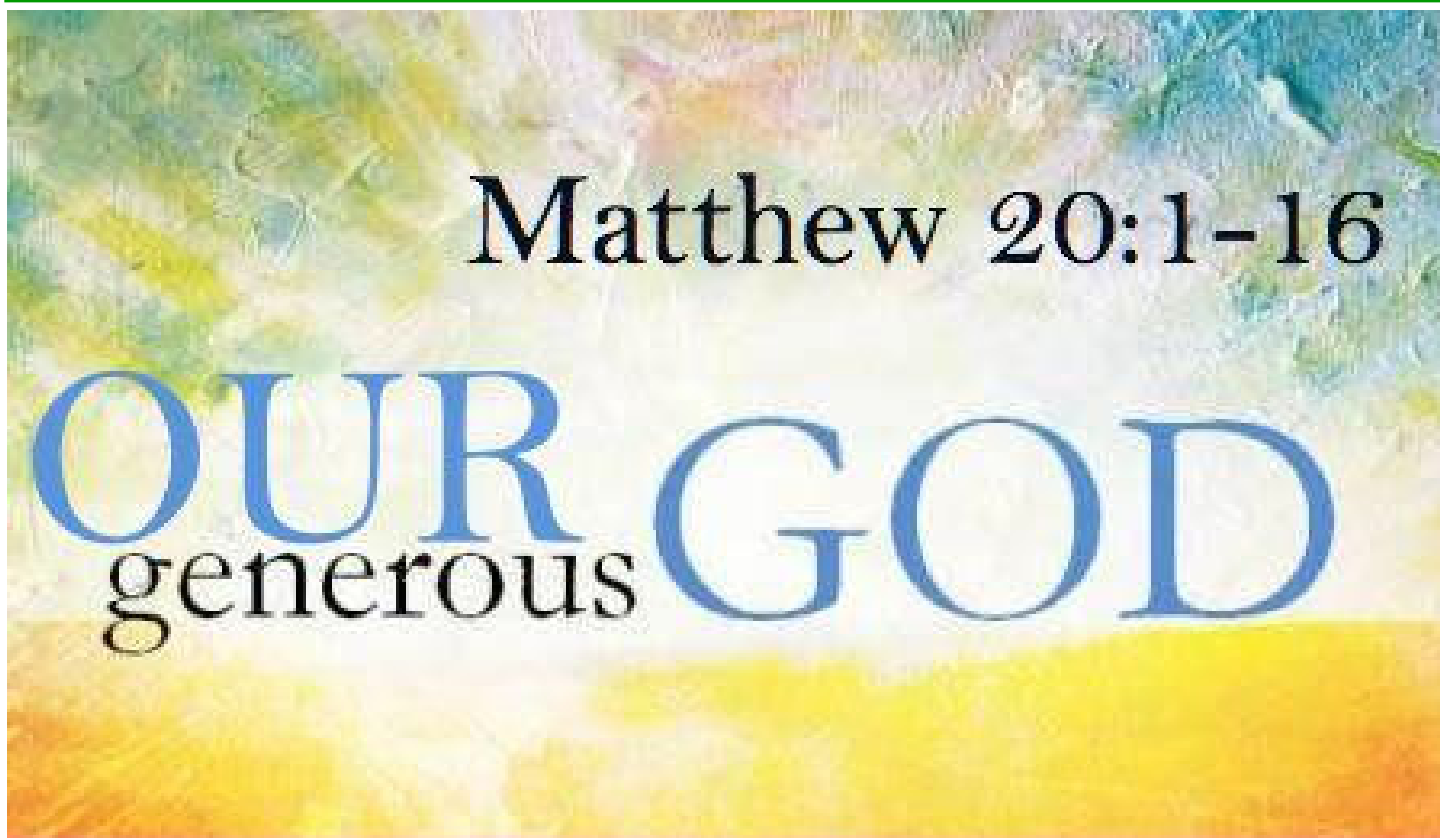


Saint David Catholic Church
September 20, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary in Time

Matthew 20:1-16

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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

September 20, 2026,–September 26, 2026

Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 114:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Luke 9:43b-45

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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

September 12, 2026 & Sunday, September 13, 2026

Saturday	\$1090.00
Sunday	\$ 571.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 121.00
Online	\$ 154.00
Total Collection All Masses	\$1936.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$3000.00
Difference	\$-1064.00
St. V. De. Paul	\$ 115.00
Total Deposit	\$2051.00

Attendance: Sat-34; Sun-82;

Total Attendance-116

P.S. Thank you for being so generous to your parish.



