

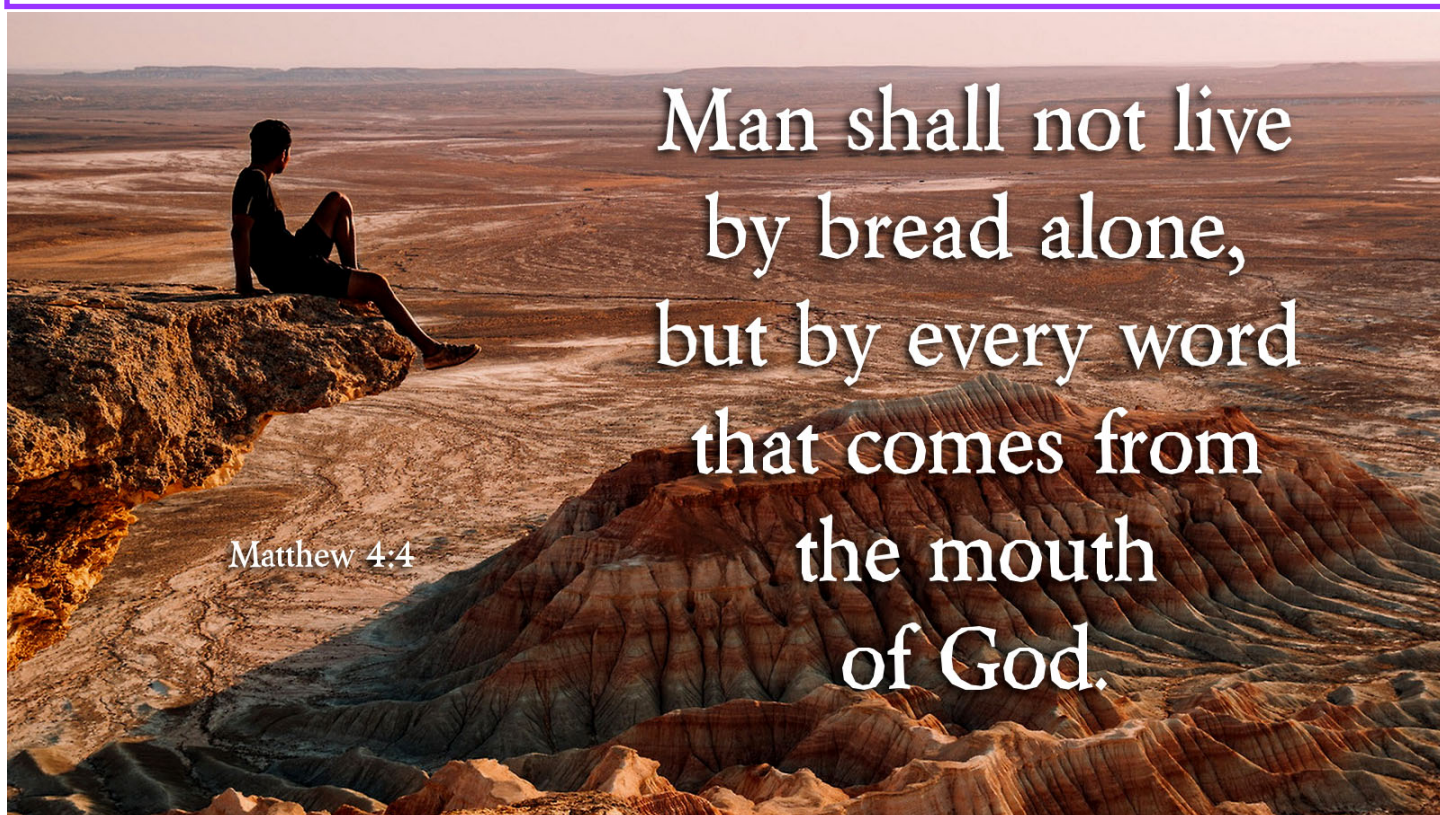
Saint David Catholic Church

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.



Man shall not live
by bread alone,
but by every word
that comes from
the mouth
of God.

Matthew 4:4

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 22, 2026, - February 28, 2026

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 11:29-32

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

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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

Feb. 14, 2026 & Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

Saturday	\$ 833.00
Sunday	\$ 588.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 40.00
Online	\$ 656.52
Total Collection All Masses	\$2077.52
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$3000.00
Difference	\$-922.48
Total Deposit	\$2077.52

Attendance: Sat-34; Sun-68;

Total Attendance-102

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. Julien, Norma Jean Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 22, 2026—February 28, 2026

Sun., Feb. 22:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church	
Tues., Feb. 24:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Wed., Feb. 25:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Thurs., Feb. 26:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Fri., Feb. 27:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Sat., Feb. 28:	4:00 p.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

Training Seminar for ALL Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Training Seminar for **ALL** Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 10AM to 12PM. Please register TODAY at the back of the Church.

