

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> December - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

#### Advent Sunday

Theme: **ADVENT HOPE**

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

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

**1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

- A. 6.00am: HOUR OF BLESSINGS
- B. 7.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**BISHOP’S FAMILY HARVEST, DELIVERANCE AND HEALING UNIT & DAUGHTERS OF LIGHT ANNIVERSARIES**

**Celebrant:** *The Diocesan*  
**O.T. Reading:** *Deliverance & Healing Unit*  
**The Epistle:** *Daughters of Light*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*  
**Preacher:** *The Diocesan*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 101
- ❖ Praise & Worship: **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs. 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
- ❖ Psalm: 122
- ❖ Epistle: Romans 13:8-14
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH CS 68
- ❖ The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44
- ❖ Hymn: VSH 71
- ❖ **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: VSH 131, 246, 21, 25, 64, 149
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 97
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **The Anniversary:**
  - i. Deliverance & Healing Unit Anthem
  - ii. Daughters of Light Anthem
  - iii. Rededication of Members
  - iv. Deliverance & Healing Unit, Daughters of Light, Patrons / Patroness & the Church thanksgiving
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
  - i. Bishop’s Family Harvest
  - ii. Monthly Thanksgiving
  - iii. Family Harvest: *(as indicated.... pg 22)*
  - iv. Those born and / or married in November
  - v. Mr. Oliver Iloputa and family is thanking God for His mercies, provision and protection and God’s numerous blessings
  - vi. Hon. David & Mrs. Juliet Eziohuru is thanking God for the successful marriage of their son, journey mercies and God’s numerous blessings.
- ❖ For Doxology .... (pg 11)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: *‘All Things Are Possible’ (Pg. 16)*

**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.

**J. COMMITTEE’S & MINISTRIES REPORTS**

This is to inform those concerned that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. Kindly send the reports of your activities for the year 2019 to the Cathedral Office on or before 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

**L. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS**

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2019 Vestry Report latest by Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019.

**M. REVISITING AND RESUSCITATING HOME FELLOWSHIP CENTRES IN AVMCC**

The Clergy workforce in conjunction with some well spirited members have perfected arrangements for the resuscitation of the Home Fellowship centres. It is like the ARK of Covenant in your home after the order of Obededom.

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Okere’s	29, Fatai Irawo Str. Opp Green Point Hotel Ajao Estate.	Sundays @ 5.00pm
Osibajo’s	20, Esomo Close Off Toyin Street, Ikeja	Sundays @ 5.00pm
Anionwu’s	No 2 Winsala Oladipo Close Near Airforce small gate Mafoluku	Thursdays @ 5.00pm

Meeting time and date is subject to changes based on the consensus of the participants.

SUNDAY SUNDAY SERVICE won’t suffice in this end time generation. Avail yourself of this opportunity as we are daily awaiting the second coming of Christ if only in the spirit of TRUE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. For further information contact: 08023270247; 08028335070 and 08033109378.

**N. 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

For the New Cathedral Development Account details please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.

## G. HARVEST NEWS

### A. Family Harvest for today- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

7.00am: *OmoOba Arc. Muyiwa Adeyemi & Family, Chief Marcus Ohagwa & Family, Barr. Dame Ugochi Madueke & Family, Chief (Mrs.) Toyin Oluwole & Family, Mr. Okezie Agazie & Family, Mrs. Adepoju Atinuke & Family, Mrs. Ifeima Anyanwu & Family, Engr. Chibogu Chukwukelu & Family, Engr. Vincent Udoye & Family, Mr. Tayo Shopeju & Family, Mrs. Douglas Obuh & Family, Mr. Emma Obuna & Family,*

10.00am: *Mrs. Ayodele Adewumi & Family, Mrs. Yemi Oyedeji & Family, Mazi Stanley Enekwa & Family, Hon. Justice Bisi Akinlade & Family, Sir. Joel Onukwube & Family, The Ven. Luyi Akinwande & Family, Mr. Olorunda Akinwande & Family, Mr. Paul Ajakpori & Family, Chief (Mrs.) Ogungbe & Family, Mr. Ogunwunmi & Family, Aleyieino Olufunke O. & Family, Sir. Obi Anadu & Family, Chief (Mrs.) M. M. Owasina & Family,*

### **BUSY BEES FATHER CHRISTMAS GROTTO**

Father Christmas will arrive at the **GROTTO** today Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December till Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, with beautiful gifts for our children. **Fee: N1,000.00**

### **AVMCC CLINIC**

A. Pharmaceutical Companies interested in supplying pharmaceutical products to the AVMCC Clinic are hereby invited to submit application letters of intent along with the following documents:

- Brief dossier of the company
- Current annual license to practice of the Pharmacist
- Current annual Registration of Premises License
- Any other information considered needful.

AVMCC currently does her Bulk Purchase quarterly.

