

## 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.

- A. **For Booking of all Services of the Church**  
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- B. **For Social Welfare and Charity**  
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- D. **For The Elderly Ministry**  
*The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707*
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- F. **For Cathedral Missionary Society**  
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- G. **For the Children Ministry**  
*The Dean; The Rev. Canon B. Odude, Mr. Tunji Odeneye - 08033163337;*
- H. **For The Youth Ministry**  
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- M. **For ETS Discipleship Training**  
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- O. **For Singles' and Couples' Fellowship**  
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- R. **For Board of Directors for Economic Empowerment**  
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- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**  
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*The Dean; The Canon Residentiary*
- U. **For The Choir**  
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- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**  
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## DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST (Anglican Communion)



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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, 15<sup>th</sup> December - Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

Advent 3

**Theme:** *Prepare for His Coming*

**Sub-Theme:** *Flee from the wrath to come*

**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 – 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

**GUILD OF STEWARDS ANNIVERSARY**

- Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. B. Okere*
- The Epistle:** *Guild of Stewards*
- The Gospel:** *The Rev. Canon B. Odude*
- Preacher:** *The Dean*
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 100 Part 1
- ❖ Praise & Worship **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs. 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Rev. Dr. S. Opaaje*
- ❖ Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 91
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 17:20-37
- ❖ Hymn: CH CS 82 ‘Come Thou Long’ (Blaewern)
- ❖ **SERMON / BIBLE TEACHING**
- ❖ 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: **WORSHIP SONGS**
- ❖ The Ablution: CH 71
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
  - i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
  - ii. Guild of Stewards, Patrons / Patronesses & The Church
  - iii. The Churching of Mrs. Ella Chibuzor for the gift of a baby boy and God’s numerous blessings
  - iv. Mr. & Mrs. Femi Omoniyi are thanking God for the call to Barr. of their son Oluwapelumi Chisom Omoniyi and God’s numerous blessings.
  - v. Excel Creative Network Ltd is thanking God for the year 2019, God’s goodness and numerous blessings.
- ❖ For Doxology .... (pg 11)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 63 ‘I am Thine O Lord’ (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 EVANGELI CAL 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.

**AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT**

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

**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. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE**

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2019
  - (a) Church Dues: Kindly note that Church Dues should be paid in the Cathedral Office where receipt will be issued. Direct payment of Church dues into the Cathedral Bank Account is hereby discouraged.
  - (b) All Societies should pay and send in their lists of members on before December 23, 2019
  - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 31, 2019.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church Office and the Vestry.
3. All payments by cheques should henceforth, have the payers name and phone for ease of reference, if the need arises.

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**AVMCC CLINIC**

1. 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:

- (a) Brief dossier of the company
  - (b) Current annual license to practice of the Pharmacist
  - (c) Current annual Registration of Premises License
  - (d) Any other information considered needful.
- AVMCC currently does her Bulk Purchase quarterly.

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**2. VACANCIES:**

**a. Application for the Post of Senior Nursing Officer in the AVMCC Clinic must be a State Registered Nurse with minimum 8-10years experience. Additional qualification(s) will be an advantage: Submit your CV with copies of certificates addressed to the Dean, AVMCC and submit to the Church Office on or before December, 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

**b. Dispatch Riders are urgently needed by a parishioner within Isolo Area. Interested persons should call: 08033480112.**

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**THE CATHEDRAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

We thank all contributors to the Cathedral Development Fund (CADEF), praying for God's continued provision as we commence the Refurbishment Project.

We invite other Parishioners who have not enrolled in CADEF to join in this vision of uplifting the standard of our Father's house!

You are invited to enrol as you are called forward on Sunday 22nd December 2019, an opportunity you should not miss!

May we all be counted worthy of New Songs Of Joy as we enter the New Year, in Jesus Name, Amen.

