

**STEELBAND FISH FRY**

The Steelband will be hosting its annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 7, 2025 from 11:30am—3:30pm on the church grounds. Tickets cost \$3,000.00 each and may be purchased from any member of the steelband, or at the church office. Please support their efforts as it enables them to continue ministering to the parish in music.



**PRE-LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

The Archdiocesan Catechetical office invites all catechists to the Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection for Catechists. This will be on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 9:00am – 2:00pm at Stella Maris Church Hall. Theme: “Make Disciples”. The presenters will be Fr. Bernard Latus and Deacon Colin Christie. This gathering provides an opportunity for all Catechists including the RCIA Catechists, from across the Archdiocese to come together, reflect, pray and share in our faith. It serves as a moment of spiritual growth in our Lifelong Faith Formation as Catechists. Please register individually before February 22, 2025 at the link [Registration for Day of Recollection](#). The registration fee is \$600.00 which covers the cost of the event, including a light lunch.



**The Sermon on the Plain**

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



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blessed	exclude	evil	insult	comfort
reject	joy	satisfied	hunger	woe
reward	rich	great	kingdom	hate
weep	poor	rejoice	mourn	laugh

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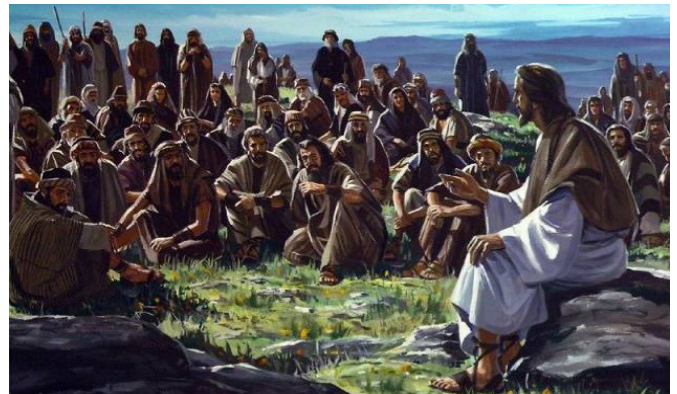


**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Brown**  
**Associate Pastor: Fr. Jude Akagha**  
**Deacon: Mark Hitchener**

**Church Council Chair :** Winston Ormsby  
**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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Year C - February 16, 2025**

**Today's Readings**

**1st Reading:** Jer. 17: 5-8  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 15: 12, 16-20  
**Gospel Reading:** Lk. 6: 17, 20-26



**Response:** Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.



## Reflecting on the Gospel

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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## Happy Birthday



### 16th February

Carole Jean Sinclair ♦ Christopher Burgess ♦  
Christopher Henry ♦ Wendy McMaster ♦  
Dennis Oliver ♦ Jade Rattray ♦ Ann Astwood ♦

### 17th February

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### 18th February

Alexander Benjamin ♦ Zanema Brennan ♦  
Charmian Lawson ♦ Julia Smith ♦ Matthew Wan ♦  
Gerard Whyte ♦

### 19th February

Denise Eastwood ♦ Mario Frank ♦ Leah Goldson ♦

### 20th February

Leah Azan ♦ Donna deMoya ♦  
Jordan Peart ♦ Nadia Sharp ♦ Ruddi Stevens ♦

### 21st February

Danielle Brown ♦ Patricia Davidson ♦ Sean Mills ♦  
Michael Williams ♦

### 22nd February

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



16th February ❖ Ricardo & LeAnn Dacosta

18th February ❖ Edmund & Anne Marie Thomas

20th February ❖ Andrew & Susan Davis  
❖ Peter & Claudine Shoucair

21st February ❖ Vaughn & Jannine Murphy

22nd February ❖ Wendell & Marie Day

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the new church council will take place at all three Masses this weekend, February 15th and 16th. Please come prepared to nominate the persons who are available and can assist the Pastor in the operations of the parish. Elections will take place the following weekend, February 22nd and 23rd. The newly elected council members will be introduced to the parish at all Masses on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as we nominate and elect the new church council.