

### RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS

Will be on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at the Cathedral of the most Holy Trinity beginning at 3:30pm. Please support our Catechumens if you can.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent, immediately following the 6:00pm Mass. Do make an effort to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross. The following Ministries have been asked to lead the Stations of the Cross:

Ministry	Date
Men's Fellowship & Ushers	Friday, February 27th
Choir, Steelband & Rosary Group	Friday, March 6th
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers	Friday, March 13th
Altar Servers, Youth & Children's Faith Formation	Friday, March 20th
SVDP, Outreach, Prison (Male & Female) & Street Feeding	Friday, March 27th

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Stella Maris Church: Sunday, February 22nd and all Sundays in March, from 4:00pm—6:00pm in the church. On Saturday February 28th from 1:00pm—3:00pm in the classrooms and on Saturday March 21st from 8:00am—2:00pm in the classrooms. Registration will be online.

link: <https://submit.jotform.com/250728305334049>.

Please make this a part of your Lenten journey.

### BIBLE DIARIES 2026

Are available from the Ushers at a cost of \$1,200.00 per copy.



Stella Maris Steel Band  
**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

February 27th, 2026  
11:30am - 3:00pm

Fry Fish - \$3500  
Steam Fish - \$3800  
Lobster - \$3800

Pick-up Only  
62A Shortwood Rd. Kingston 8

# Stella Maris Church Community

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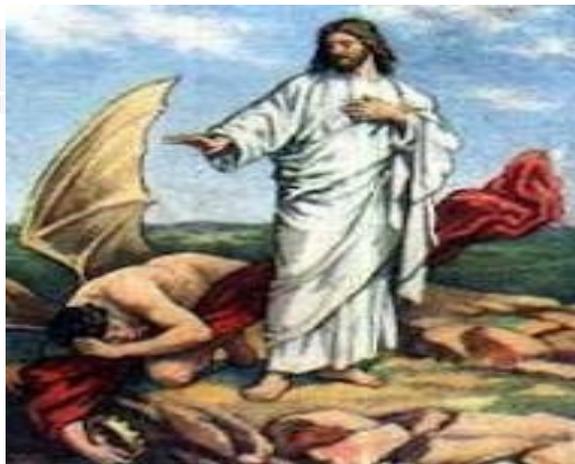


**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Brown**  
**Associate Pastor: Fr. Jude Akagha**  
**Deacon: Mark Hitchener**

**Church Council Chair :** David DeMorasse  
**Finance Chairperson :** Neville LynFatt

**MASS TIMES:** Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Appointment/Announced

## First Sunday of Lent



**Year A - February 22, 2026**

### Today's Readings

**1st Reading:** Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
**2nd Reading:** Rom. 5:12, 17-19  
**Gospel Reading:** Mt. 4:1-11



**Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we have sinned.*



### Reflection



At the very beginning of Lent, the Church places before us the testing of Jesus in the desert. This reminds us that Lent is also our time of testing—a sacred opportunity to examine our hearts and renew our relationship with God. Jesus faced real temptations: the temptation of comfort, the temptation of pride, and the temptation of power. Yet he resisted each one, not with force, but with faith, rooted in the Word of God.

Here at Stella Maris, we too face our own temptations. We may be tempted to rely only on our own strength instead of trusting God. We may be tempted to put comfort before commitment, to choose convenience over prayer, or to allow distractions to weaken our spiritual focus. Lent invites us to resist these temptations by turning our hearts back to God.

We resist temptation when we make time for prayer, even when life is busy. We resist temptation when we remain faithful to Mass, when we forgive one another, and when we serve those in need. Every act of faith strengthens us. Every moment of prayer deepens our desire for God.

The desert teaches us that our hearts were made for more than temporary satisfaction—they were made for God. As a Stella Maris community, may this Lenten season awaken in us a deeper yearning for him. And as we journey together, may we grow stronger in faith, resisting temptation and drawing closer to the One who alone can truly satisfy our hearts.

**Fr. Richard Brown**

## Happy Birthday

**22nd February**  
 Christopher Barnes ♦ Lorna Bell ♦ Lori Chuck ♦  
 Claudia Davis ♦ Matthew Desnoes ♦  
 Nicole Lowe-Fahmi ♦ Cecelia Samough ♦

**23rd February**  
 Noel Madden Jr. ♦

**24th February**  
 Laura Chang ♦ Horace Romero ♦ Tayla Ziadie ♦  
 Raymond Wilson ♦ Jeremy Mullings ♦  
 Michael Garcia ♦

**25th February**  
 Oliver Chang ♦ David Mullings ♦

**26th February**  
 Cormac Corrigan ♦ Michael Harris ♦ Zoila Neill ♦  
 Yvonne Johnson ♦ Claudette Peart ♦

**27th February**  
 Melanie Bitter ♦ Eden Campbell ♦ Leanna Harris ♦  
 Marie Day ♦ Stuart Sullivan ♦

**28th February**  
 Mackenzie Moncrieffe ♦ Annette Phillpotts ♦

**22nd February** ❖ Wendell & Marie Day

**23rd February** ❖ Roy & Cherayne Howell

**24th February** ❖ Robert & Margaret Rhoden

**26th February** ❖ Jalil & Debbie Dabdoub  
 ❖ Junior & Joni Williams  
 ❖ Anthony & Elizabeth Murray

**27th February** ❖ David & Janet Wong

**Stella Maris Catholic Church**

**Men's Fellowship**

Annual General Meeting & *Jamaican Breakfast*

**SATURDAY, FEB 28, 2026**

**Mass at 8:30am**  
 followed by Breakfast and AGM

**CONTRIBUTION: \$1,800**

ALL NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS WELCOME.

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Brotherhood
- A hearty Jamaican Breakfast.

**Location:**  
**Stella Maris Catholic Church**