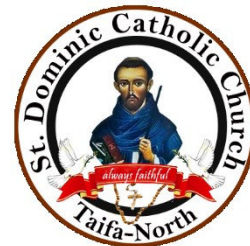


2020 ROSTER FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

DATE	SINGING GROUP	CATECHIST ON DUTY
Friday, February 28	Main Choir	Mr. Gyeni Ansong
Friday, March 6	Youth Choir	Mr. Cosmos Arthur
Friday, March 13	St Anne Choral group	Mr. Abraham Ahiaku
Friday, March 20	Holy Family Choir	Mr. Lawrence Felih
Friday, March 27	CCR Singing Ministry	Mr. Thomas Obiri Yeboah
Friday, April 3	Main Choir	Mr. Gregory Thompson

TIME: 6:30 pm



WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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THEME FOR THE YEAR

**"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET
 AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH" (Ps 119:105)**

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Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Courage Dogbey (0546 980 789)
 Fr. Mark Mandela Anyigbah (0506 119 969)
Resident Priest: Fr. Samuel Akoto Mensah (0549 255 746)

Cleaning of the Chapel, Bidding Prayers & Bringing of Offertory Gifts Schedule for March & April 2020

7 th & 8 th March	- 1 st Mass: St. Dominic Marshallan Association - 2 nd Mass: Catholic Women Organization
14 th & 15 th March	- 1 st Mass: Christian Daughters - 2 nd Mass: Christian Mothers Association
21 st & 22 nd March	- 1 st Mass: Legion of Mary, Sacred Heart, Onuado Kuo - 2 nd Mass: St Anne Society
28 th & 29 th March	- 1 st Mass: COSRA - 2 nd Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society
4 th & 5 th April	- All Youth (One Mass)
11 th & 12 th April	- Parishioners (One Mass)
18 th & 19 th April	- 1 st Mass: Charismatic Renewal - 2 nd Mass: Holy Family Society
25 th & 26 th April	- 1 st Mass: CYO - 2 nd Mass: KSJI & Ladies Auxiliary

JOB OPPORTUNITY

A parishioner is seeking to employ the services of a middle-aged female housekeeper / domestic help on part time basis.
 Contact: 020 823 1467

WELCOME

St. Dominic Catholic Church, Taifa welcomes all new parishioners and visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us.

We invite you to become a registered member. Registration forms are available after Mass at the Secretary's office

OR

Login to <https://stdominictaifa.org> for the registration link. Thank you.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR A

Readings: Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19; Mt 4: 1-11

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

March 08, 2020
 No. 200302

- ❖ St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am
- ❖ Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

TODAY'S REFLECTION

THEME: A SEASON OF TRANSFIGURATION

Abram had to leave his own country, family and father's house to a land where God was to show him. In that land, he will be blessed by God in a profound manner he has never experienced. His ability to leave behind that familiar environment and listen to God, amidst the uncertainties of life was a real test of faith.

In the gospel also, Peter, James and John had to leave their familiar environment and leave behind the other disciples and journey with Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration. It was on the mountain that their eyes beheld the glory of God, which they had never seen.

In the same light, Lent is that **Kairos, ie. that special moment of grace, a time of renewal;** when we are to leave behind that

which is so familiar to us and distracts our ability to encounter God. It is a time to climb the mountain of transfiguration through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a special time when God invites us to draw closer to Him because He has something special for us; a special encounter with Him that must necessarily bring a change in our life.

Let us make use of every opportunity we have, Lenten retreats, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Holy Masses, Holy Hours, personal visits to the Blessed Sacrament in order to be transfigured. God bless you.

By Fr. Mark Mandela Anyigbah

In the Footsteps of Jesus: LENTEN JOURNEY 2020

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving: The Three Pillars of Lent

'Give alms...Pray to your Father...Fast without a gloomy face...' (Matthew 6:1-18). To have a virtuous Lenten experience it is necessary to know and follow **The Three Pillars of Lent., Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**

PRAYER: Prayer is extremely important. Prayer bonds us to God. When we pray we let God know we believe in Him. When we pray we learn to feel God's love in our hearts. If we desire to get closer to Our Lord, it may be necessary to increase our prayer life. There are many ways to add prayer to our daily prayer routine. It is up to us to evaluate how much we pray and decide what we can add. Consider finding time to pray with others at home or at church such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. Drop into the church for at least 10 minutes a couple of times a week, kneeling or sitting before the Blessed Sacrament, quietly loving Our Lord.