**B. 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION  
 GUILD OF STEWARDS ANNIVERSARY**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*  
**The Epistle:** *Guild of Stewards*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*  
**Preacher:** *The Dean*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 101
- ❖ Praise & Worship **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs. 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Rev. Dr. S. Opaaje*
- ❖ Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 91
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 17:20-37
- ❖ Hymn: *CH CS 82 'Come Thou Long' (Blawern)*

**SERMON / BIBLE TEACHING**

- ❖ 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: **WORSHIP SONGS**
- ❖ The Ablution: CH 99
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**
  - i. Family Altar Thanksgiving
  - ii. Guild of Stewards, Patrons / Patronesses & The Church
  - iii. 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Dr. Isaac Odeyemi, 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of his children (Bolanle & Tayo Babayemi and God's numerous blessings

- ❖ For Doxology ..... (Pg 11)
- ❖ **DEDICATION OF BUSY BEE 2019 ANNIVERSARY GIFT**
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 177 'Will your Anchor' (Pg. 16)

**C. 2.00PM - DIOCESAN HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

**D. EVENTS AHEAD**

1. Diocesan Christian Mothers Christmas Party – **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Venue: Haven. Time: 2.00pm.**
2. Cathedral Carol of Nine Lessons - **Wednesday, 18/12/2019 at 6.00pm.**
3. Diocesan Christmas Carol of Nine Lessons on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., at 4.00pm**
4. Christmas Service / Birthday Gift to JESUS **Wednesday, 25/12/2019**
5. Cathedral Thanksgiving and Praise **Sunday, 29/12/2019**
6. New Year Eve's Service **Tuesday, 31/12/2019**
7. Anointing for the New Year 2020 – **31/12/2019 at 8.45am**
8. **CHARTING THE COURSE FOR A GLORIOUS DESTINY IN 2020 THROUGH THE FIRST 7 DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING AND DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD – WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN. - 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN., 2020 AT 6.00AM DAILY.**

9. NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING

**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 15, 2019 Christian Brothers
2. Sunday December 22, 2019 Charity Band
3. Sunday December 29, 2019 Cathedral Youth

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

**Thought for the week: Prepare for His Coming**

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

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

**Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

- ❖ Opening Hymn: VSH 63
- ❖ Opening Worship
- ❖ The Preparation to penitence
- ❖ The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- ❖ The Gospel: John 1:19-28
- ❖ Bible Study
- ❖ Nicene, Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses

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

- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Choir Ministration
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices - Secretariat
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 171

**C. SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Parents to note that Annual Christmas Party for Sunday School takes place on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 (Touch of Red Colour of the Day). Parents are to bring their children to the Church to attend from 8.00am – 2.00pm. Sunday School closes for the year today to resume on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**D. BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

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

1. December 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Heb. 11-13
2. December 16<sup>th</sup> Monday - James 1-2
3. December 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - James 3-5
4. December 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 1 Pet. 1-2
5. December 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 1 Pet. 3-5
6. December 20<sup>th</sup> Friday - 2 Pet. 1-3
7. December 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday - 1 John 1-2

**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 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.
- vi. We announce the passing into glory of our father and grandfather, His Majesty Chief James Okoye Ukatu (Father of Mallinson Afam Ukatu). Aged 100years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Wake Keep:** On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 at his home town Isigwu Umuoshi Village Alor, Anambra State  
**Funeral Service:** On Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Alor, Anambra State.
- 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

## K. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG

**Cantor:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

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

**Sponsor:** *Christian Brothers*

**Organist:** *Dr. Chinedu Osinigwe*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 34
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: John 1:19-28 - *Christian Brothers*
- ❖ Hymn: CH 91
- ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
- ❖ Offerings Choruses  
(a) *First Fruit* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Closing Prayer
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 41

## 2. ADVENT 3

### Introductory Sentence

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

*Isaiah 61:1*

### Collect for Advent 3

Almighty God, Who sent Your servant John the Baptist, to prepare your people for the coming of your Son; inspire the ministers and stewards of your Truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love, give us courage to speak the truth, even to the point of suffering, that when He comes again in glory on the last day, we may stand with confidence before him as our judge; Who is alive and reigns with Your and the holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

