

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING

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

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 pm each day

Day(s)	Prayer Intentions & Group/Society responsible for providing fruits for the breaking of the fast
Monday January 13	<p><u>Prayer Intention:</u> <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><u>Group:</u> Christian Daughters Association &amp; CASU</p>
Tuesday January 14	<p><u>Prayer Intention:</u> <i>Pray and cancel the spirit of disappointment to your blessings and breakthrough. (Ps 17:13)</i></p> <p><u>Group:</u> COSRA</p>
Wednesday January 15	<p><u>Prayer Intention:</u> <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><u>Group:</u> CYO &amp; KNOLTA</p>
Thursday January 16	<p><u>Prayer Intention:</u> <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><u>Group:</u> Cadets &amp; Junior Auxillary of KSJI</p>
Friday January 17	<p><u>Prayer Intention:</u> <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><u>Groups:</u> Ave Maria Youth Choir &amp; Our Lady of Fatima Youth</p>

#### WELCOME to St. Dominic Parish

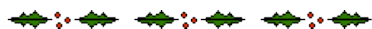
We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting us for today's liturgy.  
Wishing you God's abundant blessings

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May God bring to us  
warmth of love and a light  
to guide our path towards  
a positive destination.



**BLESSED NEW YEAR!**  
*Ps 90:14-17*

Below is the link to the Church Membership Online Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVgPnZtu4xBensaO0tH14m4tJsVjLyooj3VQgUxHvH9b5v1g/viewform>



## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

**ST. DOMINIC PARISH, TAIFA-NORTH**  
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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:** Rev. Fr. Joseph Arthur (0244 570 358)

**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)

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: YEAR A

Today's Reading: *Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12*

#### NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

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| January 5, 2020<br>No. 200101 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am</li> <li>- Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am</li> </ul> |
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### THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US

I have heard many people saying at the end and at the beginning of every year; "the new year will be better than the past year." This statement indicates that we are called to be people of hope.

**We** must look forward to the future always with hope, because God has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings to walk by faith and to see with the eyes of faith. St. Paul echoes this message of hope when he wrote to the Ephesians: "May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit." The confirmation of this message of hope for us this year is that from his fullness, the fullness of Christ, we have, all of us, received- yes, grace in return for grace.

**Indeed**, the Word was made flesh and lived among us. Emmanuel "God with us." He lives with us and among us to bless, sanctify, guide, console, protect and to heal

us. Above all, He lives with us to empower us in faith this present year and to give us hope for the future.

**As** we walk with the Lord in the light of his word with faithfulness; serving Him in our brothers and sisters with love and joy; may His grace sanctifies us throughout the year. May the Divine Word made flesh confirm and position us to receive God's abundant blessings throughout the year.

**May** the Lord bless us and keep us this year. With faith I agree, identify and share with the slogan: "this year will be better than the past year" because God is with us and Christ in us is the hope of glory.

**Have** a blessed and a fruitful new year.

**Fr. John Boevi, SVD.**

## LITURGY CORNER

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"We have a choice to remain the same or to open our hearts, to open our eyes to see the light of Christ in others..."*

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org>



### COLLECT PRAYER

**May the splendour of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. 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. Amen**

## 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)***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6	<u>St. André Bessette, Religious</u> 1 Jn 3: 22 - 4: 6; Ps 2: 7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, January 7	<u>St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</u> 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday, January 8	1 Jn 4: 11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday, January 9	1 Jn 4: 19 - 5: 4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4: 14-22
Friday, January 10	1 Jn 5: 5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday, January 11	1 Jn 5: 14-21; Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 3: 22-30
Sunday, January 12	<u>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</u> Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b); Acts 10: 34-38; Mt 3: 13-17

### MASS SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEK

#### St. Dominic

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

#### Rosary Prayers:

Wed. & Fri. @ 6:30 pm

#### Our Lady of Fatima

- Monday @ 7 pm
- Sunday @ 7 am

### MONTHLY & WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION:

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

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

**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

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 12, 2020**  
**Time in His Presence @ 6 pm prompt**

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