The Mass is our greatest act of religious faith. While not all can attend daily Mass, those who are able to attend Mass during the week are encouraged to see this season as a new opportunity to turn directly to our Eucharistic Lord for grace at daily Mass. On Friday evenings, are invited to pray the meaningful devotion "Station of the Cross", following the footsteps of Jesus on His way of the cross, entering more deeply into His love for us, while finding greater meaning in the suffering that is seen in our own lives—so as to hope for the future resurrection.

In addition to the regular confession schedule, there will be several additional opportunities for this beautiful sacrament in the days ahead. Through confession, we are renewed in our relationship with God and truly made ready for the glory of heaven, experienced in a real way on Easter Sunday.

The more we pray from the heart, the more we want to pray and the greater will be our ability to feel the presence of God. Remember our prayer is the holy covenant relationship between God and us.

FASTING: Fasting is difficult for everyone. Fasting takes a lot of effort and dedication as we offer up to Our Lord the food we are not eating. Think about this, if we follow the guidelines for adult fast during Lent, we will always be aware that it is the Season of Lent. There's no way we can forget why we're fasting. Isn't this what we want? To have Jesus on our mind every day during Lent? Maybe if we're able to stick with the fast during Lent, we'll be blessed to have Jesus stay in our mind and hearts even after Lent is over.

ALMSGIVING: *Whoever possesses the goods of this world, sees his brother to be in need, and yet closes his heart to him: in what way does the love of God abide in him? (1 John 3:17)* Giving alms might be difficult if we are on a tight budget but if we think about it, most of us are much better off than much of the world's population. This is a fact to consider. Jesus said we must give to the poor. "...Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these least of brethren, you did it to me." Though the Church has much to say about prayer and has clear guidelines on fasting the Church mostly leaves almsgiving up to the individual. For this reason, it is important for us to spend a little more time thinking about the third Pillar of Lent, almsgiving. No one can escape the poverty that surrounds us.

For almsgiving delivers from death and keeps you from going into Darkness. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practice it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High," (Tobit 4:10-11)

We have blessed opportunities to get closer to Our Lord! To get closer to Our Lord now! Let us take advantage of this opportunity for holiness and not let this Lent pass us by!

"God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is His love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved...Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance." ---Pope Francis

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS MARCH 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. DOMINIC: O great St. Dominic, who, inflamed with divine love, did find your delight in prayer and intimate union with God; obtain for us to be faithful in our daily prayer to love our Lord ardently, and to observe His commandments with ever-increasing fidelity. Amen. St. Dominic... pray for us (3x).

SCRIPTURE READINGS/ MASS SCHEDULES & ACTIVITIES (9th - 15th March 2020)

Monday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome: Dan 9: 4b-10; Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6: 36-38

- Mass @ 7 pm

Tuesday, March 10

Lenten Weekday: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23: 1-12

- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Weekday: Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20: 17-28

- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm

Thursday, March 12

Lenten Weekday: Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16: 19-31

- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm

Friday, March 13

Lenten Weekday, Day of abstinence from meat: Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

- Mass @ 6 am
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am
- Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm followed by Mass

Saturday, March 14

Lenten Weekday: Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

- Mass @ 6:30 am
- Cleaning of the Chapel after Mass
- Confession @ 5:30 pm
- Lenten Vespers @ 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Ex 17: 3-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4: 5-42

- St. Dominic: Mass @ 6:30 am; 9 am
- Our Lady of Fatima: Mass @ 7 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Meetings

Parish Youth Council (PYC) will meet today after 2nd Mass

Christian Mothers Association will meet today after 2nd Mass

- **Time In His Presence**, today, March 8, 2020 @ 6 pm

• Masses in Lent

Morning Masses on Tuesdays to Fridays @ 6am
Saturdays @ 6:30 am

Evening Mass on Mondays to Thursdays @ 7pm

- **Stations of the Cross**, Fridays in Lent @ 6:30 pm followed by Mass

- **Lenten Vespers**, Saturdays in Lent @ 6 pm

- **Deanery Lenten Confession**, Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 21, 2020
@ Archbishop Andoh Catechetical Center, Kordiabe, Shai Hills
Registration: GH020

JOURNEY TO CALVARY

(A meditation on the way of the cross)

Theme: "Take up your cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24)

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Time: 4 pm

Venue: St. Dominic Parish, Taifa

Organizers: Ave Maria Choir