

HAPPY PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY
FR. JUDE
CELEBRATING 1 YEAR OF SERVICE TO GOD
ON FEBRUARY 2ND



Please join us for Mass here at Stella Maris at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 3rd as we celebrate Fr. Jude's 1st Anniversary of Ordination. We will have a celebration with light refreshments following the Mass in the hall. Please come out and give your support to Fr. Jude.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

All are invited to join the celebration of Mass for World Day of Consecrated Life on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:30pm, at The Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. The Chief Celebrant will be the Most Rev. Kenneth D. Richards, Archbishop of Kingston. This special Liturgical celebration offers an opportunity for the wider faith community to give thanks to God for the gift of Consecrated Life and to pray in solidarity with those who have dedicated their lives to the service of God and the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY DISCOVERY BAY

Fr. Richard will celebrate Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Discovery Bay on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Parishioners who would like to join him may do so. Those who intend to go and can offer transportation by car pooling, please let the office know so we can arrange for those who need transportation.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar here at Stella Maris every Sunday starting on February 22nd—Sunday, March 29th at 4:00pm in the church. Registration will be online at the following link: <https://submit.jotform.com/250728305334049>.

You are encouraged to register and make this a part of your Lenten journey.

BIBLE DIARIES 2026

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Deacon: Mark Hitchener**

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

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A - February 1, 2026

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Zep. 2:3, 3:12-13
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:26-31
Gospel Reading: Mt. 5:1-12



**Response: How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the Kingdom of God**



Reflection



In today's Gospel, Jesus sits on the hillside and offers us a vision of life that turns the world's values upside down. The Beatitudes are not just comforting words; they are a way of life. Jesus calls "happy" those whom the world often overlooks—the poor in spirit, the gentle, the merciful, the peacemakers, those who hunger for what is right. This happiness is not shallow cheerfulness, but a deep, lasting joy rooted in knowing that God is near, God sees, and God's kingdom is already at work among us.

For us at Stella Maris, this Gospel invites us to look honestly at how we live each day. To be poor in spirit is to rely on God rather than on our own strength. To be merciful and pure of heart is to choose forgiveness, compassion, and integrity in our families, workplaces, and community. To be peacemakers is to heal divisions, speak with kindness, and stand for justice even when it costs us. When we live the Beatitudes, we become a living witness of Christ's presence—quietly shaping our parish, our neighborhoods, and our world with the values of God's kingdom. May this Word encourage us not only to admire Jesus' teaching, but to walk it, trusting that true happiness is found in following Him.

Fr Richard Brown

Happy Birthday

1st February

Verona Hoo♦Damien Lawson♦

2nd February

David Arscott♦Jessica Chang♦Monica McDermot♦

Ysabel Peyrefitte♦Catherine Sweetland♦

Chadae Watson♦

3rd February

Madison Kirkland♦Desmond Levy♦

4th February

Carla Seaga♦Laura Chang♦

5th February

Victoria Benjamin♦Stephen Neill♦

6th February

Stafford deMercado♦Neville Peralto♦

Hallie Chung♦Alessia Sierra♦Melissa Smith♦

7th February

Marsha Anderson♦Hyacinth Burton♦

Ashley Chuck♦Karina Dabdoub♦Jason Lawson♦

Taylor Desulme-Williams♦



4th February ♦Marc & Ida-Gaye Frankson

7th February ♦Clinton & Grace Hoo

STEELBAND FISH FRY FUNDRAISER



Tickets may be purchased from the church office or any member of the Steelband.