### B. VACANCIES:

- One State registered Nurse (SRN) is required: Applications for above adverts are to be addressed to: Secretary, AVMCC Medical Board AVMCC, Oba Akinjobi Way, Ikeja. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. They must be submitted to the Dean's Office in AVMCC.
- A Driver is urgently needed by a parishioner within Ikotun environ. Interested persons to call- 08171570966

### H. WORLD AIDS DAY

As we celebrate this year's WORLD'S AIDS DAY, we ask all Parishioners to supports the anti HIV/AIDS Committee of the Cathedral in creating awareness, about HIV/AIDS as we take the campaign to various parts of the city, and strive for HIV/AIDS free society on this occasion of WORLD AIDS DAY.

## AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

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

### C. 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION BISHOP'S FAMILY HARVEST / CHRISTIAN MORNING STAR ANNIVERSARY

- Celebrant:** *The Diocesan*  
**O.T. Reading:** *Layreader Oluremi Onabolu*  
**The Epistle:** *Christian Morning Star*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*  
**Preacher:** *The Diocesan*
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    - Monthly Thanksgiving
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    - 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of Hon. Justice Olabisi Akinlade and God's numerous blessings.
    - Prof. (Mrs.) Frances Ajose is thanking God for trust reposed in her to lead the Association of Medical Women of Nigeria Lagos for the next 2years and for daughter's elevation as a Consultant Dermatologist, and for God's numerous blessings.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Remembrance of Late (Mrs.) Jolasun Okusanya (wife of Mr. Babasola Okusanya of Christian Unity Band Society) and God's numerous blessings on the families left behind.
    - WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION
  - ❖ For Doxology ..... *(Pg 11)*
  - ❖ Benediction
  - ❖ Notices
  - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
  - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 78

### C. Cathedral Group of Churches Advent Carol at St. Theophilus Church, Ogba. Time: 5.00pm

### D. EVENTS AHEAD

- Diocesan Christian Mothers Christmas Party – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Venue: Haven. Time: 2.00pm.

2. December Vigil fully jointly sponsored by Agape Christian Sisters, Light of the World & Ladies Progressive League– Friday, 13th Dec., 2019 at 10.00pm.
3. Annual Christmas Carol service of Christ's School, Ado Ekiti holds on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019 at 2.00pm, AVMCC.
4. Diocesan Harvest Thanksgiving – December, 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2.00pm.
5. Cathedral Carol of Nine Lessons – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019 at 6.00pm.
6. Diocesan Christmas Carol of Nine Lesson on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., at 4.00pm

#### F. EQUIPPING THE SAINTS IS ON

"The new class for Discipleship Training (Equipping The Saints) - Saturdays. Time 9.00am. Venue 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Vining House, AVMCC. All Parishioners who are yet to explore the inherent advantages are hereby encouraged to join the class. It is spiritually rewarding.

#### G. FIRST FRUIT – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10

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**

#### H. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2019 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sunday December 1, 2019  | Agape Christian Sisters |
| 2. Sunday December 8, 2019  | YMCA                    |
| 3. Sunday December 15, 2019 | Christian Brothers      |
| 4. Sunday December 22, 2019 | Charity Band            |
| 5. Sunday December 29, 2019 | Cathedral Youth         |

#### I. 7.00a.m & 10.00am - YOUTH SERVICE

**Thought for the week: Advent Hope**

**Prayer Conference Theme: Fire in my Bones**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

- ❖ Opening Hymn: VSH 149
- ❖ The Preparation to penitence
- ❖ Psalm: 122
- ❖ Choruses
- ❖ The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Nicene, Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ The Offerings: *Choruses*

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

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: *Worship Choruses*
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ New Month Thanksgiving
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices - Secretariat
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 131

#### C. EEP NEWS TRACK

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##### Landing a Dream Job Seminar

Are you looking for a new job?

Are you planning to make a career change?

If yes, this Seminar is for you! With the right professional branding, job search strategy and support you can land your dream job fast.

**To register** contact the EEP office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Adetiloye House,

You may also call Kola – 07030298571, 08186134769 or Funmi- 08023234012.

**Business Clinic:** Free counseling and coaching sessions available to provide inspiration and mentorship for aspiring or emerging business owners. Parishioners are welcome to book an appointment at the EEP Office.

#### D. 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. December 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sunday    | - | Gal. 4-6     |
| 2. December 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Monday    | - | Eph. 1-3     |
| 3. December 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Tuesday   | - | Eph. 4-6     |
| 4. December 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday | - | Phil. 1-4    |
| 5. December 5 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday  | - | Col. 1-4     |
| 6. December 6 <sup>th</sup> | Friday    | - | 1 Thess. 1-5 |
| 7. December 7 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday  | - | 2 Thess. 1-3 |

#### E. ROSTER FOR VIGIL

- |      |     |                           |
|------|-----|---------------------------|
| DEC. | (1) | AGAPE CHRISTIAN SISTERS   |
|      | (2) | LIGHT OF THE WORLD        |
|      | (3) | LADIES PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE |

