

YOU NEED ANY HELP?

Contact the Cathedral Office for all necessary information and the Office will direct you to the appropriate persons to help. Below are the Contact Persons.

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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2019 Mission:

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH"

Psalm 46:1a.

A GOOD INDICATOR OF YOUR SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE IS YOUR EAGERNESS TO COME TO THE CHURCH (PS 122:1). NEVER ALLOW YOUR SEAT TO BE EMPTY FOR AN EMPTY SEAT IS AN EMPTY HEAD AND IN HIS PRESENCE ONLY ARE FULLNESS OF JOY AND PLEASURES.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 17th March - Saturday, 23rd March, 2019

LENT 2

Theme: God's will for the Lost

Colour: Purple

Mr. Adetunji Adekoya
Cathedral Warden

Mr. Charles Ojo
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Adegoke O. Agara
The Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji
The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed
Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 17TH MAR.

A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

LORD’S VESSEL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: *The Rev. Ven. James Adekanye*

The Epistle: *Lords Vessel Society*

The Gospel: *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*

Preacher: *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

Intercessor: *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 263
- ❖ Praise & Worship **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*
- ❖ Epistle: 1 John 3:1-10
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH CS 66 – We have heard
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace **(Let there be peace – page 6)**
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruit* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Special Choir Renditions
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 175 – Rescue the perishing
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **The Anniversary:**
 - i. Lord’s Vessel Society Anthem
 - ii. Rededication of Members
 - iii. Lord’s Vessel, Patrons/Patronesses & the Church

Thanksgiving:

- i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
- ii. 70th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs E.I. Onwuama and God’s numerous blessings.
- ❖ Doxology & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 595

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FIRST TIMERS IN JESUS NAME. WE REQUEST THAT YOU PLEASE MOVE TO THE LADY’S CHAPEL AFTER THE SERVICE WHERE OUR EVANGELICAL TEAM IS WAITING TO ATTEND TO YOU.

BREAST FEEDING SUITE

This opens at the back of the ALTAR from 6.30am to 2.00pm on SUNDAYS to enable our nursing mothers remain **BABY FRIENDLY** within the confines of the Church during services.

TIMES AND SEASONS - Eccl. 3:1

We are already in the time and season of **FIRST FRUITS**. Avail yourself of the inherent blessings by approaching the ALTAR of God in faith, and dropping your first fruit with expectation of **UNCOMMON BLESSINGS**.

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
 Account Number: 1021733207
 Sort Code: 033154512
 Branch Address, UBA Plc, 51A Adeniyi Jones Street, Ikeja.

K. JESUS FESTIVAL 2019

WE ARE RETAINING **COLOUR WHITE**. THOSE WHO DESIRE NEW T-SHIRTS SHOULD INDICATE BY BOOKING WITH **MRS FAMADE** IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ANY OF THE **SEXTONS**. PLEASE TREAT AS URGENT TO ENSURE EARLY AND TIMELY DELIVERY.

L. RETREAT - BELIEVERS MENTORING MISSION

The above Retreat comes up on Friday 22nd & 23rd Saturday, March, 2019. **Time:** 9.00am – 3.30pm. **Venue:** Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Vining House, AVMCC. **Theme:** “Your Place in God’s Team.”

M. 2019 MOTHERING SUNDAY MAGAZINE

The Annual Mothering Sunday Magazine for Year 2019 is in the making. The Theme is “Valuing and Blending our differences in the home – (Rom. 12:6-8). Articles are welcomed. Please submit your articles **soft copy** and **e-mail it to tolafamade2012@gmail.com**. Thank you.

M. BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Avail yourself of this plan. Read the BIBLE in one year and be blessed – **Rev. 1:3**

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|--------------------------|-----------|---|--------------|
| 1. Mar. 17 th | Sunday | - | 1 Sam. 11-13 |
| 2. Mar. 18 th | Monday | - | 1 Sam. 14-16 |
| 3. Mar. 19 th | Tuesday | - | 1 Sam. 17-20 |
| 4. Mar. 20 th | Wednesday | - | 1 Sam. 21-24 |
| 5. Mar. 21 st | Thursday | - | 1 Sam. 25-28 |
| 6. Mar. 22 nd | Friday | - | 1 Sam. 29-31 |
| 7. Mar. 23 rd | Saturday | - | 11 Sam. 1-4 |

N. REVIVAL

Revival is ordained to terminate our affliction and turn around our situations from pitiable state to an enviable state. It is accompanied by evident change of level. Therefore desire **REVIVAL**.

O. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>SORT CODE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC	9200212515		
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund
UBA	1021733207	033154512	New Cathedral Dev. Fund Please indicate your name in the payments.

F. HARVEST NEWS

All Societies should please send names of **TWO** representatives of their Societies to 2019 Harvest Committee (**Daughters of Light Society in Room 203 – Harvest Office**)

MEET 2019 HEADS OF COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES

WORSHIP AND SERVICE

In view of the need to ensure that all Parishioners are availed the ample opportunities of maximizing, exploring and exploiting the blessings inherent in worship and selfless services in the furtherance of the work of God in AVMCC, kindly find listed below the names and contact phone numbers of the various heads of Committee and Church Ministries. Be encouraged to bring your professional expertise, wealth of experience, connections and God given wisdom to bear on the work of God by contacting the heads in areas and fields where you are inclined to serve. Use your talent, time and treasures and be blessed in Jesus name. Amen

SUB-COMMITTEES

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B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*
The Epistle: *Layreader A.O. Osunkeye*
The Gospel: *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*
Preacher: *The Ven. James Adekanye*
Intercessor: *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 241
- ❖ Praise & Worship **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence –*The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*
- ❖ Epistle: 1 John 3:1-10
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 246
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace **(Let there be peace – page 6)**
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruit* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Special Choir Renditions
- ❖ The Ablution: CH CS 12
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer

Thanksgiving:

- i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
- ii. The Churching of Mrs Amaka Jideofor for the gift of a baby girl and God's numerous blessings.

