

# Lent 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  
**NOTE:** LENTEN VESPERS on Saturdays (within lent) @ 6 pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday
1 <sup>st</sup> March	1st Sunday of Lent
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Pilgrimage
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Annunciation of the Lord
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> March	World Youth Day
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Journey to Calvary
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Triduum
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday

### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Chamber & Hall self-contained accommodation is needed. Please call 0243541637, if you can be of help.



We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting us for today's liturgy.

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

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## Lenten Pilgrimage

@ Archbishop Andoh Catechetical Center,  
 Kordiabe, Shai Hills  
 Saturday, March 21, 2020  
 Registration is OPEN!



## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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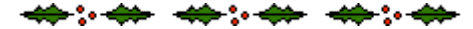
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### THEME FOR THE YEAR

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

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Today's Reading: Sir 15: 15-20; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b); 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

February 23, 2020  
 No. 200204

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

### TODAY'S REFLECTION

In the Bible, the word "holy" has a different meaning to its meaning today. Originally, it meant set aside, reserved for God, different from the rest. Places such as temples were holy because they were set aside for religious purposes; objects were also holy. People leading lives different from others were holy. The "Holy of holies" was God.

In the reading today God asks his people to be "holy". As Christians, we must be different from other people. Before the coming of Jesus, to be holy the people of Israel had to be as withdrawn as much as possible from other people. They were not allowed to enter the houses of non-Jews or eat with them. They could not even shake hands with them, to stress how much holier they were. They would call others "dogs"! Besides keeping their distance from pagans, the Hebrews considered themselves holy because they kept the laws and the traditions of their ancestors. Leviticus sees "holiness" differently. It does not involve physical separation from other people, or observance of special laws. People were to follow certain directives such as "not to hate their brothers, not to bear grudges or exact vengeance and, finally, to love their neighbour as themselves" (17-18).

Our community and ourselves are to be likened to a holy building (temple) inhabited by God; Christians are the bricks. Division is like a bomb in the building, or like the white ants that eat the poles of a house. Conflicts in our community stem from the fact that we follow the "wisdom of men", not of God. Paul already said in his letter that the gospel is "madness in the eyes of men" (1:18, 21, 23). Today he tells us that the wisdom and the cunning of men are just foolishness in the eyes of God. These reflections prepare us for the instructions that Jesus offers us in today's gospel.

The gospel, which is a continuation of last Sunday's includes the fifth and sixth examples of Jesus' new interpretation of some of the laws of the Old Testament. Human logic says that what Jesus proposes is madness. We say, "I am prepared to be good but not stupid"! Jesus' words are not to be taken literally. You remember that when he was slapped, he did not turn the other cheek, he protested (Jn. 18:23). What he demands from his disciples is the acceptance of injustice, rather than hurt another.

If we answer violence with violence, we increase it. This attitude must be substituted by something new, forgiveness. Jesus tells his disciples about the laws and how they said, "You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy" (43-48). The second part of this law is not found in the Old Testament. It illustrates how the Jews behaved in the time of Jesus. The wise rabbis proclaimed, "Love your neighbour as yourself," as the fundamental principle on which the whole law was founded. Some even maintained that this neighbourly love was to be extended to include one's enemy. The official texts insisted that this unconditional love applied only to Jews; pagans were excluded.

Jesus teaches us, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." In this way you will be children of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest alike" (44-45). With these words, he takes away all barriers. The model for the universal love he proposes is the Father, who makes no distinction between people, all are his children. Let us also begin the positive change we want to see in our homes, societies, communities, and wherever we find or may find ourselves.

by Derrick Abbey (Seminarian)

## LITURGY CORNER

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26, 2020

The First day of Lent

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes: Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The Ashes: The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

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Be  
merciful,  
O Lord, for  
we have  
sinned.

Psalm 51

*Lord, may this Lent be truly fruitful in my life. May it be a grace and a joy to embrace all that You wish to bestow upon me. Jesus, I do trust in You.*



### 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).*

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 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.

## THIS WEEK (24<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Monday, February 24

Ordinary Weekday: *Jas 3: 13-18; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9: 14-29*

#### Tuesday, February 25

Ordinary Weekday: *Jas 4: 1-10; Ps 55: 7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9: 30-37*

#### Wednesday, February 26

**Ash Wednesday:** *Jl 2: 12-18; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5: 20 - 6: 2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18*

#### Thursday, February 27

Thursday after Ash Wednesday: *Deut 30: 15-20; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9: 22-25*

#### Friday, February 28

Friday after Ash Wednesday (Day of abstinence from meat): *Is 58: 1-9a; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9: 14-15*

#### Saturday, February 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday: *Is 58: 9b-14; Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5: 27-32*

#### Sunday, March 1

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

### MASS SCHEDULES & ACTIVITIES

#### Monday

- BCC Meetings @ 7 pm

#### Tuesday

- Morning Mass @ 6 am
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am

#### Wednesday

- Morning Mass @ 6 am & 7:30 am
- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Evening Mass @ 7 pm

#### Thursday

- Morning Mass @ 6 am
- **Evening Mass @ 6 pm**

#### Friday

- Communion Rounds @ 7 am
- **Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm**
- Evening Mass @ 7 pm

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

St. Dominic: **ONE Mass @ 8 am**

- Offertory by Parishioners

Our Lady of Fatima: Mass @ 7 am

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass: St Francis of Assisi Society - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mass: Perpetual Help & St Vincent De Paul Parishioners (One Mass)
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb. & 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass: St. Dominic Marshallan Association - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mass: Catholic Women
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

- Cleaning of the Chapel - Saturdays
- Bidding prayers & bringing of offertory - Sundays