#### F. 15 BAD HABITS TO AVOID IN CHURCH:

*1 Timothy 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:10*

1. Chatting and receiving calls during Church Service.
2. Running out to pick calls with your phone ringing out so loud. This is SACRILEGIOUS.
3. Refusing to obey the directives of the Church Stewards indicates disobedience in the house of God.
4. Folding your hands when your Pastor is teaching or preaching. You are telling him that what he is saying is not worthwhile.
5. Habitual lateness to Church service is a SPIRITUAL FLIGHT that has take off time.
6. Staring at fellow parishioners and making them uncomfortable.
7. Dozing or sleeping in Church during sermon or in the course of the Service -Acts 20:9.
8. Sitting down inactive during Prayer or Praise session especially when other parishioners are standing without any evidence of health challenge.
9. Looking at the clock on the wall and your wristwatch and then at the Pastor's face insinuating that he should round off.
10. Borrowing things like phone chargers, pen etc. and leaving the Church with the said items. Remember Exodus 20:15, 17
11. Leaving the Church before the end of Service.
12. Gathering outside the Church to discuss while Service is going on. You're not honouring God whom you come to Worship.
13. Buying yourself a seat in Church and ensuring no one sits there even when you are not in church.
14. Leaving the Church without dropping your offering.
15. Talking and distracting others while service is on.

1 Samuel 2:30 '.....for those who honour Me I will honour and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. **ALWAYS CHOOSE TO HONOUR GOD WHEN YOU ARE IN HIS PRESENCE AND INDEED EVERYWHERE ALL OF THE TIME.**

## 15. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **NB: PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THE STATUTORY TIME FOR FUNERALS ON FRIDAY IS 9.00AM. THIS IS SACROSANCT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. GOD WILL SATISFY US ALL WITH LONG FLOURISHING LIVES IN JESUS. AMEN. IN THE SAME VEIN LYING IN STATE IS A PRIVATE FAMILY AFFAIR MEANT SOLELY AND IDEALLY FOR THE HOME OF THE DECEASED AND NOT IN THE CHURCH.**

### B. Obituaries

- i. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Lt. Col. R.O. Fashina (Rtd), husband of Princess Helen Fashina of the Christian Morning Star, Band of Grace Society, Elderly Ministry & Vining Intercessors. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Obiajulu (Mother of Mr. Cosmos Obiajulu Emenike of the Good Shepherd Society) Aged 80years. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- iii. We announce the passing into glory of our mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Late Mrs. Okoronkwo Enyidiya Mgbokwo (Okoroji) of the Good Shepherd Society and Elderly Ministry. Aged 86years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Funeral Service**: On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at Cathedral Church of All Saints Ugwuavo, Arochukwu, Abia State by 10.00am
- iv. We announce the passing into glory of our mother and Grandmother, Late. Mrs. Chizoba Chine (The wife of Mr. Benson Chine of Christian Brothers Society, AVMCC). Aged 56years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Service of Songs**: On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at Vining Hall, AVMCC by 5.00pm.
- v. We announce the passing into glory of our mother, Ezinne Augusta Chukwuere (Mother of Mr. & Mrs. Theophilus Chukwuere of the Lord's Labourers Fellowship Int'l and Evangelical Ministry). Aged 100years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Wake Keep**: On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at her compound, Ohaekwusim Emesiriji Emuezekaram, Ogboro-Isiala, Ihiala, Anambra State.  
**Funeral Service**: On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at All Saints Anglican Church, Ogboro-Isiala, Ihiala, Anambra State at 11.00am

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### C. AFRIKOINART

“WOMAN OF WAR”

A *Stage Play*: (An Adaptation of Judge Deborah's Story)

**Date**: Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019; **Time**: 5.00pm

**Venue**: Primrose Event Centre, 1, Akilo Road, Off Oba Akran, Ikeja.

*Tickets can be obtained via the following contacts:*

*Siji (08078820577), Chinwe (07068725724)*

*Regular: N1,000.00. VIP: N5,000.00*

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## 2. ADVENT SUNDAY

### Introductory Sentence

Look up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*

### Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility to that on the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty; to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### Post Communion Sentence

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. *Romans 13:11.*

## 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**

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### 3. 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**

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**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. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY– SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 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 all the sheep committed to their charge shall be rapturable none missing, none left behind by God’s grace and mercy.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Uriah N. Kolo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Doko.

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

- i. *Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamicization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. That Jesus be honoured all over the world
- iii. That the Armed forces in Nigeria to be protected and more encouraged.

**C. Prayers for AVMCC Members**

- i. That God will strengthen the faith of all AVMCC members who already know Him.
- ii. That God will show signs to those who are yet to accept Him as He did to Thomas.
- iii. That God should mark us for exemption from calamity and disaster of end of the year.
- iv. That none of us shall be missing as the year is going to an end.