- ❖ Doxology & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 621

C EVENTS AHEAD

1. **Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – 25th March, 2019 at AVMCC by 3.00p.m** Registration is on now with any of the Clergy wives. Classes have resumed in January.
2. **CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019: As part of our preparation towards the Pentecost Day Confirmation Service, classes resumed on Thur. 14th March, 2019 at Lady Chapel by 5.00pm**

SATURDAYS IN LENT 2019

1. **40 Days LENT Revival – WED. 6th March – Saturday, 20th April, 2019 at 6.00am**
2. **Lent Spirituality – Saturday, 23rd March, 2019 - Courtesy: Christian Brothers at 9.00am.**
3. **Collation of Archdeacons & Installation of Canons – 30th March, 2019 at AVMCC by 10.00am.**
4. **12 Hours of Praise – Friday, 5th April, 2019 @ 6.00pm.**
5. **Leadership Retreat – 13th April, 2019 – Courtesy – Light of the World Society @ 9.00am**
6. **Jesus Festival – 20th April, 2019 @ 8.00am**

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F. EQUIPPING THE SAINTS IS ON BE A PARTAKER. IT IS SPIRITUALLY REWARDING. Classes hold every Saturday at 9.00am. Venue: 1st Floor Vining Hall.

F. FIRST FRUITS – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10; NEH. 10:34-35

1. Your first salary on a new job.
2. The first profit from a new line of business
3. For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
4. When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
6. For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
7. For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year.
8. For those with multiple sources of income or salary, the best or the highest of all is ideal as first fruit.

TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD – Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8

Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits

G. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2019 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sunday Mar. 17, 2019 - | Fountain of Hope |
| 2. Sunday Mar. 24, 2019 - | Band of Grace |
| 3. Sunday Mar. 31, 2019 | Cathedral Youth |
| 4. Sunday April 7, 2019 - | Lords Vessel |
| 5. Sunday April 14, 2019 | Palm Sunday |
| 6. Sunday April, 21, 2019 | Easter Sunday/Cantata |
| 7. Sunday April 27, 2019 | Band of Peace |
| 8. Sunday May 5, 2019 | Ladies Christian League |
| 9. Sunday May , 2019 | Band of Peace |
| 10. Sunday May , 2019 | Ladies Christian League |

G. 7.00a.m & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

Celebrant: *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

Preacher: *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

Theme: **God's will for the Lost**

- ❖ Opening Hymn: CH 263
- ❖ Opening Worship
- ❖ The Preparation to penitence
- ❖ The Epistle: I John 3:1-10
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
- ❖ Bible Study
- ❖ Nicene, Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses

(a) First Fruit (b)Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Choir Ministration
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving (if any)
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices : Secretariat
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 621

- iv. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Priscilla Ijeamaka Mbakwe (Mother of Evang. Sam Mbakwe of Lords Labourers). Aged: 81 years. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Christian Wake Keep: On Thursday, 25th April, 2019 at Late Pa John Mbakwe's Compound, Umuoma Ovollo, Mbaukwu, Awka South L.G.A.; Anambra State at 5.00pm.

Funeral Service: On Friday, 26th April, 2019 at St. Lawrence Anglican Church, Mbaukwu, Awka South LGA, Anambra State by 10.00am.

- v. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Keziah Okpemurode Adia (Mother of Carol Omowhara and (Mother-in-law of Mr Solomon Omowhara of Lords Labourers, Christian Household and Traffic Control). Aged:82years. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Service of Songs: On Friday, 22nd March, 2019 at Adia Family Compound, Owodokpokpo-Igbide, Delta State by 5.00pm

Funeral Service: On Saturday, 23rd March, 2019 at St. John (Ang) Church, Owodokpokpo - Igbide -10.00am.

C. HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL

Anyone that has helpful information regarding the History of AVMCC especially the beginning to please send it to: avmccche18@gmail.com. or call 080372-69046

D. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.

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| Mercury Stabilizer 10 KVA | N 250,000 |
| Development of our landed properties | |
| Painting of the Church and our halls | |
| 1 Pc Handsfree Table Microphones | N 130,000 |
| Hitech Digital Camera | |

KINDLY TIE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL BUILDING

KEEP AVMCC CLEAN AND IN ORDER

- IF YOU DROP IT, PICK IT UP**
- IF YOU SPILL IT, MOP IT UP**
- IF IT FALLS, HANG IT UP**
- IF YOU PUT IT ON, PUT IT OFF**
- IF YOU SWITCH IT ON, SWITCH IT OFF**
- IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT**

discipline is something that we do every day long, while fasting is something quite special for unusual circumstances.

Fasting is something that we do in order to reach a higher spiritual realm in prayer, meditation or finding the will of God.

CONCLUSION

Never fast with the thought of obligating God: because I fast the Lord is forced to bless me or make me a great blessing
Just because we fast or pray, we cannot obligate God and make Him our servant.

We should never engage in fasting as a means of obtaining direct blessing; the value of fasting is indirect and not direct.

Why, then, should a Christian fast? Because he feels impelled to do so for some spiritual reason or reasons.

