

## 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
<b>TIME: 6:30 pm</b>		

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

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

## **WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

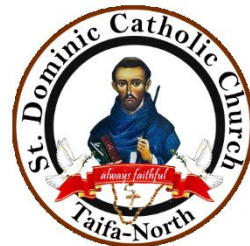
St. Dominic Catholic Church, Taifa welcomes all new parishioners and visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us.

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.

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## 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)**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Joseph Arthur (0244 570 358)

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Fr. Mark Mandela Anyigbah (0506 119 969)

**Resident Priest:** Fr. Samuel Akoto Mensah (0549 255 746)



### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR A

Readings: Ex 17: 3-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42

#### NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

March 15, 2020  
No. 200303

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

### TODAY'S REFLECTION: STRIKE THE ROCK

A sinful human nature is full of complains but a graceful human nature is full of gratitude. Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. Sometimes our sinful nature torments us and we complain about everything and everybody except ourselves.

Lent is a time to cease to complain. It is a time of grace; it is a time of true encounter with God who loves us. "What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." It is a time to express our gratitude to God through sincere conversion and charitable deeds/works.

Lent is a time that God stands before us to perform a miracle only when we are bold enough to strike the rock.

It is a time to strike the rock of complains, ingratitude, gossiping, unfaithfulness, selfishness, disobedience, strike the rock of all that do not give life and meaning to our calling us Christians. Strike the rock and water will flow.

Water is a symbol of life. Lent is a time to give water to the people. Lent is a time to give life to that which is "lifeless". Lent is a time to drink from the life giving source.

Jesus Christ told the Samaritan woman: "Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

If you only knew what God is offering you in this Lenten season you will open your heart to him, you will hear his voice, you will listen to him and you will NOT harden your heart. You will strike that "heart of stone" with prayer, fasting and almsgiving and water will surely flow, you will be transformed, renewed, revived and above all you will be the one just like Moses encountered God and the Samaritan woman who witness to Christ through a personal encounter.

Lent is a time of a true encounter with Christ, the source of living water. Strike the rock and water will flow.

**By Fr. John Boevi, SVD.**

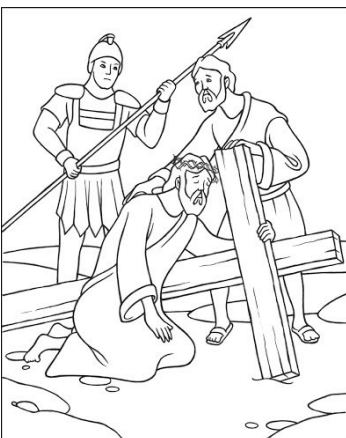
## In the Footsteps of Jesus: LENTEN JOURNEY 2020

### WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time, we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives. Continuing the idea of Pope Francis as our spiritual director, below are 8 reasons from our Holy Father on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

**1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him:** “The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... *let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!* Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.”

**2. They Put Us into the Story:** “And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?”



**3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us:** “The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: *‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life’* (cf. Jn 3:16).”

**4. They Compel Us to Action:** “But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, *who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.*”

**5. They Help Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ** “[The Cross] reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. *If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but by my own self,* because God never condemns, he only loves and saves.”

**6. They Reveal God’s Response to Evil in the World:** “The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. **And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ:** a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness.”

**7. They Give Us the Certainty of God’s Love for Us:** “What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? *You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us.*”

**8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection:** “O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: ‘Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. *Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him.*’”

### POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS/ MASS SCHEDULES & ACTIVITIES (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020)

### **Monday, March 16**

Lenten Weekday: *2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Lk 4: 24-30*

- Mass @ 7 pm

### **Tuesday, March 17**

St. Patrick: *Dan 3: 25, 34-43; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 and 9; Mt 18: 21-35*

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

### **Wednesday, March 18**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem: *Deut 4: 1, 5-9; Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5: 17-19*

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

### **Thursday, March 19**

#### **JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY Solemnity**

*2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a*

- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm

### **Friday, March 20**

Lenten Weekday, Day of abstinence from meat: *Hos 14: 2-10; Ps 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12: 28-34*

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

### **Saturday, March 21**

Lenten Weekday: *Hos 6: 1-6; Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18: 9-14*

- Lenten Retreat

### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 22**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1); Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41*

### **St. Dominic:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mass @ 6:30 am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass @ 9 am

**Our Lady of Fatima:** Mass @ 7 am

## PRAYER FOR END OF CORONAVIRUS

Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

## LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

**Next Saturday, March 21, 2020**

@ Archbishop Andoh Catechetical Center,  
Kordiabe, Shai Hills

Departure Time: 5:30 am prompt

Registration: Adult: GHC20;

Children: GHC20 (12 years and above)

## DEANERY LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: St. Dominic Parish, Taifa

## 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