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

- i. For Mr. Aboderin Oludolapo, Mr. Ajayi Abel, Mr. Suberu Olorunda, Mrs. Okere Ebele, Mr. Clinton Achonwa-Amaobi, Hon. Justice. Bisi Akinlade, Mrs. Adubi Olufolake, Mrs. Akinrotimi Caroline, Mrs. Oluwakemi Braimah, Miss. Ezirim Adaobi, Mr. Iteghete Andrew, Mr. Nwamuno Joseph, Mrs. Ochogu Joy, Mr. Onayemi Joseph and others who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

**E. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household**

Osegbo Family, Oseni Family, Oshadare Family, Oshati Family, Oshewa Family, Oshifowora Family, Oshikoya Family, Oshin Family, Osho Family, Oshofisan Family.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

The desirability of society membership is traceable to the Godly advice of Jethro to Moses his son in law as he administered the huge population of the Israelites in the wilderness.

**“MOREOVER THOU SHALL PROVIDE OUT ALL THE PEOPLE ABLE MEN, SUCH AS FEAR GOD, MEN OF TRUTH, HATING COVETOUSNESS AND PLACE SUCH OVER THEM, TO BE RULERS OF THOUSANDS AND RULERS OF HUNDREDS, RULERS OF FIFTIES AND RULERS OF TENS” EXOD. 18:21.**

Beloved to the glory of God AVMCC is a fairly large congregation and as the Israel of God today Gal. 6:16 we must follow the Bible standard as expatiated fully in Exodus 18:17-27 for the following reasons:

1. It is good to be in society vs. 17.
2. The blessings of joining a society far outweighs the burden if any.
3. The burden if any is light because it is of Christ and not of man – Matt. 11:28-30.
4. The Priests will not wear out in attending to large congregation as it is not possible to know everybody vs 18.
5. The people will not wear out as their matter receive the attention of sectional leaders with a referral of major matters to appropriate quarters vs 18.
6. It is a Godly counsel to be a member of a society vs 19.
7. It is an avenue to learn more of the ordinances of God and His laws vs 20.
8. It affords the opportunities of knowing the way of God better as seminars retreats, visitations, fellowships, fasting praying are arranged vs 20.
9. It points us to the work which we have to do vs 20.
10. It enables the Priest to focus more on Prayer and the word of God which of course is their major assignment Acts 6:4.
11. It allows the church to maximize the potentials of spiritual gifts and explore talents of members using also their professional expertise to enhance the standard of the Church vs 21.
12. It allows for matters to receive urgent and timely attention vs 22.
13. It makes the work in the house of God to be EASY and not become a BURDEN vs 22.
14. It allows for all to ENDURE vs 23.
15. It allows for a more PEACEFUL co-existence vs 23.

**NB: SHEEP DO NOT WALK ALONE THEY FLOCK TOGETHER. DO NOT BE AN ISOLATIONIST.**

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**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**

**THE CATHEDRAL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT:**

**INTERIM LIST OF ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR OFF-TAKERS**

Below are items available for off-taking and funding by individuals, Societies or Groups. The list is an Interim one, subject to modifications as dictated by design exigencies and statutory requirement/compliance. Estimates of Costs are being compiled, to be finalised based on Final Design Specification.

Interested Off-takers are kindly required to express their interest and making payment on account to tie down their interest.

S/N	ITEM	QTY	STATUS
1.	Main Auditorium Altar Table	1	Taken
2.	Main Auditorium Pulpit	1	Taken
3.	Main Auditorium Lectern	1	Taken
4.	Bishop's Throne –High Altar	1	Taken
5.	Bishop's Throne – Choir Stall Side	1	Taken
6.	Various Chancery Furniture	Lot	Available
7.	Altar Railings	Lot	Available
8.	Chapel Altar Tables	3	2 nos. taken
9.	Pews for Main Auditorium	Lot	Available
10.	Complete Set of Pews for each Chapel	3 Lots	Available
11.	Baptismal Font	1	Taken
12.	West Door	1	Taken
13.	North Door	1	Taken
14.	South Door	1	Taken
15.	Doors leading to Sacristy	2	Available
16.	Doors leading to Bishop's/Priests' Vestries	2	Available
17.	Doors leading to Guild of Steward's Vestry	2	Available
18.	Entrance Doors to North & South Gallery	2	Available
19.	Entrance Doors to Audio Visual Room	2	Available
20.	Choir Stall	Lot	Taken
21.	Vicars' Stall	Lot	Available
22.	Cantor's Stall	Lot	Available
23.	Warden's Stall	Lot	Available
24.	Sacristy Furniture	Lot	Available
25.	Bishop's Vestry Furniture	Lot	Available
26.	Priests' Vestry Furniture	Lot	Available
27.	Choir Vestry Furniture	Lot	Available
28.	Main Altar Stained Glass Window	1	Taken
29.	West Façade Windows with tinted Glazing (various Sizes)	20	Available
30.	Curtain Wall – West Façade	2	Available
31.	North Façade Windows with tinted Glazing (various Sizes)	81	Available
32.	Curtain Wall- North Façade	2	Available
33.	East Façade Windows with tinted Glazing (various sizes)	33	Available
34.	Curtain Wall – East Façade	2	Available
35.	The Belfry	1 Lot	Taken
36.	THE PIPE ORGAN	1 Lot	Available
37.	Complete Audio Visual System	1 Lot	Available
38.	Air-Conditioning System	Lot	Available
39.	Passenger Lifts- 15 Passenger Car	4	Available
40.	Water Closets	27	Partial Commitment
41.	Disabled Toilet Sets	2	Available
42.	Wash Hand Basins	38	Available
43.	Urinals	6	Available
44.	Breast Feeding Cubicles	4	Available
45.	Electricals- Light fittings	LOT	Available
46.	Transformer	1	Available
47.	Chandeliers	LOT	Available
48.	Ceiling	LOT	Available
49.	Roofing	LOT	Available
50.	Internal Painting	LOT	Taken
51.	External Painting	LOT	Available
52.	Floor Finishes- Marble	LOT	Available
53.	Floor Finishes - Tiling	LOT	Available
54.	Floor Finishes - Carpets	LOT	Available
55.	Building Structure- Foundation to Ground Floor Slab	LOT	Available
56.	Building Structure – South Wall & Ancillaries	LOT	Available
57.	Building Structure – North Wall & Ancillaries	LOT	Available
58.	Building Structure – West Wall & Ancillaries	LOT	Available
59.	Building Structure East Wall & Ancillaries	LOT	Available
60.	Internals- Pillars & Arches	LOT	Available