Fasting should never be routine or mechanical; it should be prompted by the Holy Spirit and engaged in at His command for the duration that He dictates.

MAY THIS LENT CAUSE A SINCERE RETURNING UNTO A DIVINE RESTORATION IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

15. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Auditorium. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1st Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. **Adult Education Programme:** This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

16. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

A. Obituaries

- i. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Comfort Duru of Ladies Progressive League & Prisons & Hospital Ministry. Aged: 64years. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Chief O.O. Esan of Torchbearers & YMCA Societies. Aged:82years. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at AVMCC Vining Hall by 4.00pm
Christian Wake-Keep: On Thursday, 28th March, 2019 Otunba Yomi Oduntan Hall, St. James Cathedral, Oke Bola, Ibadan by 5.00pm
Funeral Service: On Friday, 29th March, 2019 at St. Anne's Church, Molete, Ibadan by 10.00am. Reception follows at Felicia Hall, Jogor Center, Liberty Stadium Road, Ibadan.
- iii. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Pa Ezekiah Bamidele Afe (Father of Mrs Modupe Adepoju and Father in-law of Mr Tunde Adepoju of Ascension Fellowship and Vining Intercessors). Aged: 98 years. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Christian Wake-Keep: On Friday, 29th March, 2019 Oke-Gbele Alu, Alu-Igbagun, via Omuo-Oke Ekiti by 5.00pm
Funeral Service: On Saturday, 30th March, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Alu, Alu-Igbagun, via Omuo-Oke, Ekiti State by 10.00am. Reception follows at the same venue.

H. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG

Cantor: *The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

Preacher: *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*

Sponsor: *Fountain of Hope*

Organist: *Dr. Chinedu Osinigwe*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 38
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: Mark 3:31-4:1-9– FOH
- ❖ Hymn: CH 253
- ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
- ❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Closing Prayer
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 54

2. SENTENCES FOR LENT 2

Introductory Sentence

A great prophet has risen among us; God has visited his people. **Luke 7:16.**

Collect for the Week:

Eternal God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy! Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, through Jesus Christ Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for the Season:

Almighty and merciful God, You hate nothing that You have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

My heart says of You, "Seek His face"! Your face O Lord, I will seek. **Psalms 27:8.**

TOWARDS THE NEW CATHEDRAL

THE COLLECT:

Heavenly Father we acknowledge the fact that without You, we can do nothing, for except You build, those who are building are doing it in vain. Empower us to build to Your glory and honour O Lord. Provide for us unto overflowing and over abundance. Make way where there seems to be none, silence every spirit of Sanballat and Tobiah and fill us with the anointing of Zerubbabel unto a glorious timely and speedy completion for with You there is no abandoned project. All of these and many more mercies and grace we ask for in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

3. **LET THERE BE PEACE (ADAPTED)**

Let there be PEACE shared among us
Let there be Peace in our hearts
May NOW your Peace sweep this church
Cause us O Lord to Arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of Brotherly Peace that is Real
Let there be Peace shared among us
Let there be Peace.

4. **ANIMA CHRISTI**

1. Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour, Bathe me in Thy tide
Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.
2. Strength and protection may Thy passion be
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from Thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign
In death's dread moments, make me only Thine
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high
When I may praise Thee with Thy Saints for aye. Amen

5. **PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH 2019**

A. **Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations**

- i. Pray for Nicholas our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop, that through and by their episcopacy many more lost souls shall be fully restored to God.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Prof. Dapo Folorunso Asaju, his family and his ministry.

B. **Prayer for Nigeria & the World**

- i. O Lord let Your righteousness rain down on us and spring up from within every home and community in our land.
- ii. Pray that God will make our rulers faithful and committed to their callings.
- iii. Pray for the prosperity of the nation under the new administration.

C. **Prayer for AVMCC**

- i. Pray that God will strengthen his church and cause her to prevail on every side.
- ii. Pray that God will stir up our passions and desires for purity and holiness.
- iii. Pray for help to come to his church as we embark on the refurbishment of the Cathedral building.

D. **Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:**

- i. For Mrs Nkechiyere Amaechi, Miss Maureen Momoh, Dr. Okechukwu Obi, Sir. Chukwuemeka Obi, Master Destiny Amuzie, Mr Ralph Ekwugh, Barr. Johnson Ogunleye, Mrs Nkiru Okoronkwo, Engr. Oluwafolakemi Olatunji, Mrs Stella Onwuzurike, Mrs Alarape Popoola, Mrs Nkechi Uche, Mrs Oladupe Ismail, Miss Mosopefoluwa Adewale and others who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

IV. **RIGHT FASTING (Isa. 58:6-9)**

Correct fasting would demonstrate itself in a life of practical daily holiness:

1. To loose the bands of wickedness - verse 6.
2. To undo the heavy burdens - verse 6.
3. To let the oppressed go free - verse 6.
4. To break every yoke - verse 6.
5. To give bread to the hungry - verse 7.
6. To restore the poor, from thy house - verse 7.
7. To clothe the naked - verse 7.
8. To reveal yourself to your relatives - verse 7.

These eight things could be summarised in the words of James 1:27.

V. **JESUS AND FASTING**

1. He was not legalistic with regard to fasts but likely kept the main Jewish fast.
2. He fasted forty days and forty nights just prior to the great temptations - Matt.4:2.
3. He warned against the abuse of fasting -Matt. 6:16.
4. He taught that His disciples would fast after His departure - Mark 2:20.
5. He gave some instructions regarding proper fasting - Matt.6:17,18.
6. He associated prayer with fasting - Mark 9:29.
7. He said that certain demons could only be cast out by prayer and fasting - Matt. 17:21.

