

# Saint David Catholic Church

March 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*John 9:1-41*

*Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.*



### **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*

*March 15, 2026, - March 21, 2026*

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; John 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 and Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 7:40-53

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9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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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

**March 7, 2026 & Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Saturday_____	\$ 948.00
Sunday_____	\$1029.00
Mail-Ins_____	\$ 105.00
Online _____	\$ 112.00
<b>Total Collection All Masses</b> _____	<b>\$2194.00</b>
Weekly Budget Expenses_____	\$3000.00
Difference _____	\$ 806.00
Endowment Fund_____	\$4714.00
<b>Total Deposit</b> _____	<b>\$6908.00</b>

**Attendance:** Sat-39; Sun-78;

**Total Attendance-117**

**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, Marshall Daranda, Jr.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 15, 2026—March 21, 2026

Sun., Mar. 15:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church	
Tues., Mar. 17:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Wed., Mar. 18:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Thurs., Mar. 19:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions	
Fri., Mar. 20:	7:30a.m. Mass Intentions	
Sat., Mar. 21:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions	



## 3 Year Campaign

### *Garden of Giving*

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

\$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.



# *Announcements*

## **St. David will be Celebrating 90 Years**

From 1937 to 2027, St. David parish will turn 90 years old. It has been a tradition that we have some type of celebration every ten years. We count on your suggestions and input on the type of celebration we should have as a parish to mark this milestone. If you would like to be part of the 90th Anniversary committee, please let us know by either calling the office of the parish or calling the Pastor directly. Thanks for your collaboration.

## **Easter Lilies**

The Easter Lily Envelopes are available in the back of the Church. Please ask an Usher for one. The cost is \$12.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fish and /or Shrimp

Baked Mac and Cheese

Potato Salad

Green Peas

Bread

Cake

Drink

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

Fish

Oil

Sternos

Bread

Shrimp

Peas

Hot Sauce Packets

Cake

Fish Fry

Pans & Tops

Napkins

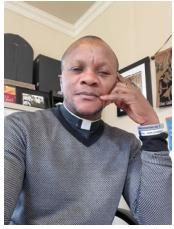
Drinks

Butter

Paper Towels

Cutlery

Sandwich Bags



# *A Message from the Pastor*

Beloved Friends and Families;

Beloved, I truly hope that you had a safe and great week. I also hope that your Lenten Journey is moving along successfully. Yes, it is already Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare (rejoice) Sunday. Indeed, this Sunday symbolizes a brief respite and joy in anticipation of Easter.

My friends, as we continue to focus on the three Pillars of Lent.: Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting, we continue to call upon Jesus to continue to walk along with us. Indeed, we are now in the midpoint of Lent, which means Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection Jesus is approaching. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus met a man who was blind from birth. Indeed, Jesus was questioned by His disciples when they asked Him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?".

Furthermore, Jesus declared that He was the Light of the World. After gaining his sight, the man was instructed by Jesus to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. In response, people were amazed and asked the man: "How did your eyes get opened?". The man replied: "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and asked me to go and wash."

Beloved, today, we enter the Church with various needs seeking the intervention of Jesus. Indeed, we are not physically blind but all of us come with some type of need. Moreover, some of us may enter the Church with broken hearts looking for Jesus to fix them: some of us may enter the Church with an illness looking for healing. Indeed, and no matter what the needs are, we come with the belief that Jesus will take care of them. Like the blind man, we need to let others know that Jesus is the Miracle Worker, who has the power to make what is impossible to become possible.

My friends, it is clear that once we meet Jesus, we also are called to give testimonies for all that He has done for us. As we continue this year's Lent Journey, let us remind ourselves that we are not alone. Like the man born blind, we believe that Jesus has the power to do what we are unable to do. Indeed, Jesus is the one who invited us on Ash Wednesday to take the road with Him on Calvary. Therefore, when we fall, He will give us a hand to stand up. Moreover, He will help us to meet a Veronica on the way. We just have to trust Him,

Beloved, your beloved Pastor continues to wish you and yours a successful and productive Lent. May Jesus, the Son of God, continues to lead us to the end of the journey. Indeed, He went through the suffering to heal us all. Remember this: "He did it for you and for me". Let's follow Him on the way of the cross without victory. Indeed, with Jesus, the victory will be ours. Don't you agree?

