

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY, March 1, 2020:**
 - ✓ Thanksgiving Offering
 - ✓ Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting after Mass
- **Masses in Lent**
 - Evening Mass on Mondays @ 7pm
 - Morning Mass on Tuesdays to Fridays @ 6 am ; Saturdays @ 6:30 am
 - Evening Mass on Tuesdays to Thursdays @ 7pm
- **Stations of the Cross**, Fridays in Lent @ 6:30 pm followed by Mass
- **Lenten Vespers**, Saturdays in Lent @ 6 pm
- **Deanery Lenten Confession**, Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 6:30 pm
- **Time In His Presence**, next Sunday, March 9, 2020 @ 6 pm

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

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
4 th & 5 th April	- All Youth (One Mass)
11 th & 12 th April	- Parishioners (One Mass)
18 th & 19 th April	- 1 st Mass: Charismatic Renewal - 2 nd Mass: Holy Family Society
25 th & 26 th April	- 1 st Mass: CYO - 2 nd Mass: KSJI & Ladies Auxillary

Ave Maria Choir

Presents

Journey to CALVARY (A meditation on the way of the cross)

Theme: "Take up your cross and follow me"
(Mt 16:24)

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Time: 4 pm

Venue: St. Dominic Parish, Taifa

Be part of this journey

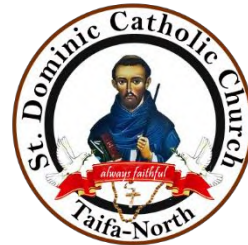
WELCOME

St. Dominic Catholic Church, Taifa welcomes all new parishioners. We are happy to have you worship with us.

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

OR

Login to <https://stdominictaifa.org> for the registration link. Thank you.



WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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THEME FOR THE YEAR

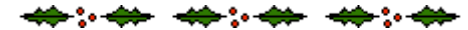
**"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH" (Ps 119:105)**

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

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Fr. Mark Mandela Anyigbah (0506 119 969)

Resident Priest: Fr. Samuel Akoto Mensah (0549 255 746)



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR A

Readings: 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

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

March 01, 2020
No. 200301

❖ St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am

❖ Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

TODAY'S REFLECTION

THEME: "TEMPTATIONS POWER SHALL NOT AVAIL"

On the First Sunday of Lent, we are offered the opportunity to reflect on temptations and how they can help us to deepen our relationship with God. Temptation is an attraction, either from outside oneself or from within, to act contrary to right reason and the commandments of God. The Church's Catechism informs us that there are three sources of temptation: the devil, the world and our own selves.

In our First Reading, we hear of how man fell into sin after being tempted by the serpent. And in the Gospel Jesus relies on the authority of the Word **of God and Prayer** to overcome the temptation of the devil. Our closeness to God in prayer and intimacy with the Word of God is the surest weapon to defeat the tactics of the evil one.

The season of Lent is a time of battle against the temptations that come our way; whether from the evil one, the world or our own sinful nature. Though temptations are meant to lead us into sin our ability to overcome them helps us rather to get closer to God and to have a deepened relationship with Him. Temptations could then be "graceful" moments if we are able, like Jesus, to overcome them.

May temptations power never prevail over us; rather may we always draw strength from God to overcome the temptations that come our way daily.

By Fr. Mark Mandela Anyigbah

In the Footsteps of Jesus: LENTEN JOURNEY 2020

Pray + Fast + Give

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. Fridays in Lent are also days in which the Church asks us to do some form of penance. Abstinence from meat certainly falls into that category, unless you dislike meat and love fish. Then these regulations are not much of a sacrifice for you. The most important thing to understand about Fridays in Lent is that they should be a day of sacrifice. Jesus offered the ultimate sacrifice on a Friday and endured the most excruciating pain for the atonement of our sins. We should not hesitate to offer our own sacrifice and to strive to spiritually unite that sacrifice to Christ's. Why would we do that?

At the heart of the answer to that question is a basic understanding of redemption from sin. It is important to understand the unique and profound teaching of our Catholic Church on this. As Catholics, we do share a common belief with other Christians throughout the world that Jesus is the one and only Saviour of the world. The only way to Heaven is through the redemption won by His Cross. In a sense, Jesus "paid the price" of death for our sins. He took on our punishment.

It is not simply a gift that God offers by saying, "OK, I paid the price, now you're completely off the hook." No, we believe He says something more like this, "I have opened the door to salvation through my suffering and death. Now I invite you to enter that door with me and unite your own sufferings with mine so that my sufferings, united with yours, will bring you to salvation and freedom from sin." So, in a sense, we are not "off the hook;" rather, we now have a way to freedom and salvation by uniting our lives, sufferings and sins to the Cross of Christ. As Catholics, we understand that salvation came at a price and that the price was not only the death of Jesus, it's also our willing participation in His suffering and death. This is the way that His Sacrifice transforms our particular sins.

Fridays in Lent are days in which we are especially invited to unite ourselves, voluntarily and freely, with the Sacrifice of Jesus. His Sacrifice required of Him great selflessness and self-denial. The small acts of fasting, abstinence and other forms of self-denial you choose dispose your will to be more conformed to Christ's to be able to more completely unite yourself with Him, receiving the grace of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon the small sacrifices you are called to make this Lent—especially on Fridays in Lent. Make the choice to be sacrificial today and you will discover that it is the best way to enter into a deeper union with the Saviour of the World.

Lord, I choose, this day, to become one with You in Your suffering and death. I offer You my suffering and my sin. Please forgive my sin and allow my suffering, especially that which results from my sin, to be transformed by Your own suffering so that I can share in the joy of Your Resurrection. May the small sacrifices and acts of self-denial I offer You become a source of my deeper union with You. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com>



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 MARCH 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.

Lenten Pilgrimage

@ Archbishop Andoh Catechetical Center,
Kordiabe, Shai Hills
Saturday, March 21, 2020

THIS WEEK (2nd - 8th March 2020)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, March 2

Lenten Weekday: *Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25: 31-46*

Tuesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel: *Is 55: 10-11; Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6: 7-15*

Wednesday, March 4

St. Casimir: *Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11: 29-32*

Thursday, March 5

Lenten Weekday: *Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7: 7-12*

Friday, March 6

Lenten Weekday: *Ez 18: 21-28; Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5: 20-26*

Saturday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs: *Deut 26: 16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5: 43-48*

Sunday, March 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12: 1-4a; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1: 8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9

MASS SCHEDULES & ACTIVITIES

Monday

- Evening Mass @ 7 pm

Tuesday

- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am

Wednesday

- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm

Thursday

- Masses @ 6 am; 7 pm

Friday

- Morning Mass @ 6 am
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am
- Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm followed by Mass

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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