VI. **FASTING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**

1. The Apostle Paul fasted (II Cor.6:5; II Cor.11:27).
2. The Church fasted before prayer in Acts 13:3, before separating Paul and Barnabas for the ministry as missionaries in the regions beyond.
3. The Church fasted before appointing elders in Acts 14:23.
4. In Acts 10:30, Cornelius fasted for four days.
5. In 1Cor. 7:5, fasting seems to include not only abstinence from food but from legitimate, normal love relations between husbands and wives by mutual consent.

VII. **VALUE OF FASTING TODAY**

Speaking from the medical or physical point of view, it is excellent for the body; most of us eat far too much, and to rest the digestive system periodically is good.

People who are overweight or obese would be well advised to fast in order to reduce weight. One American doctor has written, "After you feast, you should fast."

Students who face strenuous examinations find it highly desirable to fast in order to increase the blood in the brain area; it gives more clarity of thought.

Some who fast for extended periods say that the first three or four days are the hardest; but after that the mind becomes unusually clear. Christians seeking the will of God could profitably spend time in prayer and fasting; with the mind clearer they would be able to think more logically and evaluate the various circumstances and interacting factors.

Furthermore, fasting demonstrates to the Lord the depth of our sincerity; that we are willing to be importunate (Luke 11:18), knocking ceaselessly till light comes.

Praying Hyde of India is a classic example of prayer and fasting; he would leave his bed and the food untouched simply because, unconsciously, he was so engrossed in intercession that he just forgot to eat and sleep.

Matthew 6:17,18 (the Sermon on the Mount by the Lord Jesus Himself) infers that we are to fast secretly, surreptitiously, without any tell-tale facial signs.

The basic meaning of fasting is abstinence from food for spiritual purpose. There is a distinction between fasting and discipline;

FASTING

At many Christian conferences, from time to time questions like this appear: "Should we spend more time fasting?" "Is fasting the forgotten grace in the New Testament Church?" "Do you fast? How often? Why?". This lesson is an attempt to answer some of these basic questions. Fasting is not found in the Pentateuch but often in the historical books. Probably the first recorded fast is in Judges 20:26, about 1400 B.C. Because Roman Catholics and Mohammedans fast frequently, Protestants have gone to the opposite extreme and seldom or never fast.

In passages like Lev. 16:29-31, Lev. 3:27-32, we read of "afflicting the soul"; and in the light of passages like Psa. 35:13, this is interpreted as fasting: "I humbled my soul with fasting."

The book of Nehemiah (7:7,3-9:38) records a general fast.

During the captivity, Israel added four fasts in addition to the one for the Day of Atonement - Zech 7:3-5; 8:19.

1. A fast to commemorate the capture of Jerusalem – the 17th day of the 4th month.
2. A fast to commemorate the burning of the Temple – the 9th day of the 5th month.
3. A fast to commemorate the murder of Gedaliah – the 10th day of the 7th month.
4. A fast to commemorate the siege of Jerusalem – the 10th month.

In the New Testament, the Pharisees kept two weekly fasts (Monday and Thursday) - Luke 18:11-12.

The present Jewish calendar permits 22 fasts plus the Day of Atonement.

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT STANDARD OF FASTING

It is characterised by the following six things:

1. Strict abstinence from food.
2. Humble confession of sins to God.
3. Earnest seeking of God's face – this often included sackcloth and ashes (Dan.9:3).
4. True intercession for themselves and others.
5. Giving of alms to the poor.
6. Living as one prayed and vowed.

II. OLD TESTAMENT REASONS FOR FASTING

1. To express deep mourning - I Sam.31:13 - fasting seven days for Saul.
2. To avert Divine wrath - II Sam. 12:16-17 - fasting to keep the baby alive.
3. To express repentance and sorrow for sin - Jonah 3:7 - the city of Nineveh.

III. THE WRONG KIND OF FASTING

It is possible to take a perfectly good thing and abuse it; to cause it to degenerate to a mere external form without sincere heart meaning.

In Isa. 58:3-5, God reveals the sin of the mere form of outward fasting:

1. As a display for God to see – verse 3.
2. Merely afflicting their souls – verse 3, abstaining from food.
3. For personal pleasure – verse 3, something to boast about - Luke 18:12.
4. To exact full labour (oppress employees to get full daily output of goods - verse 3)
5. For strife or debate – verse 4.
6. To smite with a wicked fist – verse 4.
7. To make God hear their voices – verse 4: to obligate God to hear their prayers.
8. To bow the head as a bulrush – verse 5.
9. To sit in sackcloth and ashes - verse 5: an outward show of fasting.

E. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Morgan Family, Moronike Family, Moses Family, Mozie Family, Muoka Family, Muritala Mohammed Family, Muritika Family, Musa-Anas Family, Museo Family, Musiliu Family.

F. Prayers for the following people: The Rt. Rev. Dr. P. A. Adebisi, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs. David-West, Justice S.O. Ilori, Mrs M.I. Ilori, Mrs Lydia Metu, Mr. B. Sorinmade, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Esther Babalola, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mrs. Ronke Famuyide, Mr Samuel Chukwudum.

