

## ROSARY

May is the month of Mary our mother. All Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary as a family in the Church, **30 minutes before each weekend Mass.**



## LEGION OF MARY

As a parish we would like to revitalize the Legion of Mary Ministry in order to strengthen the outreach to our shut-ins. Meetings are usually held on Mondays at approximately 5:30pm, where we pray the Rosary and report on our visits with the shut-in members of our community. If you are interested in becoming a member of this ministry, please contact the church office for further details. We look forward to your response in order to re-activate this most important ministry. Our older members of the parish who are no longer able to come to Mass need our fellowship.

## CURSILLISTAS

De Colores!! Our May Ultreya will focus on the "Role of Mother Mary in the life of Cursillistas" with Deacon Stanford Lyew as our key speaker. All Cursillistas are encouraged to join us at Holy Cross Church, on Monday, May 19th starting at 6:00pm. Come and fellowship with us in prayer, songs of worship and reflection on our new Pope Leo XIV. Remember to carpool where possible.

# Stella Maris Church Community

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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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Year C - May 18, 2025**

## Today's Readings

1st Reading: Acts. 14: 21-27  
2nd Reading: Rv. 21: 1-5  
Gospel Reading: Jn. 13: 31-35



Response: I will bless Your name forever,  
O God, my King

**Stella Maris CWL  
BRUNCH**

TAKE OUT MENU	SERVED WITH	ON SALE
ACKEE & SALTFISH	CALLALOO	CAKE
MACKEREL RUNDOWN	YAM	PUDDING
STEW CHICKEN	BOILED DUMPLING	JUICE
	BOILED BANANA	

**\$1,500.00 PER MEAL**  
**Sunday, June 1, 2025**  
**Pick Up Only**  
**Beginning 10:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
62 Shortwood Road, Kingston 8

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## A Reflection

When we love someone very much, any leave-taking always brings sadness. When the absence is prolonged or feared permanent, leave-taking can be mighty heartrending. Children and spouse with tears streaming down their faces cling to a soldier leaving for a tour of duty. Family members move slowly, looking back over their shoulders at the hospital bed when leaving the room of someone who has been critically injured in an accident. Graduations include leave-takings, and possibly never seeing friends again. Leave-taking is part of everyone's life. It reminds us that we human beings are fragile, that our earthly life is transitory, that the only sure and permanent reality is the abiding love of the risen Lord and the glory that is the outcome of our living his commandment of love. This gospel is about leave-taking—one leads to betrayal and despair; the other leads to an invitation to participate in the love-Life of the One who willingly embraces death and in that embrace conquers it for himself and for us.

Two departures are noted in this gospel: that of Judas ("When Judas had left") and that of Jesus ("I will be with you only a little while longer"). Judas's departure initiates the events of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus' imminent departure initiates his giving the disciples the commandment to love as he has loved. Jesus' passion and death is the full revelation to us of what it means to love as Jesus loved. Love means giving one's life for others. It is the full revelation of how we are to love: not counting the cost, but always looking to the glory that is the outcome of deep and abiding love. This is God's glory. This is Jesus' glory. This is our glory. Jesus' resurrection is the full revelation of this glory.

Jesus doesn't ask of us anything that he himself hasn't already undertaken to the fullest: the Good Friday-Easter events make clear the extent of Jesus' love for us—he will lay down his very life so that we might have a share in his risen Life and glory. As disciples we are commanded to love as the risen Lord loved. If our love is to imitate his, then our love must also include the willingness to lay down our lives for others. The kind of love that Jesus commands leads to self-emptying dying to self.

Fr. Richard Brown



## Happy Birthday



### 18th May

Michael Archer ♦ Abigail Colligan ♦  
Vendryes Miller ♦ Stephen Shaw Jr. ♦

### 19th May

Ronald Chai ♦ Althea Lawla ♦ Sarah Chai ♦

### 20th May

Trina Calder ♦ Matthew Lawson ♦ Wayne Lee ♦  
Denise Read ♦ Jacob Smith ♦

### 21st May

Jacob Anderson ♦ Grace Hoo ♦ Jason Wong ♦  
Cherayne Howell ♦ Marcus Dabdoub Jr ♦

### 22nd May

Kelly Akin ♦ Wendy Ford ♦ Barbara Garcia ♦  
Christopher Lowe ♦ Noel Wong ♦ Arya Vaswani ♦

### 23rd May

Alexander Shirley ♦ Hilma Williams ♦

### 24th May

Yanique Holness ♦ Romario Perkins ♦



23rd May ♦ Raymond & Barbara Garcia

**STELLA MARIS CHURCH**

**GAMES NIGHT**

**Friday May 30, 2025 @7pm**

"Bring your family,  
Bring your crew"

Special Guest:  
**ST RICHARD'S CHURCH**

"Bring your snacks,  
Pastries & Drinks to share"