With love and admiration, I remain yours truly and always,

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

# *The Pastor's Weekly Schedule*

**Monday, March 16, 2026—Sunday, March 22, 2026**

## **Monday, March 16, 2026**

The Pastor is off.

The office of the Parish is closed.

## **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

The Pastor leaves for the Josephite General Council Meeting in Washington, DC.

- 9AM to 11:45AM: Office of the parish is open

## **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

The Pastor is in Washington, DC for the Josephite General Council Meeting.

- 9AM to 1PM: Office of the parish is open.

## **Thursday, March 19, 2026**

**Happy Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary**

The Pastor is in DC for the Josephite General Council Meeting.

- 9AM to 1PM: Office of the parish is open.

## **Friday, March 20, 2026**

Welcome Back our Pastor from Washington, DC.

## **Saturday, March 21, 2026**

- 11AM to 12:30PM: Confirmation Class
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7PM to 8:40PM: Meeting in Westbank

## **Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Youth & Young Adult Sunday**

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

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## Youth and Young Adult Corner

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows. (Loyola Press)

### Youth Ministry Activities

- Today is Youth and Young Adult Sunday.
- Inter Parish Youth Activity, TBA
- Youth Sponsored Car Wash, TBA

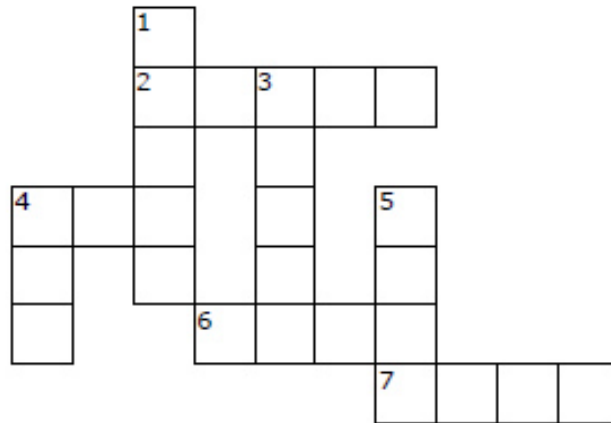
Looking for your talent: Please let us know your talent: singer, musicians, etc.

The logo features the word "Youth" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters "Y", "O", and "U" are colored red, while "T", "H", and "H" are black. Below "Youth", the word "activities" is written in a smaller, black, lowercase sans-serif font. The letters of "activities" are contained within a white, cloud-like shape with a scalloped bottom edge. The entire logo has a subtle drop shadow effect.

# Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
4. An adult male human being
6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

## DOWN

1. Unable to see
3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
5. To clean something using water

LIGHT  
WASH

BLIND  
EYES

GLORY  
MAN

MUD  
HEAL

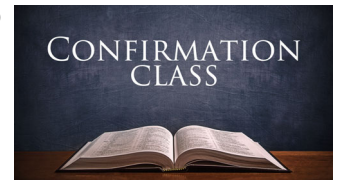
## **Maintenance Part-Time Position is still Available**

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.*



# March Birthdays

- Arthur Smith, Sr. March 1st
- Haden Brown March 2nd
- Jerome Jones March 2nd
- Whitney Smith March 5th
- Walter Merrick March 8th
- Tyronae Smith March 8th
- Gabriel Stark March 8th
- Artice Fernandez March 10th
- Mary Denis March 11th
- Gabriel Rogers March 11th
- Tychelle Young March 12th
- Ignatius Peters March 13th
- Sharon Cabral Peters March 15th
- Ricardo Green March 15th
- Hannah Johnson March 15th
- Walter Jackson, Sr. March 17th
- Diane Smith March 17th
- Nadine Ancar March 18th
- Jasmine Hughes March 19th
- Joshua Smith March 19th
- Craig Blair March 20th
- Arianne Hollingsworth March 20th
- Amis Nolan March 20th
- Jason Stewart March 20th
- Jasonique Stewart March 21st
- Kyree Magee March 22nd
- Chole Barley March 24th

- Leslie Stewart March 24th
- Lena Blaise March 25th
- Jonathan Nichols March 25th
- Nicole Ryans March 28th
- Tapanga Smith March 28th
- Brenda Hagan March 29th
- Sheryl Davis March 30th

## *In Loving Memory*

- *Geraldine Johnson* March 3rd
- *Michael Broyard* March 6th
- *Mable Howard* March 6th
- *Emmette Cager* March 21st
- *Beryl Wingate* March 28th