G. Prayers For: The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.

H. Pray that God will send HELP to us from ABOVE to facilitate the development of our lands that are fallow.

5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2019

THEME: GOD'S WILL FOR THE LOST

**READINGS: ISAIAH 53:1-12, PSALM 33:17-21;
1 JOHN 3:1-10; LUKE 15:1-10.**

A. Introduction

God's will for the lost is clearly seen from the Gospel we read today. It is fascinating to realize that the thinking of God is filled with love which is what he is. It appears the way God sees the lost is not the way we see them. Otherwise, we'll probably leave everything else and focus on getting them in. Seeking the lost has been described by many preachers as the heartbeat of God. Someone said God spends 80% of his time seeking out the lost and 20% with the found. The humbling truth is every saint was once a sinner. Every saint seated here this morning was a sinner who embraced the Grace of God. So, we can sing amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretched like me. I once was lost but now am found; 'was blind but now i see.

B. Reflection

Luke Chapter 15 contains three successive parables on loss. It began with the parable of the lost sheep, vs 1-7; then the parable of the lost coin, vs 8-10 and parable of the lost son, vs 11-32. The sheep, coin and prodigal son are symbolic of a sinner –one who severs relationship with God; the one who for some reasons had missteps and goes missing, either voluntarily or snatched as we know the devil to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10a). The Lost could also be seen as those who have not been found by God –those in the fold but *self-estranged* – those who live in heresy – those who live in disbelief – those who have sold their conscience to the devil – those who are in active partnership with devil and demons – those who have not been born into the Kingdom of God.

For our consideration, emphasis shall be on (i) the pains of loss, (ii) the expedition of the owner and the (iii) the joy of redemption/restoration

i. The Pains of Loss (Luke 15: 4, 8, 32)

...if he loses one of them. In context, the owner here is referring to God and He is not careless. He can't lose us unless we choose to leave. – Unconditional love Rom 8:35

1. The lost is in no deeper pain than the owner – the one in bigger pain is the owner of the treasure. He is the one who invested – owner of 100sheep, 10 silver coins and 2 sons.
2. The owner has responsibility of protection – Jesus said no man can pluck away his sheep John 10:27-28. God doesn't lose a child except one who chooses to go away. It was painful to God that man chose to disobey him and ate the forbidden fruit. It was painful that one of the sons he nurtured and cared for would choose to be prodigal.
3. God is unhappy when a child of His chooses to stray John 17:12; Heb 10:38-39. What happened to the fellowship God shared with Adam and Eve? Gen 3:8
4. The Suffering Lover – a man of sorrow, a man of grief Isaiah 53: 1-5. How often we bring pains to God when we choose our own ways to His ways? We make poor decisions with dire consequences and place the burden of pain on people who care for us.

ii. The Expedition of the Owner (Luke 15: 4, 8, 20)

...won't he leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost until he finds it?

...won't she light a candle, sweep the house and seek diligently till she finds it?

...but when he was a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran....

All things being equal, nobody goes after anything useless. Nigerians in particular are too busy.

1. Like Treasure - Nobody bothers about something they can do away with if they get missing.
2. The importance and love God places on a sinner made Jesus came looking for him. Matt 9:10-13; John 3:16. Till tomorrow, God is looking for those who are lost.
3. The Seriousness of the Search – He left 99 in the wilderness to look for just one. Does it matter to us if people drop off church and faith? Does it matter if we don't see some members of our societies again? There was conflict and someone chose out! Do we bother?
4. The Hope – perhaps he can be saved. Perhaps, I will find the lost coin. Perhaps the prodigal will return home, the father was waiting – he saw him from afar. Don't write anyone off.

**B. Cathedral Youth Chapel
Regular Weekly Programmes**

- i. Strictly Feminine - Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
 - ii. Just 4 Guys – Every 1st Saturday of the month at 1.00p.m
 - iii. Youth Fellowship every Saturday by 3.00p.m.
- Sunday:** 7.00am. & 10.00am. Services
Venue: Youth Chapel (2nd Floor, Adetiloye House)
Strictly Feminine – Co-ord – Chiemeka Anadu - 08094816786.
Just 4 Guys Co-ord. – Chijioke Udemezue - 08038178065

C. Elderly Ministry

All Senior Citizens are welcome every Tuesday from 11.00 am to 3.00pm.

- i. Medical Check-up in the Clinic; Spiritual Talks; Games /Exercises and Handicrafts in the Vining Hall.
- ii. Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.
- iii. **2019 Bible Quiz Book – 2nd Samuel.**

D. Evangelical Ministry

i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month at 1st Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2nd Saturday has been shifted to 3rd Saturday.

ii. Home Fellowships:

All Parishioners and their friends are encouraged to attend a Home Fellowship of their Choice and convenience near their homes or work places. Please check the list of Home Fellowship Centres pasted on the Notice Board in front of the Church or contact: **08033100270**, or the Church Office.

iii. Visitation:

Do you know any Parishioner who needs to be visited by the Church? Please send the name and address to the Evangelical Ministry for a follow-up.

E. Counseling Ministry

Please take advantage of the Cathedral Counselling Ministry. It involves every aspect of Human Endeavour, which includes but is not limited to Marriage, Business, and Career. We have a monthly Family Evening where we bring the current needs of Families into focus. If you wish to talk to somebody for Counselling, please call: **08037605902, available on 24 hour basis.**

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

- (a) Hospital Visitation every 3rd and last Sundays of the month.
- (b) Prison visitation every 2nd Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2nd Sunday of the month after 10.00a.m Service at the Church gallery. For more information, call **(08033136370 and 08036695837).**

G. Intercessory Ministry

This Group, meets for prayers every Tuesday from 5p.m to 6pm. They visit the sick and all those needing spiritual support and prayers etc after 7.00a.m Midweek Communion service every Wednesday. Please avail yourself of the services of this group as and when required.

