

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UP-COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2020

- Love Night
- Children's month
- Ash Wednesday
- First Week of Lent

MARCH 2020

- World Youth Day Celebration
- Lenten Retreat

Cleaning of the Chapel, Bidding Prayers & Brining of Offertory Gifts Schedule for February 2020

1st & 2nd Feb: Parishioners

8th / 9th Feb.

- 1st Mass: KSJI & Ladies Auxiliary
- 2nd Mass: St Anne Society

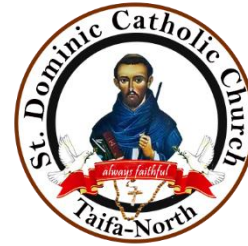
15th / 16th Feb.

- 1st Mass: CYO
- 2nd Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society

22nd / 23rd Feb.

- 1st Mass: St Francis of Assisi Society
- 2nd Mass: Perpetual Help & St Vincent De Paul

29th Feb. & 1st Mar.: Parishioners



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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Today's Reading: *Is 8: 23 - 9: 3; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 (1a); 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23*

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

January 26, 2020
No. 200104

- St. Dominic: 8 am
- Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

REFLECTION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

In the first reading of today, we are told by the Prophet Isaiah that those who live in darkness have seen the light of the world. In the second reading, St. Paul admonishes us to be one in Christ Jesus. For there cannot be division among the people of God. In the Gospel reading, Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God come to fulfil what has been prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. Jesus Christ calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to witness the light of the world and to live in this light.

The mission for which Jesus Christ the **Word made flesh** came was to bring total light into this darkened world. We live in a world where the wrong is seen as right and vice versa. Jesus assures us today that in whatever darkness we may find ourselves, he is ready to dispel that darkness from us. In fact, it is for that reason why Jesus Christ came to the world. We have to avail ourselves to the graces which the light of Jesus Christ comes with.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus Christ calls fishermen as his disciples. There were very distinguished people he could have given this noble task to but he gave it to these men.

A fisherman must have patience. He must learn to wait patiently until the fish will take the bait. If he is restless and quick to move he will never make a fisherman. The good fisher of men needs patience. It is but rarely in preaching or in teaching that we will see quick results. We must learn to wait.

A fisherman aside his patience, must have perseverance. He must learn never to be discouraged, but always to keep trying again. The good preacher and teacher must not be discouraged when nothing seems to happen. He must always be ready to try again.

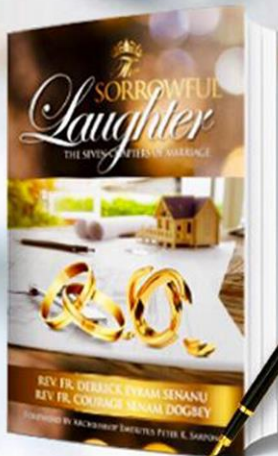
The wise fisherman must keep himself out of sight. If he obtrudes his own presence, even his own shadow, the fish will certainly not bite. The wise preacher and teacher will always seek to present men, not with himself, but with Jesus Christ. His aim is to fix men's eyes; not on himself, but on that figure beyond. In as much as we respond to the call of God, we should be ready to show Him to the world but not ourselves.

After we have responded to the call of God and walked in his ways, the world must see Jesus Christ in us, then we can say with the psalmist that "*the Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread?*"

May our lives bring the light of God to dispel the darkness around us. God bless you.

**By Joseph Effah Siaw
Seminarian**

BOOK LAUNCH



The SORROWFUL Laughter

By: Rev. Fr. Derrick Eyram Senanu
Rev. Fr. Courage Senam Dogbey

Venue:
St. James Catholic Church, Osu
9th February, 2020 | 4:00pm

WELCOME to St. Dominic Parish

We extend a special welcome to you for joining us in today's liturgy. Wishing you God's abundant blessings!

LITURGY CORNER

Three Powerful Sacramentals to Have in Your Home

... continued from last week

Holy water

It is an ancient custom to have what are called “holy water stoups” or “holy water fonts” on the walls of a home. They are elaborate or simple cups that hold holy water, which can then be used to bless oneself throughout the day. It is especially helpful to have them at the doors that lead outside the house as well as in the bedrooms of family members. That way we keep ourselves always fixed on Christ and remind ourselves to remain pure. It also keeps the holy water handy when needed to ward off any influence of the Evil One.

Blessed salt

If possible, it is also good to have a small container of blessed salt in your home. You would have to specifically ask your parish priest to provide that for you and odds are likely that your parish priest would not be familiar with it. This is one sacramental that is often neglected and is not typically used in parishes. However, it is a powerful weapon against evil as can be seen by the following portion of the blessing said by the priest found in the Roman Ritual.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore you, in your immeasurable kindness and love, to bless (+) this salt which you created and gave to the use of mankind, so that it may become a source of health for the minds and bodies of all who make use of it. May it rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness, and protect it from every assault of evil spirits. Through Christ our Lord.

Crucifix

Another very powerful sacramental that is more typically found in our homes is the crucifix. Not only does a crucifix remind us of the great love that God had for us, but it also is a strong deterrent to spiritual enemies. The crucifix is the bane of Satan’s existence and is the sign of everything that he despises. It is beneficial to have a crucifix in every room in your house (or apartment) so that you can frequently meditate on Jesus’ great sacrifice of love as well as have an image to remind you what you need to focus on during times of temptation.

Source: aleteia.org



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JANUARY 2020

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justices in the world.

FEBRUARY 2020

Listen to the Migrants’ Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothes and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered



LEAVE YOUR NETS

“Follow me and I, will make you fishers of men.” (Mt 4: 12-24)

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS (For The Week)

Monday, 27th January (St. Angela Merici):
2 Sam 5: 1-7, 10; Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26;
Mk 3: 22-30

Tuesday, 28th January (St. Thomas Aquinas):
2 Sam 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10;
Mk 3: 31-35

Wednesday, 29th January (St. Joseph Freinademetz): 2 Sam 7: 4-17; Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4: 1-20

Thursday, 30th January (Sts. Martina / Bathildis): 2 Sam 7: 18-19, 24-29; Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4: 21-25

Friday, 31st January (St. John Bosco): 2 Sam 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4: 26-34

Saturday, 1st February (St. Henry Morse/BVM): 2 Sam 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4: 35-41

Sunday, 2nd February, 2020
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2: 14-18;
Lk 2: 22-40

THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Dominic

- Tuesday & Thursday @ 6 am
- Wednesday & Friday @ 7 pm
- Saturday @ 6:30 am
- Sunday @ 8 am

Our Lady of Fatima

- Monday @ 7pm
- Sunday @ 7am



Activities

- ❖ Basic Christian Community (BCC) meetings: Monday @ 7 pm
- ❖ Rosary Prayers: Wednesday & Friday @ 6:30pm
- ❖ Communion Rounds: Friday @ 7am
- ❖ Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday @ 5:30 pm OR by appointment with a priest
- ❖ Cleaning of the Chapel: Saturday after morning Mass
- ❖ One Mass: Sunday, 2nd February, 2020 @ 8 am

HOLY HOUR (ADORATION): Every First Thursday of the month @ 7 pm

TIME IN HIS PRESENCE: Every Second Sunday of the month, 6 pm

NIGERIAN MASS: Every Last Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm

INFANT BAPTISM: Every Last Friday of the month @ 6:30 pm

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