.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 145.00
Online	\$ 191.54
Total Collection All Masses	\$2362.54
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$3000.00
Difference	\$-637.46
Clarion Herald	\$ 33.00
Total Deposit	\$2395.54

Attendance: Sat-36; Sun-65;

Total Attendance-101

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 8, 2026—February 14, 2026

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

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.

Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026. Three Masses with the distribution of Ashes.

The Ashes will be distributed **Only** during the Masses.

7:30AM; 12PM; 6:30PM.

Stations of the Cross will follow the 6:30PM Mass.

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.

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

Fish and /or Shrimp

Baked Mac and Cheese

Potato Salad

Green Peas

Bread

Cake

Drink

Fish

Shrimp

Fish Fry

Butter

Oil

Peas

Pans & Tops

Paper Towels

Sternos

Hot Sauce

Packets

Napkins

Cutlery

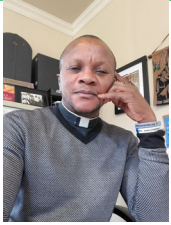
Seasoning

Bread

Cake

Drinks

Sandwich Bags



A Message from the Pastor

Beloved Friends and Families,

Well, shall I begin to say: Happy Mardi Gras? Well this season is here. Indeed, this is the Super Bowl weekend. Do you have a favorite team or since the Saints aren't playing, does it matter? I hope that you had a great week by God's grace. Please allow me to express my heartfelt thanks for reaching out to me during the painful moments, the death of Fr. Victor Laroche. I truly appreciate and cherish your kind and meaningful gestures. Indeed, we are members of one body and when a member is grieving, all the members are grieving.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus reminds His disciples that they are the salt of the earth. He continues: "You are the Light of the World". Indeed, as today's disciples, we are reminded that we must be both the salt of the earth and the Light of the world. Moreover, our light must not be hidden but under a bused basket. Yes, this light of ours, let us let it shine brightly.

Beloved, we should ask ourselves what does it mean to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Indeed, as today's disciples we need to let the light shine through our actions. We are living in a world filled with confusion and, contradictions and the devil, the prince of darkness, is awake and ready to take away our light. It is up to us to remain focused on the light instead of darkness. Moreover, to be salt of the earth and the light of the world we need to lean on Jesus, the Light of the world so that we may succeed in keeping our light shinning brightly.

My friend, together let us lean on each other as we continue our journey. Moreover, let us continue to ask Jesus to order our every step that we may be able to walk in the light. Indeed every where we go, let us let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Beloved, as we are entering into this Mardi Gras season, I urge you to be vigilant and prudent. I truly pray that you will enjoy the season and be ready to enter into Lenten Season, which will begin on Ash Wednesday.

My friends, please enjoy the super bowl and pray that you favorite team "The Saints" may be one g the two teams for the 2027 super bowl. Don't you agree? Yes, we need to have faith, for Jesus says that the one who has a faith of a mustard seed will move mountain. Again, I pray that you will have a week filled with joys, peace, happiness, and God's blessings.

I remain yours truly and always,

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

Your beloved Pastor

The Pastor's Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 9, 2026—Sunday, February 15, 2026

Monday, February 9, 2026

The office of the Parish is closed.

The Pastor is **NOT** off.

- 12PM: Formal Visitation: St. Augustine High School Facility House
- 6PM: Formal Visitation: All Saints Parish

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 1:30PM: Deanery Meeting at St. David
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Meeting with Couple
- 6:30PM: Youth and Young Adult Leaders Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2026

The Pastor is off.

The Office of the Parish is OPEN.

Friday, February 13, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM: Mass of Christian Burial/Funeral
- 12:30PM to 4:30PM: Our Lady of Grace, Reserve, LA
- 6:30PM to 8PM: Meeting with Haitians

Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 11AM to 12:40PM: Meeting at St. David
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM to 8:30PM: Meeting at St. David

Sunday, February 15, 2026

- 9AM: Sunday Liturgy
- 11AM to 12:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 6:30PM: Sunday Liturgy in Westbank

Happy Mardi Gras

Area II Director/Local Superior

Formal Visitation

Monday, February 9, 2026

- 12PM: St. Augustine High School Facility House
- 6PM: All Saints Parish

Thursday, February 12, 2026

- St. Joan of Ark Parish

Friday, February 13, 2026

- Our Lady of Grace Parish

Friday, February 27, 2026

- Corpus Christi/Epiphany Parish

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- Birmingham, Alabama

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- Mobile, Alabama

Youth and Young Adult Corner

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives. (Loyola Press)

Youth Ministry Activities

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

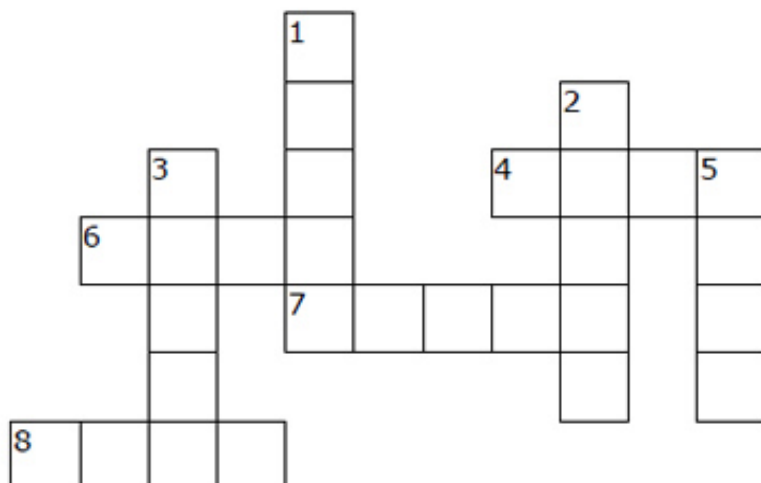
Looking for your talent: Please let us know your talent: singer, musicians, etc.



Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

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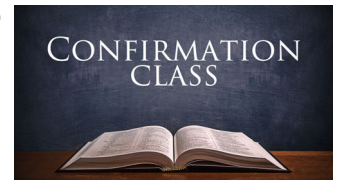
Maintenance Part-Time Position is still Available

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		