H. Men & Women of Grace Fellowship

We invite all widows and widowers to a fellowship of God's grace, identifying with one another, serving God and others. We organise Workshops, Evangelical Outreach, Visitations, We meet on Thursdays at 11.00am at the Chapel. For more information please call: **0802-3014807.**

C. Vining Bookshop

Kindly patronize the Bookshop at Adetiloye House, which opens at 9.00am-5.00pm Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am-4.00pm on Saturdays and 9.30am-2.00pm on Sundays.

E. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a purely Christian environment at AVMCC Guest House. Visit the Office of Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, GRA, Ikeja, for more details and Booking. You will be happy to use the Facilities. For Enquiries call – **Mr Seye Ogunsanya on 07032649958**

F. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools,

- **Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,**
- **Anglican Girls Grammar School, 19, Akinhanmi Street, Surulere,**
- **CMS Grammar School, Bariga**
- **Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, St. Finbas College Road, Akoka, Yaba - Lagos.**
- **Lagos Anglican Nursery and Primary School, Bariga (CMS Compound).**

The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of **₦10,000**. Payment should be made into **Union Bank Acct No 0002516850**. Account Name: Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice. Examinations take place on Saturday, 6th April, Saturday, 4th May and 18th July, 2019 in the school premises by 8.00am.

G. Admission to Igbobi College, Yaba

The form for the above school is out at the rate of **₦10,000**. Payment should be made into **Union Bank Acct No 0004513499**. Account Name: Igbobi College. Applicant can thereafter download the form from the college website www.igbobicollegeyaba.com or visit the College Admission Officer in school.

I. Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary, Ikorodu

The forms for the above school are out at the rate of **₦10,000**. Payment should be made into **Zenith Bank Plc: Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary Account No 1015133015**. Collect your own at the Cathedral Office and submit at the school. Examination Date: Saturday, 1st June, 2019. Interview on Saturday 8th June, 2019 at 8.00am.

H. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos.

Please submit your admission forms to the Registrar, Dr. S. Odineka on or before 6th April, 2019 at LABICO Headquarters, 17 Broad Street, Lagos. For more details call – 08023014807 / 08033083851.

14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biro. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. **Children are better and safer in the Sunday School. Release your children for learning and safe keep there.**

5. The Devotion – He went after 1sheep instead of keeping the 99?! He is as devoted to the 99 as he is the 1. The one out there is prone to attacks and time is of the essence. The longer the delay, the harder it gets to finding him. Individually and as a body of Believers, how committed are we to finding the lost – missions and evangelism?

iii. The Joy of Redemption/Restoration (Luke 15:6-7, 9-10, 22-24)

At recovery, the owner of the sheep called neighbors for rejoicing. Does one sheep found worth throwing a party for? Why kill the fatted cow and throw a party for a wasteful son? The value God places on human life beats our imagination. God can move systems to get a man saved. God can go extra mile to bring a straying son home. There is indeed joy in Heaven over a sinner who turns to God.

C. Implications – God's desire

1. God is all out to save sinners – the lost. Don't stand in his way. He would move mountains and level valleys to save. **How passionate are we about the unsaved and the straying?**
2. The value God places on man suggests how He treats him Gen 1:26. **Don't treat people anyhow**
3. God is mindful of us Psalm 8:4-8. Our thoughts occupy him. His love for us is simply unimaginable. We must have the same attitude. **We have to be concerned. We have to channel our resources towards missions and evangelism.**
4. God would save anyone who turns to him. The prodigal son came to himself v17. He rose from his treachery, abasement and overwhelming sinfulness and repented. He made a true effort at restoration. Isaiah 1:18 God says he would forgive sins that as red as scarlet and crimson. God can forgive. He will if we let go of sins and let him.
5. God needs us to go look for the Lost Matthew 9:35-38. The Harvest is plenty. He said we should ask the Lord of harvest to send Labourers into the Harvest. **How can we ask if we are one ourselves? Would you be one? Please be one. No matter your age, stage and weight, He is enlisting people every hour – the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 11th (Matthew 20:1-16)**
6. The Lost are waiting for help. Someone is being harassed out there by the devil. He holds him deep down in bondage and mocks him. Sin was sweet and pleasurable initially but he has realized it is the way of destruction. **Would you help him?**

E. Conclusion:

The will of God for the Lost is that they be saved and this will be our passion and mission. May God help us all in Jesus Name. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like stars forever and ever (Daniel 12:3b)

9. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

March 10 – March 16

7.00 am Holy Communion	852
10.00 am Youth Service	171
7.00 am Sunday School	234
10.00 am Mattins	873
10.00 am Youth Service	167
10.00 am Sunday School	365
6.00 pm Service	25
Tuesday Bible Study	126
Wednesday Holy Communion	167
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	385

10. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

➤ The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after Service

- ✚ Ladies Christian Circle
- ✚ Christian Unity Band Society
- ✚ Band of Grace Society
- ✚ Band of Mercy Society
- ✚ Band of Light Society
- ✚ Ladies Progressive League
- ✚ Good Shepherd Society
- ✚ Fountain of Hope Society
- ✚ Torchbearers Society
- ✚ The Lord Vessel Society
- ✚ Band of Glory Society
- ✚ Lords Labourers Fellowship

➤ Men & Women of Grace meeting comes up on **Thursday, 21st March, 2019** at the front of the Church by 11.00am.

11. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 17th March, 2019

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola, Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs Gina Okolo, Pharm Ezenwaji Amaka, Dr. (Mrs) Oliver Akinola.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Femi Olaleye, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm Chie Nwerri, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Mrs Chinelo Emenike.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 23rd March., 2019

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. (Mrs) Akinola Oliver, Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola, Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs Gina Okolo.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Dr. Tunji Areo, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Vivian Jeny-Amah, Pharm. Dele Ajala.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 17th March. - Saturday, 22nd March, 2019

Segun Openiyi (Captain), Nwaorgu Chinedu (Assistant Captain), Odanye Moji (Mrs.), Ayo Tetede, Ogunleye Adeboboye, Mbaekwe Augustine, Dare Sigbeku, Jones Basse, George A. Adeyemi, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Bolaji Dania. Rita Osibodu.

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11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lent 3

March 24

Theme: The Way of the Cross

Colour: Purple

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Ven. James Adekanye

O.T. Reading: Genesis 7:17-24

Layreader Rhoda Komolafe

Psalm 115:1-7

Epistle: Colossians 1:24-29

Layreader G.A. Olawoyin

Gospel: Luke 9:18-27

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje

Address: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere

THE YOUTH SERVICE:

Venue: The Adetiloje House

Cantor: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

10.00am: MATTINS

Cantor: The Ven. Gbenga Oniye

O.T. Reading: Genesis 7:17-24

Layreader Femi Ajibade

Psalm 115:1-7

N.T. Reading: Luke 9:18-27

Layreader Kike Akinyemi

Address: The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje

6.00 pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola

Psalm: 93

Lesson: Mark 5:1-10

Preacher: The Ven. James Adekanye

12. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

3RD NOTICE:

1. Mr Ebubechukwu Obi & Miss Vivian Obizuogu

1. Mr Oluseyi Abidoje & Miss Eniola Akingbade

1ST NOTICE:

1. Mr Oluwadamilare Odunlami & Miss Chinenye Chukwuma

13. NOTICES

A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Sundays 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity

15.

Friday, March 22, 2019 **Colour: Purple**
6.00am Lent Revival – Make me an exception for good O Lord after the order of Noah, Job, Daniel etc

Text. Jer. 5:1

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Epistle: *Rom. 2:25-3:1-18– Lay. F. Okey-Ogbu*

Gospel: *John 5:30-47*

Hymns: *Worship Songs , CH CS 51, CH 539*

Preacher: *Sir. Ibe Awunor*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. Solomon Kuponu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu-North.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. B.C.A. Akinpelu Johnson, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Chimdinma Ejikeme, Mrs Taiwo Olowojoba, Mrs Comfort Adetunji, Mrs Elizabeth Okuo, Mrs Janet Osinoiki, Mr Chimzuruoke Okpara, Mrs Adenike Victor-Osho, Chief Oladipo Ige.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nse Family, Nsirimobi Family, Nubi Family, Nwabudo Family, Nwabueze Family, Nwabufo Family, Nwabuike Family, Nwabunezi Family, Nwachukwu Family, Nwadigo Family.

6.00pm **EFAC Meeting**

6.30pm **Choir Practice**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 **Colour: Purple**
6.00am Lent Revival – Let it be evident to all that You are with me O Lord. Gen. 39:2-4

Celebrant: *The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

Epistle: *Rom. 3:19-31 - Lay. Esther Jaiyeola*

Gospel: *John 7:1-13*

Hymns: *Worship Songs, VSH 14, CH CS 38*

Preacher: *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ifo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Samuel Oludele Ogundeji, his family and all members of the Diocese of Egba West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Olugbenga Adebamiwa, Miss Christiana Enendu, Mr Seun John, Mrs Udochukwu Ajomiwe, Mrs Amarachi Agbo, Mr Olusola Badejo, Mrs Evelyn Okeke, Mrs Chinonye Onwuzirike, Mrs Ifeoma Okeke, Mrs Nnedi Okonkwo, Miss Ihuoma Osuokwu, Mrs Udeaku Egbudiwe, Mrs Aderike Awe, Mr Ikenna Okonkwo, Mr Ebenezer Achebe, Miss Onyeka Chioke, Mr Femi Agbaje, Miss Abisola Kilo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwadike Family, Nwadioke Family, Nwadiugwu Family, Nwagba Family, Nwaergu Family, Nwafor Family, Nwafor-Orizu Family, Nwagau Family, Nwagba Family.

9.00 am LENT SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE
ORGANISED BY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SOCIETY

4.00 pm **Youth Fellowship**

4.00pm **Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade**

4.00 pm **Baptism**

14.

ii. Sunday 23rd Mar - Saturday, 30th March., 2019

Olupitan E. Bola (**Captain**), Oyebanji Toba (**Assistant Captain**), Funso Omole, Bukade Olaniyi, Segun Adeniji, Helen Arhagba, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujoike.

F. EEP Newstrack

March 2019 Credit Facilities: Parishioners who need funds to start or grow their businesses are invited to pick up application forms from the EEP Office. Deadline for the receipt of completed loan application forms is March 29, 2019.

Embellishment Masterclass: This one-day workshop will hold on March 28, 2019. Participants would be exposed to professional techniques of applying rhinestones and pearls to Headgear, Garments, Shoes and Bags. Class Size: 25. Participation fee is N6,500 only. Participants will be required to pay an additional fee of N3,500 for the starter pack. Registration closes on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Call now to register: 08186134679, 08023234012, 08059184625

Developing Business Ideas - This Seminar will hold on Friday, April 5, 2019. Class Size: 25. Participation fee is N4,500 only. Course contents include Rudiments of Entrepreneurship, Generating Business Ideas, Developing a Business Plan and Navigating your business to success. Registration closes on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. Call now to book your place: 08186134679, 08023234012, 08059184625

Effective Selling Skills Workshop - This Seminar will hold on Friday, April 5, 2019. Class Size: 25. Participation fee is N5,000 only. Course contents include: The Power of a Positive Sales Mindset, The Salespersons Role and The Consultative Sales Approach, Become a Star Salesperson, The Sales Cycle and Confident Product Presentation. Registration closes on **Wednesday April 3, 2019**. Call now to register: 08186134679, 08023234012, 08059184625.

