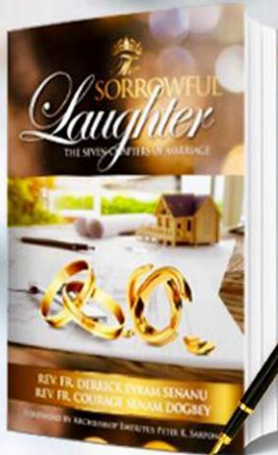


WELCOME to St. Dominic Parish

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



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: 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.

UPCOMING

FEBRUARY 2020

- Children's month
- Ash Wednesday
- First Week of Lent

MARCH 2020

- World Youth Day Celebration
- Lenten Retreat

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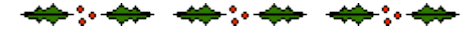
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THEME FOR THE YEAR

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

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: YEAR A

Today's Reading: *Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40*

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

February 02, 2020
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- ❖ St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am
- ❖ Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Zephaniah tells us in the first reading, "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility". To be converted means to become humble, like the poor.

Poverty here does not refer only to a social and economic state, but to an interior religious attitude. For Zephaniah the "poor" are those who, having nothing put their trust wholly in God and submit to his will. The spirituality of "poverty" is a preparation for the message of Jesus in today's gospel.

This 'sermon' was certainly not given on one day or even in the same place. It is a summary of Jesus' teachings, which he gave in different places and at different times.

Is poverty good? Doesn't the Gospel urge us to get involved so that people may live better? Isn't the ideal Christian community one in which "none of the members is on want" (Acts 4:34)? Poverty that befalls individuals who do not want to be poor is not to be considered a blessing. Voluntary poverty, the detachment from goods and riches, is not optional for disciples of Christ. If we were to practise the rest of the Gospel, but remained attached to material goods, we might be very good people, but we could not be considered true Christians (Mt 19:21).

How can suffering, like poverty, be a good thing? Does God send us trouble? No! Why then does he call people who suffer blessed? They are blessed because their situation is about to be reversed, they shall be comforted. God will take away the cause of their suffering. May the "Cause of Joy" always journey with us.

In the Bible, the Word "peace" is not used only to mean absence of war, but for prosperity, justice, well-being, health and happiness. Jesus says that God's children are those who work to build a better world where there will be this kind of "peace" for all. Based on this, can you boldly identify yourself as a child of God?

by Derrick Abbey (Seminararian)

LITURGY CORNER

The Presentation of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day.

February 2 is the fortieth day after December 25. The Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord every year on February 2. This year February 2nd happens to fall on a Sunday. Because the feast of the Presentation is such an important mystery of Jesus' life, when this date falls on a Sunday, the readings and prayers for the corresponding Sunday in Ordinary Time are set aside.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the Procession, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the Solemn Entrance, celebrated within the church."

— From *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*
(<https://www.catholicculture.org>)

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

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 & brining of offertory - Sundays*

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, 3rd February (St. Blaise): 2 Sam 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13; Ps 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday, 4th February: 2 Sam 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19: 3; Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5: 21-43

Wednesday, 5th February (St. Agatha): 2 Sam 24: 2, 9-17; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6: 1-6

Thursday, 6th February (St. Paul Miki): 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; 1 Chron 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6: 7-13

Friday, 7th February: Sir 47: 2-11; Ps 18: 31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6: 14-29

Saturday, 8th February (BVM / St. Jerome Emiliani / Josephine Bakhita): 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Ps 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6: 30-34

Sunday, 9th February, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 58: 7-10; Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a);
1 Cor 2: 1-5; Mt 5: 13-16

THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Dominic

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

Our Lady of Fatima

- *Monday @ 7pm*
- *Sunday @ 7am*



Activities

- ❖ Basic Christian Community (BCC) meetings: *Monday @ 7 pm*
- ❖ Rosary Prayers: *Wednesday & Friday @ 6:30 pm*
- ❖ Holy Hour (Adoration): *Thursday @ 7 pm*
- ❖ 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*

NEXT SUNDAY, February 9, 2020

- ❖ Offertory & Bidding Prayers:
 - 1st Mass: KSJI & Ladies Auxiliary
 - 2nd Mass: St Anne Society
- ❖ Time in His Presence: *Sunday, 9th February 2020 @ 6 pm*

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