Kindly indicate interest by contacting the Wardens, the Fund Raising Committee Office (08155745555) or by e mail to :avmccfundraising@gmail.com.

**F. Prayers for the following Elders:** 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, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**THEME: ADVENT HOPE**

**READINGS: ISAIAH 2:1-5; PSALM 122; ROMANS 13:8-14; MATTHEW 24:36-44**

Season of Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.

**The Meaning of "Advent"**

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's inbreaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

**The Spirit of Advent**

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance



from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed slaves and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant He sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

Part of the expectation also anticipates a judgment on sin and a calling of the world to accountability before God. We long for God to come and set the world right! Yet, as the prophet Amos warned, the expectation of a coming judgment at the "Day of the Lord" may not be the day of light that we might want, because the penetrating light of God's judgment on sin will shine just as brightly on God's people.

Because of this important truth, especially in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Season of Advent has been a time of fasting and penitence for sins similar to the Season of Lent. However, a different emphasis for the season of Advent has gradually unfolded in much of the rest of the church. The season of Advent has come to be celebrated more in terms of expectation or anticipation. Yet, the anticipation of the Coming of the Messiah throughout the Old Testament and Judaism was not in connection with remembrance of sins. Rather, it was in the context of oppression and injustice, the longing for redemption, not from personal guilt and sin but from the systemic evil of the world expressed in evil empires and tyrants. It is in that sense that all creation groans for its redemption as we witness the evil that so dominates our world (Rom 8:18-25).

Of course, there is the problem of longing for vindication from an evil world when we are contributors to that evil. This is the power of the images of Amos when he warns about longing for the "Day of the Lord" that will really be a day of darkness (Amos 5:18-20). Still, even with Amos' warning the time of Advent is one of expectation and anticipation, a longing for God's actions to restore all things and vindicate the righteous. This is why during Advent we as Christians also anticipate the Second Coming as a twin theme of the season. So, while some church traditions focus on penitence during Advent, and there remains a place for that, the spirit of that expectation from the Old Testament is better captured with a joyous sense of expectancy. Rather than a time of mourning and fasting, Advent is celebrated as a time of joy and happiness as we await the coming of the King.

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

- i. Strictly Feminine - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
  - ii. Just 4 Guys – Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. **2020 Bible Quiz Book – (1) Ruth (11) The Catechism**

## **D. Evangelical Ministry**

- i. **Monthly Meeting**
  - (a) 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
  - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday has been shifted to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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, the Intercessors or the Dean 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and last Sundays of the month.
- (b) Prison visitation every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**D. 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**

**E. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos.**

Interview continues for admission into the Certificates, the Diploma and the Advanced Course in Biblical Studies at the College premises (LABICO), 17 Broad Street, Lagos. For more details call –08033083851.

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**WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM**

1. All things are possible to him  
That can in Jesus name believe:  
Lord, I no more thy truth blaspheme,  
Thy truth I lovingly receive;  
I can, I do believe in thee,  
All things are possible to me.
2. The most impossible of all  
Is, that I e'er from sin should cease;  
Yet shall it be, I know it shall;  
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!  
If nothing is too hard for thee,  
All things are possible to me.
3. Though earth and hell the word gainsay,  
The word of God can never fail;  
The Lamb shall take my sins away,  
'Tis certain, though impossible;  
The thing impossible shall be,  
All things are possible to me.
4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,  
I here shall in thine image shine,  
Nor sin in deed, or word, or thought;  
Let men exclaim, and fiends repine,  
They cannot break the firm decree;  
All things are possible to me.
5. Thy mouth, O Lord, hath spoke, hath sworn  
That I shall serve thee without fear,  
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,  
Holy, and pure, and perfect here,  
The servant as his Lord shall be;  
All things are possible to me.
6. All things are possible to God,  
To Christ, the power of God in man,  
To me, when I am all renewed,  
When I in Christ am formed again,  
And witness, from all sin set free,  
All things are possible to me.