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10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 18, 2019

Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival – Hasten Your words unto performance in my life O Lord - Text. Jer. 1:12

Celebrant: *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Epistle: *Rom. 1:1-15 - Lay Kike Akinyemi*

Gospel: *John 4:27-42*

Hymns: *Worship Songs, CH 83, VSH 78.*

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. Olumakaiye, his family and all members of Diocese of Lagos.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Adekunle, his family and all members of Diocese of Egba.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Zainab Adeyemi, Mr Olaniyi Balogun, Mr Onugosim Ehiedu, Mr Afolabi Oyedapo, Mr Chukwuma Ilo, Mrs Mosina Madueke, Miss Lauretta Okolie, Dr. Ndubuisi Okaro, Mr Adewale Otusanya, Mrs Blessing Nwakoze, Mrs Joyce Okeke, Chief Mrs Florence Ogunbiyi, Otunba Folayeye Akinrolabu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Mwantok Family, Nden Family, Ndu Family, Nduh Family, Nduka Family, Ndukauba Family, Ndukwe Family, Ndulue Family, Nebedum Family, Nebonta Family.
- ❖ **71st Birthday of Chief (Mrs) Florence Fehintola Ogunbiyi today**

5.30 pm **Family/Marriage Counselling Meeting**

6.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Colour: White

St. Joseph of Nazareth

6.00am Lent Revival – Change my status for good O Lord - Text. 2 Sam. 7:8

Celebrant: *The Dean*

Epistle: *Rom. 4:13-18 - Lay. Edwin Eze*

Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Hymns: *Worship Songs, CH 270, CH XVI*

Preacher: *Sis. Louisa Nzekwe*

O God, who from the family of Your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the spouse of His Virgin mother; give us grace to imitate His uprightness of life and His obedience to Your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. E. Ayo Awosoga, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Ms Ifeoma Anyanti, Mrs Evelyn Adewale, Mr Ebenezer Onwuama, Mr Anreti Nelson, Miss Titilope Idowu, Miss Olaitan Ladele, Mr Oyedika Nwoji, Mrs Alache Obe, Mrs Deborah Olowu, Capt. Charles Asuen.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nelson Family, Ngini Family, Ngonadi Family, Nicholas Family, Ninis Family, Niyi Family, Njelita Family, Njimezi Family, Njoku Family, Nkemdilim Family.

11.00 am – 3.00 pm - Senior Citizens Clinic & Fellowship

5.00pm – 6.00pm **Intercessory Prayer**

5.00pm – 6.00pm **BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW**

6.00 pm Bible Study – **HEBREW 6**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival – Give me grace O Lord never to backslide - Text. Jer. 3:6

Celebrant: *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*

Epistle: *Rom. 1:28:2:1-11- Lay. Oluremi Onabolu*

Gospel: *John 5:1-18*

Hymns: *Worship Songs, CH 441, CH 440, Anima Christ, CH 496*

Preacher: *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Fape, his family and all members of the Diocese of Remo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Michael Adebayo Oluwarhunbi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Yewa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Philomena Atuchukwu, Mr Gabriel Agu, Mr Adeolu Balogun, Mr Nneamaka Ifezue, Mr Kolawole Ashiru, Miss Ijeoma Ezeakolam, Mrs Chinemelum Osegbo, Mr Daniel Owolabi, Mr Claudios Uche, Mr Godfrey Chinwokwu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nlewedim Family, Nkereuwem Family, Nkwoji Family, Nlewedim Family, Nmezi Family, Nmoh Family, Nnadi Family, Nnabuenyi Family, Nnabuenyi Family, Nnabuife Family.

8.00am **Vining Intercessor's Visitation**

6.00pm **LENTEN SERVICE**

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Colour: Purple

6.00am Lent Revival – Make me possess greater nations O Lord, my destiny must not be localized - Text. Deut. 11:23

Celebrant: *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

Epistle: *Rom. 2:12-24 - Lay. Nkiru Arah*

Gospel: *John 5:19-29*

Hymns: *Worship Songs, CH 603, CH 373*

Preacher: *The Ven. James Adekanye*

Prayer Points

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. James Olusola Odedeji, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dr. B.J. Adeyemi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Badagry.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Nwakanma Onyekachi, Mrs Eno Adejuyigbe, Mrs Esther Adewole-Ranti, Mrs Iyabode Adeyelu, Mr Igbo Arhagba, Mrs Mofoluso Olawunmi, Mrs Yvonne Olowokande, Dr. (Mrs) Josephine Soboyejo, Mrs Ngozi Egesi, Mr Kolawole Oni, Engr. Obafolarin Aluko, Mr Lotachukwu Anyakora, Sir. Godwin Omene.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nnadozie Family, Nnahasi Family, Nnaji Family, Nnebe Family, Nnebedum Family, Nnamani Family, Nnodimele Family, Nnonyelum Family, Nordiana Family.

10.00 am - **80th Birthday of Sir. Godwin Omene**

11.00 am - **Meeting of Men & Women of Grace**

5.00 pm - **Confirmation Class at Lady Chapel**