

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

Society/Group	Days
Knights & Ladies of the Altar (KNOLTA)	Saturdays @ 3pm
Lectors	Saturdays @ 6pm
Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)	Sundays @ 4pm
Ave Maria Choir	Wednesdays & Fridays after evening Mass
Cadets & Junior Auxiliary of KSJI	2 nd Sunday after first Mass
Catholic Organization for Social and Religious Advancement (COSRA)	2 nd Sunday after first Mass
St. Theresa Roses	2 nd Sunday after first Mass
Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)	4 th Sunday after first Mass
Christian Daughters Association (CDA)	4 th Sunday after first Mass
St. Dominic (Main) Choir	Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays @ 7pm
Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of St. John International (KSJI)	2 nd Saturday of the month
St. Theresa Society	Sundays after first Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Society	2 nd Sunday after first Mass
Catholic Women Association (CWA)	2 nd Sunday after second Mass
Christian Mothers Association (CMA)	2 nd Sunday after second Mass
St. Anne (Ewe) Society	2 nd Sunday after second Mass
Northern Union	3 rd Sunday after first Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus	3 rd Sunday after first Mass
Knights & Ladies of Marshal	3 rd Sunday after first Mass
Holy Family (Akan Kuo) Society	3 rd Sunday after second Mass
St. Vincent De Paul Society (SSVP)	4 th Sunday after first Mass

New members are welcomed

EYE SCREENING

Bright Eye Care will conduct eye screening on Tuesday, 18th February, 2020 from 8 am to 3 pm at the Church premises.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Chamber & Hall self-contained accommodation is needed. Please call 0243541637, if you can be of help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ash Wednesday, 26th Feb.
- Lenten Retreat
- World Youth Day Celebration

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting us for today's liturgy.

We invite you to become a registered member.

Registration forms are available after Mass at the Secretary's office. Thank you.

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WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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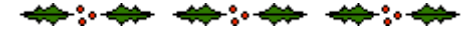
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THEME FOR THE YEAR

**"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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Today's Reading: Sir 15: 15-20; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b); 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

February 16, 2020
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- ❖ St. Dominic: 6:30 am; 9 am
- ❖ Our Lady of Fatima: 7 am

TODAY'S REFLECTION

The Bible is a story of love made up of two parts, the Old Testament and the New. They complement each other and cannot be understood separately. Some people thought Jesus came to wipe out the Old Testament. There are two reasons for this. In the first place, he teaches and interprets every law from the perspective of what is good for people. He dares to break the Sabbath. In the second place, there is the fact that he keeps saying that the poor, the persecuted and the oppressed are happy.

There are six instructions to live our lives but today we read only four. The first is: "You must not kill!" (21-26). It condemns all types of murder. No person should have power over the life of another, even that of a criminal. Is it really enough not to take the life of another person? No, it is not enough, says Jesus. There are people we swore we would never talk to again. For us they are dead people. There are others whom we have judged and condemned. It is as if they do not exist anymore; those we spoke ill of, those who have lost their joy in living because of us... these are all dead, even though they are still alive. The commandment "You shall not kill" has many implications. Those who use offensive language or get angry, or gossip, or hate others have killed.

Jesus (23-24) refers to a custom the Jews had. Before going to the temple to offer sacrifice they went through a series of purifications. Jesus tells his disciples not to bother with these rites. It is not the body that must be pure, but the heart. Reconciliation replaces, for Christians, all the purifications demanded by the old law. Jesus further speaks about adultery. For Jews that law only prohibited evil actions. For Jesus, the commandment goes deeper. There are friendships, feelings, relationships that are really adultery. Jesus insists that when we find ourselves in certain wrong or evil situations, we must just stop. How can we think we are at peace with God just because we have kept our exploits secret? Jesus states that husband and wife may not separate. God's plan is that marriage be indissoluble. However, we must not mock, gossip, condemn, or rejoice over those whose marriages have failed. We should give them our love.

We are born free and are accountable for our actions, for the way we live our lives. Physical and external situations can affect us of course, but we always retain the power to make decisions. We are at a crossroads, one-way leads to life, the other to death. We must choose between the two. God has pointed out to us how to avoid mistakes. The way to life is to follow the commandments of God; the way to death is to ignore them. This not a lack of freedom, on the contrary what God wants is for us to stop ruining our lives. If a driver of a car should disregard road signs, he would soon end up in a ditch and hurt himself. The "wisdom of God" has been revealed because God has begun to realise his plan. His plan is in operation. At the end of the world, we will be able to see it. It will be complete.

by Derrick Abbey (Seminarian)

LITURGY CORNER

My Catholic Life

Humility, Simplicity and Sincerity

There are three words to ponder today: humility, simplicity and sincerity. Humble souls see and know God because they do not turn to themselves in their need. They recognize that God is everything and, without Him, they are nothing. Simple souls do not get caught up in the complications of life. They are able to cut through the countless distractions and live a childlike trust in God. Sincere souls are honest souls who are pure in heart and pure in their intentions. Be honest and truthful in your Christian walk and God will overwhelm all that is not of Him in your life.

Ponder these three gifts today: humility, simplicity and sincerity. How well do you live them in your life? If one stands out as the most challenging, then sit with that for a while. Let God speak to you as you open your heart to His Mercy.

Lord, I open myself to the gifts of humility, simplicity and sincerity. Help me to see each of them as a precious gift that You wish to bestow upon me. May my mind comprehend them and my will embrace them. Jesus, I trust in You.



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. Amen



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)

WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- **ROSARY PRAYERS:** Wednesday & Friday @ 6:30 pm
- **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
- **TIME IN HIS PRESENCE:** Every Second Sunday of the month @ 6 pm
- **NIGERIAN MASS:** Every Last Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm
- **INFANT BAPTISM:** Every Last Friday of the month @ 6:30 pm



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mass Schedules For The Week

Monday, February 17

- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Mass @ 7 pm

Sunday, February 23

- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 am
- Mass @ 7 am

THIS WEEK (17 - 23 February 2020)

Scripture Readings

Activities

Monday, February 17

Ordinary Weekday / Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious: *Jas 1: 1-11; Ps 119: 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8: 11-13*

- Basic Christian Community (BCC) meetings @ 7 pm

Tuesday, February 18

Ordinary Weekday: *Jas 1: 12-18; Ps 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8: 14-21*

- Morning Mass @ 6 am
- Communion Rounds @ 7 am

Wednesday, February 19

Ordinary Weekday: *Jas 1: 19-27; Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8: 22-26*

- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Evening Mass @ 7 pm

Thursday, February 20

Ordinary Weekday: *Jas 2: 1-9; Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8: 27-33*

- Morning Mass @ 6 am

Friday, February 21

Ordinary Weekday / St. Peter Damian: *Jas 2: 14-24, 26; Ps 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8: 34 - 9: 1*

- Communion Rounds @ 7 am
- Rosary Prayers @ 6:30 pm
- Evening Mass @ 7 pm

Saturday, February 22

Chair of Peter, Apostle Feast: *1 Pet 5: 1-4; Ps 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16: 13-19*

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

23 February 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a); 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Mt 5: 38-48

- 1st Mass @ 6:30 am
- Offertory by St Francis of Assisi Society
- 2nd Mass @ 9 am
- Offertory by Perpetual Help & St Vincent De Paul Society

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

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