Biblical Seminar

The Biblical Seminar will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:30PM. See you there.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is 6:30PM every Friday.

Lenten Revival : Mark Your Calendars

The Lenten Revival for this year will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, Wednesday, March 25th, and Thursday, March 26th from 6PM to 8PM.

Revivalist: Fr. Sidney Speaks,

Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker in Marrero, LA.

Invite your friends and families to come with you to be revived for this Lenten Season.

Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser

Remember that the Lenten Fish Fry is a fundraiser for the parish. We need to meet the financial needs of the parish. This Lenten Fish Fry will help us to pay our debt to the Josephite Community.

Let's do this together!!

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

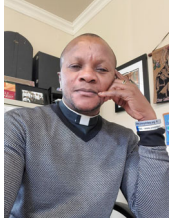
Seasoning

Bread

Cake

Drinks

Sandwich Bags



A Message from the Pastor

Beloved Friends and Families,

As I mentioned on Ash Wednesday, the season of Mardi Gras is over and the Lenten season is here. On this First Sunday of Lent we meet Jesus led by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Indeed, the devil tried three times with three different strategies, but the devil failed in every one of them. Indeed, after each time, Jesus gave a reply:

- 1) "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the Mouth of God."
- 2) "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test!"
- 3) "Get behind me Satan! It is written: the Lord your God shall you worship, and Him alone shall you shall!"

My friends, the devil is alive and we know that Satan will try us as we continue to move forward with our Lenten journey. Let us remind ourselves that Jesus will be with us throughout the Lenten season. Indeed, I would like to go back to Ash Wednesday's Gospel where Jesus shows how to practice the Lenten observances:

Almsgiving:

Jesus says that when we give alms, we need to do so not to receive human praises, but so that the God who sees what is done secretly will reward us. Indeed, in so doing, right hand should not know what the left hand is doing.

Prayer:

Jesus says that when we pray, we need to close the door to address God privately so that He Himself, who sees what is hidden will repay us. Again, when we pray, we do not so that others can see us. Indeed, we pray to God who knows us and it is a connection between us and God.

Fasting:

Jesus says that when we fast, we must not do so in order to appear to be fasting. Instead, we should wash our face so that we may not appear to be fasting. Indeed, God who sees what is hidden, what is secret, will repay us. Yes, the season of Lent is a special time in the life of the Church. Moreover, it is a time during which we take the road to Calvary with Jesus.

Indeed, let us take this journey once again with Jesus who paid the price to save us all. Every year, we have taken the journey where we focus on the cross on which Jesus died for all of us. Please know that your Pastor is once again ready to take the journey with you and that he will be praying for you and yours. Indeed, "Where He leads, we will follow all the way". I too will want your fervent prayers.

Again, I wish you a Lenten season filled of God's blessings, and may this season bring you and yours spiritual growth. Indeed, as we take up the cross, we focus on the victory without, and yes there is no cross without victory, moreover, there is no Good Friday, no Easter Sunday. Are you ready? I hope you are. Let's go!

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 23, 2026—Sunday, March 1, 2026

Monday, February 23, 2026

The Pastor is off.

The office of the Parish is closed.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Couple Counseling Session
- 6:30PM: Pastoral Council Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Thursday, February 26, 2026

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 10AM to 11AM: Meeting at St. David
- 12PM to 2PM: Formal Visitation at Corpus Christi/Epiphany Parish
- 6:30PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28, 2026

- 11AM: Black History Month Mass at St. Louis Cathedral
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM to 8:30PM: Meeting at St. David

Sunday, March 1, 2026

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



Area II Director/Local Superior

Formal Visitation

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.



The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To feel a need or desire for food
A. hungry B. thirsty C. tired D. tempt

- ___ 2. A small rock
A. boulder B. mountain C. world D. stone

- ___ 3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
A. pizza B. pie C. bread D. stone

- ___ 4. To try to get someone to do wrong
A. worship B. tempt C. angel D. hungry

- ___ 5. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
A. devil B. angel C. worship D. tempt

- ___ 6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
A. fairy B. devil C. temple D. angel

- ___ 7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God
A. angel B. world C. devil D. hungry

- ___ 8. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
A. space B. moon C. world D. galaxy

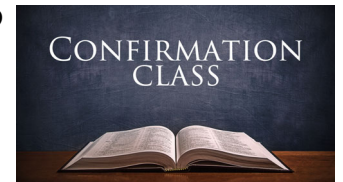
Maintenance Part-Time Position is still Available

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		

