

WELCOME to St. Dominic Parish

We extend a special welcome to you for joining us in today's liturgy. Wishing you God's abundant blessings!



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BOOK LAUNCH



The SORROWFUL Laughter

By: Rev. Fr. Derrick Eyram Senanu
Rev. Fr. Courage Senam Dogbey

Venue:
St. James Catholic Church, Osu
9th February, 2020 | 4:00pm

ST. DOMINIC PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL, TAIFA-NORTH

Chocolates
&
Roses
(VALS DAY CELEBRATION)

Date: Friday, February 14, 2020

Venue: Church Premises

Time: 6pm

Dress Code:

- Blue Jeans with Red or White Top

Side Attraction:

- Karaoke, Love Feast, It Takes 2, Salsa Competition, etc.

CELEBRATING LOVE

Percy Edem Amudzi & Vanisa
Ofosu-Kwarteng

Saturday St. Dominic
15 Feb. 2020 Church, Taifa
@ 2 pm

All are invited!

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WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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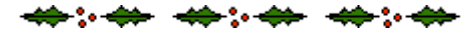
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THEME FOR THE YEAR

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Joseph Arthur (0244 570 358)
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Today's Reading: Is 58: 7-10; Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a); Mt 5: 13-16

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

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

TODAY'S REFLECTION

The episode of the first reading is around the fifth century before Christ. The people have just returned from exile in Babylon. They put their trust in the prophets, but things are not going well. The rich still oppress the poor, the chiefs are irresponsible and everywhere there were quarrels and dissensions. A fast is decreed to beseech God to help them, but nothing seems to change and the people complain and wonder why they should fast if the Lord does not listen? The prophet replies that it is not the fault of the Lord, it is the fast that is not good enough. Let us reflect on what we are not doing good enough to bring love, peace and joy to our society and embrace the kind of life that God likes, which consists in sharing our bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless and the poor, and clothing the naked.

The last verse of the passage we read today prepares us for the gospel's message. The prophet says, "If you fast the way I tell you, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon".

In today's gospel, we read two parables. In the first parable, Jesus tells us that his disciples are the salt of the earth. Salt gives taste to food, so it became the symbol of "wisdom". Without the wisdom of the Gospel, how would we bear the problems that beset us? Christians are salt because we give taste and meaning to all that happens. We by our lives and wisdom are to spread consolation where there is sorrow and pain, and sow goodness where there is hatred and discord. But what do we see others do?

We as Christians are also the salt of the earth in the sense of preservation. Our presence is to prevent society being led by evil principles of pro-life (abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality and so on). Where the salt of the gospel is not present all kinds of vice (robbery, exploitation, bribery and corruption, and prostitution among others) flourish. In a selfish world, Christians are called on to be the salt that preserves the natural and moral law. We are reminded to give ourselves to others.

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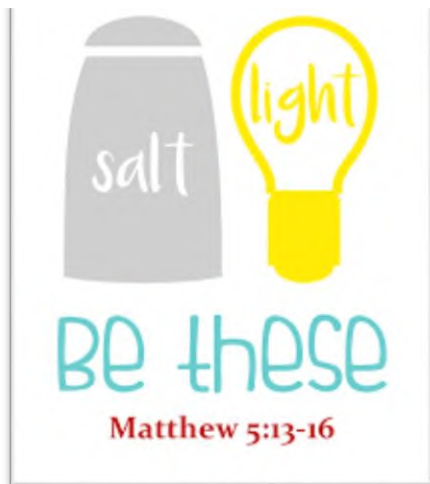
... continuation of reflection

Jesus tells his disciples not "to become tasteless." Salt cannot lose its taste, it is always salt. Why then does Jesus speak of salt becoming tasteless? If for example we add sugar to a sauce, it becomes inedible (sweet and sour), the salt in the sauce is still salt, but the cook has spoiled it. The gospel is like salt, it cannot lose its taste, but preachers can make it unpalatable. May our lives as Christians, Catholics, and leaders be palatable.

The second parable is about light (14-16). Jesus uses two comparisons, the town on a mountaintop that cannot be hidden and the lamp that must be placed on the lamp stand. What is the purpose of light? To light up things. But light should not be looked at directly. If you look directly at the sun, you will damage your eyes. When we do good we are not expected to call attention to ourselves. People should look not at us, but at what we do. Like John the Baptist, let us point to Jesus and not ourselves.

May people eventually discover Christ, who inspires us to do works of love. Long prayers and beautiful ceremonies are not enough!
by Derrick Abbey (Seminararian)

"You are the salt of the earth ...
... You are the light of the world"



**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

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

Date	Event
1 st & 2 nd Feb	Parishioners (One Mass)
8 th & 9 th Feb.	- 1 st Mass: KSJI & Ladies Auxiliary - 2 nd Mass: St Anne Society
15 th & 16 th Feb.	- 1 st Mass: CYO - 2 nd Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society
22 nd & 23 rd Feb.	- 1 st Mass: St Francis of Assisi Society - 2 nd Mass: Perpetual Help & St Vincent De Paul
29 th Feb. & 1 st March	Parishioners (One Mass)
7 th & 8 th March	- 1 st Mass: St. Dominic Marshallan Association - 2 nd Mass: Catholic Women
14 th & 15 th March	- 1 st Mass: Christian Daughters - 2 nd Mass: Christian Mothers Association
21 st & 22 nd March	- 1 st Mass: Legion of Mary, Sacred Heart, Onuado Kuo - 2 nd Mass: St Anne Society
28 th & 29 th March	- 1 st Mass: COSRA - 2 nd Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society

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

THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Dominic

- ❖ Tue. Thur. & Fri. @ 6 am
- ❖ Wed. @ 7 pm
- ❖ Sun. @ 6:30 am; 9 am

Our Lady of Fatima

- ❖ Mon. @ 7 pm
- ❖ Sun. @ 7 am



Activities

- ❖ Basic Christian Community (BCC) meetings: Monday @ 7 pm
- ❖ Rosary Prayers: Wednesday @ 6:30pm
- ❖ Communion Rounds: Tuesday & Friday @ 7am
- ❖ Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday @ 5:30 pm OR by appointment with a priest
- ❖ Cleaning of the Chapel: Saturday after morning Mass
- ❖ **Time in His Presence:** Today, 9th February 2020 @ 6 pm

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



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
(For The Week)**

Monday, 10th February (St. Scholastica): 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Ps 132: 6-7, 8-10; Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday, 11th February (Our Lady of Lourdes): 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Ps 84: 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday, 12th February (St. Gaudentius): 1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Ps 37: 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday, 13th February (St. Catherine de Ricci): 1 Kgs 11: 4-13; Ps 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7: 24-30

Friday, 14th February (St. Cyril / Methodius / Valentine): 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Ps 81: 10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7: 31-37

Saturday, 15th February (Sts. Faustinus / Jovita / BVM): 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Ps 106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8: 1-10

Sunday, 16th February, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sir 15: 15-20; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b); 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

NOTICE

1. There will be **morning Mass** this Friday, 14th February, 2020 @ 6 am
2. **Valentine Day Celebration 'Chocolates & Roses'** this Friday, 14th February, 2020 @ 6 pm
3. There will **no morning Mass** this Saturday, 15th February, 2020

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