

WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING

Theme: Travailing Forth your Breakthrough. (1 Cor 16:9, Rev.3:8)

Date: 13th - 17th January, 2020

Time: 6:30pm each day

Day(s)	Prayer Intentions & Group/Society responsible for providing fruits for the breaking of the fast
Monday January 13	<p>Prayer Intention: <i>That the hand and the glory of God will be strong upon all priests and on our nation. (Ps 140:1, 4)</i></p> <p>Group: Christian Daughters Association & CASU</p>
Tuesday January 14	<p>Prayer Intention: <i>Pray and cancel the spirit of disappointment to your blessings and breakthrough. (Ps 17:13)</i></p> <p>Group: COSRA</p>
Wednesday January 15	<p>Prayer Intention: <i>Pray and deal with any family background of yours that fights and opposes blessings and breakthroughs. (Ps 144:1, Jer 1:19)</i></p> <p>Group: CYO & KNOLTA</p>
Thursday January 16	<p>Prayer Intention: <i>Pray for God's favour and blessings upon marriages, businesses, jobs, academic pursuits and destinies of every member of the church. (Ps 35:27)</i></p> <p>Group: Cadets & Junior Auxillary of KSJI</p>
Friday January 17	<p>Prayer Intention: <i>Pray and declare that, 'this one thing' God will do for you that your joy will be full. (Ps 16:11; Jn 16:24)</i></p> <p>Groups: Ave Maria Youth Choir & Our Lady of Fatima Youth</p>

WELCOME to St. Dominic Parish

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting us for today's liturgy.
Wishing you God's abundant blessings

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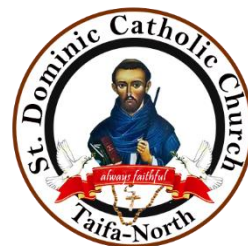
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WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD: YEAR A

Today's Reading: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b); Acts 10: 34-38; Mt 3: 13-17

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

January 12, 2020 - St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am
No. 200102 - Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

This Is My Beloved Son, With Whom I Am Well Pleased

Today Holy Mother Church celebrate the baptism of the Lord, the solemnity that ends the season of Christmas. Jesus Christ starts his public ministry after his baptism. The assurance and blessings of the Father is given at His baptism. In the first reading of today, the prophet, make us aware that God will send into the world a Servant who will bring justice to all the ends of the earth. Peter in the second reading of today inform us that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right and acceptable to him, He bestows his blessings. John the Baptist climax his task as he baptise Jesus in the Jordan river.

Baptism was for sinners, and no Jew ever conceived of himself as a sinner shut out from God. With the advent of the baptism of Jesus, now the first time in their national history the Jews realized their own sin and their own clamant need of God. Never before had there been such a unique national movement of penitence and of search for God. This was the very moment for which Jesus had been waiting. Men were conscious of their sin and conscious of their need of God as never before. This was his opportunity, and in his baptism he identified himself with the men he came to save, in the hour of their new consciousness of their sin, and of their search for God. As Christians, we should come to the conscious realisation of our sins and ready in any moment to receive God's grace and mercy in our life.

The voice which Jesus heard at the baptism is of supreme importance." This is my beloved Son," it said, "with whom I am well pleased." That sentence is composed of two quotations. "This is my beloved Son," is a quotation from Psalms 2:7. Every Jew accepted that Psalm as a description of the Messiah, the mighty King of God who was to come. "With whom I am well pleased" is a quotation from Isaiah 42:1, which is a description of the Suffering Servant, a description which culminates in Isaiah 53:1-12. As children of God by adoption, how often do our heavenly Father finds our actions on earth pleasing to him? Our actions should tell of the goodness of God in our lives.

So in the baptism there came to Jesus two certainties - the certainty that he was indeed the chosen One of God, and the certainty that the way in front of him was the way of the Cross. In that moment he knew that he was chosen to be King, but he also knew that his throne must be a Cross. In our Christian life we should be certain that we will go through sufferings of this life. But we should be consoled with the eternal glorification that follows.

May the baptism of Jesus Christ renew in us our own baptismal graces.

By Joseph Effah Siaw

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

THEME FOR THE YEAR:

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

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)

LITURGY CORNER

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God

appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2020

Promotion of World Peace

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13	<u>St. Hilary of Poitiers</u> 1 Sam 1: 1-8; Ps 116: 12-13. 14-17. 18-19; Mk 1: 14-20
Tuesday, January 14	1 Sam 1: 9-20; 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd; Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday, January 15	<u>St. Arnold Janssen</u> 1 Sam 3: 1-10, 19-20; Ps 40: 2 and 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday, January 16	1 Sam 4: 1-11; Ps 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25; Mk 1: 40-45
Friday, January 17	<u>St. Anthony the Great</u> 1 Sam 18: 4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89: 16-17. 18-19; Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday, January 18	<u>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> 1 Sam 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1; Ps 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mk 2: 13-17
Sunday, January 19	<u>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Is 49: 3. 5-6; Ps 40: 2. 4. 7-10; 1 Cor 1: 1-3; Jn 1: 29-34

A 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)

MASS SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEK

St. Dominic

- Tuesday & Thursday @ 6am
- Wednesday & Friday @ 7pm
- Saturday @ 6:30am
- Sunday @ 6:30am; 9am

Rosary Prayers:

Wed. & Fri. @ 6:30pm

Our Lady of Fatima

- Monday @ 7pm
- Sunday @ 7am

MONTHLY & WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION:

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

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

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

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

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

TODAY, January 12, 2020:
Time in His Presence @ 6 pm prompt

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