There will be time enough during the rest of the journey through the Church Year to remember our sins. It begins in Epiphany when we hear about the brotherhood of the Kingdom, and realize our failure to effect it. Then as we move toward and through Lent we realize that the coming of Jesus served more to lay bare our own sin than it did to vindicate our righteousness. There will be time to shed Peter's bitter tears as we realize that what started with such possibility and expectation has apparently ended in such failure.

It is only as we experience that full cycle, beginning with unbridled joy in Advent that slowly fades into the realization of what we have done with and to the Christ, that the awful reality of Good Friday can have its full impact. And in that realization we can finally be ready to hear the Good News on Resurrection Sunday! That is the journey that the disciples took. And so there is value in taking the same journey beginning with the anticipation and joy of Advent!

So, we celebrate with gladness the great promise in the Advent, yet knowing that there is also a somber tone as the theme of threat is added to the theme of promise. This is reflected in some of the Scripture readings for Advent, in which there is a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment on sin. But this is also faithful to the role of the Coming King who comes to rule, save, and judge the world.

Because of the dual themes of threat and promise, Advent is a time of preparation that is marked by prayer. While [Lent](#) is characterized by fasting and a spirit of penitence, Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers of submission, prayers for deliverance, prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting and anticipating a great light (Isa 9)!

The spirit of Advent is expressed well in the parable of the bridesmaids who are anxiously awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom (Matt 25:1-13). There is profound joy at the Bridegroom's expected coming. And yet a warning of the need for preparation echoes through the parable. But even then, the prayer of Advent is still:

Come, O Come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel!

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**FAITH INSPIRING TESTIMONIES OF THE WEEK**

1. For delivering my son from Gas Explosion
2. For financial breakthrough when least expected
3. For forgiveness and deliverance from besetting sins
4. For divine intervention and granting of visa
5. For miracle of fruit of the womb
6. For the miracle of marriage, even at old age.
7. For God's miraculous intervention at the time of trial
8. For protection, peace and mercy.

## 10. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

November 24 – November 30

7.00 am Holy Communion	1129
7.00 am Youth Service	168
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	848
10.00 am Youth Service	193
10.00 am Sunday School	-
6.00 pm Service	24
Tuesday Bible Study	135
Wednesday Holy Communion	143
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	168

## 11. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

- ✚ *Ascension Fellowship*
- ✚ *Christian Brothers Society*
- ✚ *Ambassador of Christ Executive*
- ✚ *Y. W. C. A. Executive*
- ✚ *Agape Christian Sisters*
- ✚ *Sons & Daughters of Egbaland*
- ✚ *Band of Light Executive*
- ✚ *Lords Labourers Fellowship*

## 12. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 2019

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Makinde Akinlembola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm. (Mrs) Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs. Gina Okolo, Ejikeme Ikeh

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Frances Ajose, Pharm. Ranti Adedeggi, Mrs. Bola Awobiyi, Ms. Adenike Adefila, Dr. Femi Olaleye..

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Makinde Akinlembola, Pharm Chie Nwerri, Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs. Gina Okolo, Pharm Ezenwaji Amaka.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Frances Ajose, Pharm . Dele Ajala, Dr. Femi Olaleye, Mrs. Bola Awobiyi, Mrs. Chinelo Emenike.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Jemerigbe Helen .I. (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba, (**Assistant Captain**), Caroline Omowhara, Jones Bassey, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Olusegun Esan, Enujioke Michael.

#### ii. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec., - Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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

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## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Advent 2

December 8

**Theme:** The Word of God

**Colour:** Violet

**7.00 am:** HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

*Epistle:* 11 Timothy 3:14-4:1-5

*Layreader Tunde Sotuminu*

*Gospel:* John 5:36b-end

*The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*

*Address:* The Ven. Festus Olowosile

### THE YOUTH SERVICE

**Venue:** The Adetiloye House

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

**Preacher:** The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

**10.00am** MATTINS

ELDERLY & COUNSELING MINISTRIES

ANNIVERSARIES

*Cantor:* The Rev. Canon Benson Odude

*O.T. Reading* Isaiah 11:1-10

*Elderly Ministry*

*Psalms* 119:105-112

*N.T. Reading:* John 5:36b-end

*Counseling Ministry*

*Address:* The Ven. James Adekanye

**6.00 pm:** EVENSONG

*Cantor:* The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere

*Psalms:* 119:89-104

*Lesson:* 1Samuel 28:3-20

*Preacher:* The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

## 12. BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Bannings 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.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> NOTICE:

1. *Mr. Chukwuemeka Nzewi & Miss Ifeoma Achebe*
2. *Mr. Ikenna Uzoma & Miss Chinwe Abaraonye*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> NOTICE:

1. *Mr. Oluwaseun Rufai & Miss Olawunmi Adeniyi*

### 1<sup>ST</sup> NOTICE:

1. *Mr. Adebayo Sobitan & Miss. Allen Bukaye*
2. *Mr. Oluwatosin Oyediran & Miss. Oyindamola Iwajomo*

## 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.

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**Friday, December 6, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Canon B. Odude*

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 44:1-8 – Lay. A. Sanya*

**Gospel:** *1 Thess. 3*

**Hymns:** *CH 13, CH 70, CH 373*

**Preacher:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Justus N. Mogeke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Asaba.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel .O. Oko-Jaja, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger Delta West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Prince Adewoyin Adeboye, Mrs. Ani Treasure, Mr. Akinsanya Amos, Mr. Joshua Victor, Miss. Anyawu Cynthia, Mr. Egbo Paul, Mr. Immanuel Oludayo, Mrs. Ifezue Edith and Mr. Metu Benjamin.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Owhe Family, Owo Family, Owolabi Family, Owosina Family, Owoyemi Family, Oyebanji Family, Oyedapo Family, Oyediran Family, Oyedokun Family, Oyegoke Family.

**9.00am Funeral Service for  
Late Mrs. Leah .M. Akinronbi**

**6.00pm EFAC Meeting**

**6.30pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

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

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 44:9-23 - Lay. Dele Ajala*

**Gospel:** *1 Thess. 4:1-12*

**Hymns:** *CH VI, VSH 20, CH 545*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Chamberlain Ogunedo, his family and all members of Diocese of Mbaise.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Samuel Ogundeji, his family and all members of Diocese of Egba-West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr. Agbeje Olusegun, Miss. Agu Amanda, Miss. Sennaik Adedoyin, Mr. Nelson Fwangkat, Mr. Moses Fwangkat, Barr. Falade Funmilayo, Mr. Idowu Olusegun-Jacob, Mrs. Opanubi Modupeola and Mr. Oporum Iheanyi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Oyegunle Family, Oyeneye Family, Oyenuga Family, Oyesola Family, Oyewale Family, Oyeyinka Family, Oyinlola Family, Oyira Family, Oyoke Family, Ozigbo Family.

**10.00am Wedding  
Mr. Chukwudum Ekwueme & Miss Lilian Ughelu**

**11.30am Wedding  
Mr. Chiebuka Nworah & Miss Chiamaka Ememuo**

**4.00 pm Youth Fellowship**

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

**4.00 pm Baptism**

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## **E. RAISING N5 BILLION CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

With the estimated 2,000 worshippers regularly seeking, serving and worshipping the Lord in AVMCC, coupled with the spheres of influence and the tentacles of each and everyone of us, given our friends, well wishers, colleagues, family members, neighbours, business associates etc it will take the following analysis to raise the sum of 5billion Naira for developmental fund from which the refurbishment of the Cathedral shall be done while also focusing on the development of the various fallow lands owned by the Cathedral situated at Isheri North, Baruwa Ipaja, Oregon, Oba Akran etc spread over Lagos State.

1	person giving 5 billion	= 5 billion
2	persons giving 2.5billion	= 5 billion
5	people giving 1 billion each	= 5 billion
10	people giving 500 million each	= 5 billion
20	people giving 250 million each	= 5 billion
50	people giving 200 million each	= 5 billion
100	people giving 100 million each	= 5 billion
200	people giving 50 million each	= 5 billion
250	people giving 25 million each	= 5 billion
250	people giving 20 million each	= 5 billion
334	people giving 15 million each	= 5 billion
500	people giving 10 million each	= 5 billion
1000	people giving 5 million each	= 5 billion
2000	people giving 2.5 million each	= 5 billion
2500	people giving 2 million each	= 5 billion
5000	people giving 1 million each	= 5 billion
10,000	people giving 500,000 each	= 5 billion
20,000	people giving 250,000 each	= 5 billion
25,000	people giving 200,000 each	= 5 billion
50,000	people giving 100,000 each	= 5 billion
100,000	people giving 50,000 each	= 5 billion
200,000	people giving 25,000 each	= 5 billion
250,000	people giving 20,000 each	= 5 billion
500,000	people giving 10,000 each	= 5 billion
1,000,000	people giving 5,000 each	= 5 billion
5,000,000	people giving 1,000 each	= 5 billion
10,000,000	people giving 500 each	= 5 billion

With each and every one of us as fund ambassadors going out to appeal for fund in the realization of this lofty venture, all we need to do is to know someone who knows someone, who knows someone and who know someone else for God is still in the habit of using human vessels to accomplish His purposes.

