



May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit
(Rom 15:13)



Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above. Happy Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

ADESTE FIDELES
Come All Ye Faithful

Date: 22nd December, 2019

Venue: Church premises

Time: 5pm

Come, let us adore Christ, the new born King!

APPRECIATION:

With heartfelt gratitude, the 2019 Harvest Committee of St. Dominic Parish, Taifa community expresses its greatest appreciation to you for your great support during the 2019 Annual Harvest. We pray for God's abundant blessing on you and your family especially your special intention for this year.
God bless you.



December 22, 2019
No. 191204

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

1st Reading: *Is 7: 10-14; Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6;*
2nd Reading: *Rom 1: 1-7;*
Gospel: *Mt 1: 18-24*

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

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

NEXT SUNDAY

GRATEFUL HEARTS 2019

A Thanksgiving Encounter With The Lord

Date: 29 December, 2019

Venue: Church premises

Time: 6pm

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Bright Fummeyi

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

A warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. We are happy to have you worship with us. We invite you to become a registered member of St. Dominic Catholic Church, Taifa.

Registration forms are available after Mass at the secretary's office.
Thank you.

Below is the link to the Church Membership Online Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVgPnZtu4xBensaO0tHI4m4tJsVjLyooj3VQgUxHyH9b5yIg/viewform>



WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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Christmas! God's presence among us



In just some few days the season of advent will give way to the coming of Christmas. The long awaited moment is here with us.

St. Matthew writes in his gospel quoting the prophet Isaiah "God is with us" (Isa. 7:14) This reference to Isaiah's prophecy assumes full significance when we note that St. Matthew ends his Gospel with Jesus' "I will be with you" promise. (Matt. 28: 19-28)

With the opening and closing with the same theme, "God with us" in St. Matthew's gospel, clearly indicate that the birth of Jesus demonstrates God's presence among his people in a remarkable new way.

Firstly, that God is present to us in creation and he holds it in existence only as long as God keeps it there. Secondly, the presence of God is in his word in the Bible. It is the Father's love letter to us his children, where he makes known his mind and heart present to us. Finally, God is present among us in his Son, Jesus. Jesus' birth made God present to us in a way we could see, touch and hear.

Christmas is God's presence among us in the flesh-and-blood person of Jesus (1 Jn 1:1-4)

Merry Christmas in advance!  

By: Fr. Joseph Arthur

THEME FOR THE YEAR: "As for Me and My House. We Will Serve the Lord" (*Joshua 24:15*)



Pope Francis: Advent is a Time of Conversion

Advent season is a time of conversion to make space in one's heart for Christ to come and fill it with joy. "Advent, a time of grace, tells us that it is not enough to believe in God: it is necessary to purify our faith every day," Pope Francis said in his Angelus address on December 15, 2019.

"It is a matter of preparing to welcome -- not a fairy-tale character -- but the God who calls us, involves us, and before whom a choice is imposed," he said.

"The nativity scene is like a living Gospel," he said. "As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him."

The time of Advent reminds us that joy and doubt are both experiences that are a part of life, the pope said. "But the man of God looks beyond, because the Holy Spirit makes his heart feel the power of his promise, and he announces salvation: 'Courage, do not fear! Behold your God ... He comes to save you.'"

"And then everything is transformed: the desert blooms, consolation and joy take possession of fearful hearts, the lame, the blind, the mute are healed. This is what is accomplished with Jesus: 'the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are purified, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the Gospel is announced to the poor.'"

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Fr. John Boevi, SVD.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I deemed it with a great joy to wish you all a fruitful, joyful Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

May Christ be at the centre of our Christmas celebration. Christmas without Christ is crisis.

Emmanuel "God with us". May the Lord be with you.

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO.

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MASS SCHEDULES & SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

December 23 2019, Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent	
<i>Mal 3: 1-4. 4: 5-6; Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10. 14: Lk 1: 57-66</i>	BCC @ 7pm
December 24 2019, Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent	
<i>2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29; Lk 1: 67-79</i>	Mass @ 7pm
Wednesday, December 25 2019: Nativity of the Lord	
<i>Is 52: 7-10; Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18</i>	Mas @ 8am
Thursday, December 26 2019: St. Stephen, Deacon	
<i>Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6. 8ab. 16bc. 17; Mt 10: 17-22</i>	Mass @ 6:30am
Friday, December 27 2019: St. John, Apostle	
<i>1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20:1a. 2-8</i>	Rosary Prayers @ 6:30pm Mass @ 7pm
Saturday, December 28 2019: Holy Innocents	
<i>Songs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3. 4-5. 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18</i>	Morning Mass @ 6:30am - Clean-up after Mass
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 2019:HOLY FAMILY	
<i>Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14; Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5; Col 3: 12-21; Mt 2: 13-15.19-23</i>	One Mass @ 8am - Offertory by Parishioners

MONTHLY & WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 5:30 pm OR by appointment with a priest

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

ONE MASS: Every First Sunday of the month @ 8am

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mass schedule

Wednesday, December 25

- Rosary Prayers @ **6:30am**
- Mass @ **7am**

Sunday, December 29

- Rosary Prayers @ **6:30am**
- Mass @ **7am**