Lana Williams, Shirly Martinez, Louis Caliste, Jr., Joseph Caliste, 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, Dr. A'Lissa L. Gates, Bertha Rideau

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 20, 2026—September 26, 2026

Sun., September 20:	9:00 a.m. Pro-Populo St. David and St. Maurice Church
Tues., September 22:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Wed., September 23:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Thurs., September 24:	7:30 a.m. Mass Intentions
Fri., September 25:	7:30a.m. Mass Intentions
Sat., September 26:	4:00p.m. Mass Intentions



From Loyola Press

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Upcoming Visit from Archbishop Checchio on October 4, 2026

- Archbishop James Francis Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A. will be coming to celebrate with us during the 9AM Mass. We are very excited and hope to see you there. Please feel free to bring friends and family with you to help us celebrate!

The Pastor's Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 21, 2026-Sunday, September 27, 2026

Monday, September 21, 2026

The Pastor is off.

The Office of the Parish is closed.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 8AM: Morning Prayer
- 10AM to 2PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5PM: Couple Counseling Session
- 5PM: Evening Prayer
- 6:30PM to 7:45PM: Meeting at St. David

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 8AM: Morning Prayer
- 10AM to 12PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 1PM: Dental Visit
- 5PM: Evening Prayer
- 6:30PM 7:30PM: Youth Leaders Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026

- 7:30AM: Daily Mass
- 8AM: Morning Prayer
- 10AM to 3PM: The Pastor's Office Hours
- 4PM to 5:30PM: Couple Counseling Session
- 6:30PM to 8PM: Meeting with Haitians

Friday, September 25, 2026

- 10AM: Morning Prayer
- 11:30AM to 2:30PM: The Pastor's Office
- 4:30PM to 5:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 6:30PM: Eucharistic Adoration/ Holy Hour

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- 11AM to 12:30PM: Meeting at St. David
- 4PM: Vigil Mass
- 7:30PM: Meeting with Choir and Musicians

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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

Dear Lord,

*Please go before us today
and in the new week that's
ahead. Help us to soar
like eagles and to rise
above any storms or
problems we may encounter.*

*Help us to remember
to wait on you, so you can
renew our strength.*

*Help us to release
the things we can't control
into your hands and
to live in the fullness
of your joy this week.
We ask these things
in Jesus' name.*

Amen

Youth and Young Adult Corner

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously. (Loyola Press)

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
T	O	J	Z	H	F	A	D	S	U	E	I	N	X	Y	V	L	W	Q	B	R	P	K	C	G	M

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- 18-2-21-23-11-21-9 _____
- 6-12-21-9-1 _____
- 10-13-6-7-12-21 _____
- 16-12-13-11-15-7-21-8 _____
- 26-2-13-11-15 _____
- 5-2-10-21 _____
- 25-21-10-26-20-17-11 _____
- 5-12-21-11-8 _____
- 17-7-9-1 _____

VINEYARD
LAST

UNFAIR
GENEROUS

WORKERS
FIRST

GRUMBLE
MONEY

HIRED
HOUR

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.*



September Birthdays

- Debra Simmons Sept. 1st
- Derrick Burrell Sept. 3rd
- Joseph Mirabin, Jr. Sept. 3rd
- Eric Mims Sept. 4th
- Shirley Francois Sept. 4th
- Troy Green Sept. 7th
- Raquel Anderson Sept. 8th
- Eliseanne Coco Sept. 8th
- Darryl Green Sept. 8th
- Darlene Thurman Sept. 8th
- Gilbert Luke, Jr. Sept. 9th
- Brianne Whitaker Sept. 10th
- Gary Demesme Sept. 11th
- Myrielle Gibson Sept. 11th
- Gregg Poree Sept. 11th
- Edward Gasper Sept. 16th
- Lillie Gordon Sept. 16th
- Edward Cager Sept. 19th
- Alfred Porche Sept. 19th
- Darcell Green Sept. 20th
- Stephen Young Sept. 20th
- David Hennessy Sept. 21st
- Rosana Seymour Sept. 21st
- Joyce Theodore Sept. 21st
- Ronald Honore' Sept. 22nd

- Calvin Phipps Sept. 22nd
- Bernice White Sept. 24th
- Bertha Rideau Sept. 26th
- Arnishesha Fernandez Sept. 27th
- Zariah Gardner Sept. 27th
- Jeffery Winding Sept. 27th
- Hosea Stevens, III Sept. 28th
- Yvette Jordan Sept. 30th
- Michell Washington Sept. 30th

In Loving Memory

- Charles Claverie, III Sept. 13th
- Virgina Paul Sept. 13th
- Royal Demesme Sept. 18th
- Edgar Edwards Sept. 22nd
- Elvera Word Sept. 24th