Nehemiah got letters from the King appealing for donors in kind, cash and materials to build. **Neh. 2:7-8.**

**WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WAY.**

### **HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (L0.M 309 TRANSLATED)**

1. My spirit on Thy care,  
Blest Saviour, I recline;  
Thou wilt not leave me to despair,  
For Thou art love divine.
2. In Thee I place my trust,  
On Thee I calmly rest;  
I know Thee good, I know Thee just,  
And count Thy choice the best.
3. Whate'er events betide,  
Thy will they all perform:  
Safe in Thy breast my head I hide,  
Nor fear the coming storm.
4. Let good or ill befall,  
It must be good for me;  
Secure of having Thee in all,  
Of having all in Thee. Amen.

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## 10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 2, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 42:10-17 - Lay. Edwin Eze*

**Gospel:** *Rev. 22:6-end*

**Hymns:** *CH 1, CH 66, CH XVI*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Humphrey B. Olumakaiye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Innocent U. Ordu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Evo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Abara-Ogbonna Angela, Miss. Adebayo Damilola, Mrs. Akinware Margaret, Mrs. Ihekira Phyllis, Mr. Okeke Evans, Engr. Okonkwo Uchenna, Mr. Osinubi Adegunwa, Mr. Omoigberale Davis, Mr. Owhe Owen, Miss. Adeyemi Deborah .B., Mr. Awolope Segun, Mrs. Shobowale Folasade, and Mr. Adebayo David.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Oshokare Family, Oshunbiyi Family, Oshunleti Family, Osibajo Family, Osibamowo Family, Osibanjo Family, Osifeso Family, Osifuwa Family, Osigwe Family, Osikoya Family.

❖ **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of Oloye Adegunwa Osinubi**

**5.30 pm Family/Marriage Counseling Meeting**

**6.30 pm Choir Practice**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 42:18-end - Lay. G. Odukamaiya*

**Gospel:** *1 Thess. 1*

**Hymns:** *CH7, CH 83, CH 67*

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

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel O. Adekunle, his family and all members of the Diocese of Egba.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Joseph A. F. Olusola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijesha North East.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Nduka Ifeyinwa, Mr. Akinduro Opeyemi, Mrs. Oduyemi Susan, Dr. Emmanuel Uchenna, Miss Oguta Rabi, Miss. Ogbechie Laura, Mrs. Agwuncha Nancy, Mrs. Okolo Chinwe, Miss. Agbaniyaka Temitope, Miss. Omokwale Omonigho and Mrs. Oyinlola Oluyemi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Osilaye Family, Osinaike Family, Osineye Family, Osinigwe Family, Osinoiki Family, Osinubi Family, Osinuga Family, Osisanwo Family, Osisanya Family, Osiyemi 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 GATHERING OF THE  
NOBLES - ACTS 17:10-11  
TITUS 3**

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**Wednesday, December 4, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

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

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 43:1-13 - Lay. A. Osunkeye*

**Gospel:** *1 Thess. 2:1-12 - The Rev. Dr. B. Okere*

**Hymns:** *CH 2, CH 557, VSH 60, Anima Christi,  
CH XVII*

**Preacher:** *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Ralph G. Ebirien, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger Delta.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Babatunde Ogunbanwo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijebu South West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Amanchukwu Faustina, Mrs. Amachree Oluwatoyosi, Mrs. Chiaghanam Nkiru, Mrs. Suberu Sarah, Mr. Elijah John, Mr. Obinna Christian, Dr. Okolo Arinze, Mr. Okpala Godwin, and Mrs. Omisore Aramide.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Osoba Family, Osofisan Family, Osonuga Family, Ossai Family, Osuchukwu Family, Osuagwu Family, Osueke Family, Osuji Family, Osundeko Family, Osunkeye Family.

**8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation**

**6.00pm HOURS OF DIVINE SETTLEMENT –  
1 PETER 5:10**

**THEME: HIDE ME FROM THE SECRET COUNSEL  
OF THE WICKED AND PRESERVE ME- PSALM 64:2**

**Thursday, December 5, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*

**Epistle:** *Isaiah 43:14-end - Lay. Gloria Okeke*

**Gospel:** *1 Thess. 2:13-end*

**Hymns:** *CH 3, VSH 22, CH 578*

**Preacher:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

**Prayer Points**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Dapo Asaju, his family and all members of the house of Bishops.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Ezekiel Dahunsi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Idoani
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss. Adeyemo Tejumade, Chief (Mrs.) Amade Comfort, Miss. Dairo Oluwabukola, Mr. Nwankwo Ifeanyi, Mr. Ugwu Benjamin, Miss. Ashogbon Adedamola, Chief(Mrs.) Egbede Eunice, Miss. Unogu Chimamanda, Mr. Nwankwo Benjamin, Mr. Nzeh Stanley and Mrs. Onwachei Christiana.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Osunsanya Family, Osuokwu Family, Otegbeye Family, Otenaike Family, Otitoloju Family, Otoighile Family, Otti Family, Otun Family, Otusanya Family, Otuu Family.

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

**5.00pm Wake Keep for  
Late Mrs. Leah .M. Akinronbi**

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