### Collect for Advent Season

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 so 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

He who testifies to these things says "Yew, I am coming soon".  
*Revelation 22:20.*

## 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. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY– SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</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 for increased wisdom and renewed vision to pastor the flock of God.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Manasses C. Okere his family and all members of the Diocese of Isuikwuato/Umunneochi

**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 Nigeria will experience restoration of all her lost glories to the praise of God.
- iii. That the Spirit of the living God will arise and take our nation to greater places of knowledge of the things of God.

**C. Prayers for AVMCC Members**

- i. That the remaining days in the year shall be glorious and filled with great testimonies
- ii. That no power will scatter what this Church has gathered over the years
- iii. That our feet be washed and anointed by the blood for righteousness

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

- i. For Mrs. Ailoje Stella, Dr. Akinlade Olukayode, Mrs. Anyalewechi Lilian, Miss. Anyanwu Oluchi, Mrs. Nze Maureen, Mrs. Asugha Bernadeth, Mr. Fetuga Tolulope, Engr. Ikwemesi Kennedy, Mr. Obi Echezona, Mr. Oladokun Oluwadahun, Mr. Olowu Olawale, Miss. Agwuna Chidima, Miss. Achonye Chinemerem, Mr. Onukwube Chiedu, Mr. Onuma Michael, Mrs. Osibajo Elizabeth, 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**

Soyinka Family, Stephen Family, Suberu Family, Sunday Family, Sunday-Udemaguna Family, Sly-Dugbo Family, Taiwo Family, Taiwo-Olaitan Family, Talabi Family, Tella 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.**

**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**

S/N	PLAGUES	PLAGUE IN EGYPT	THE COMING WRATH IN REVELATION
3.	Lice	Ex. 8:17	ONLY EXEMPTION
4.	Swarms	Ex. 8:21	Rev. 6:8
5.	Pestilence	Ex. 9:1-3	Rev. 6:8
6.	Boils	Ex. 9:10	Rev. 16:2
7.	Hail of Fire	Ex. 9:22-24	Rev. 8:7
8.	Locusts	Ex. 10:4-5	Rev. 9:3-4
9.	Darkness	Ex. 10:21	Rev. 16:10-11
10.	Death of first born	Ex. 11:4-5	Rev. 19:19-21

Today our focus is **FLEEING FROM THE WRATH TO COME OR HOW TO ESCAPE THE COMING WRATH.**

**A STATEMENT OF FACT:** It is a statement of fact that whatever the intensity and gravity of calamity in every generation, nation and dispensation at any given point in time, there are always people who enjoy **DIVINE EXEMPTION**. This teaching is to fortify us with information to learn from those who enjoyed exemption to avoid deformation.

**HOW DID NOAH ESCAPE - Gen. 7:23**

1. He had a covenant walk with God - *Gen. 9:17*
2. He was righteous in his generation - *Gen. 1:7*
3. He enjoyed the favour of God (**GRACE**)
4. Noah was a just and perfect man - *Eph. 5:27*
5. He obeyed the Word of God - *Gen. 7:5*
6. He was in the ARK, a type of the Church today, a place of **REFUGE**.
7. He enjoyed the presence of God
8. His family enjoyed same exception because Noah took responsibility for the welfare of his family - *Gen. 7:7*
9. He feared God - *Heb. 11:7*
10. He was responsible and responsive to his God given vision and assignment
11. Noah's escape was not accidental, He prepared for it - *Heb. 11:7*
12. The same flood that devastated the world preserved Noah and family - *Gen. 8:1*
13. He remained focused and refused to be distracted by those who ridiculed him for building the ark.

**HOW DID LOT ESCAPE THE WRATH OF GOD AGAINST SODOM AND GOMORRAH**

1. He accommodated and hosted angels. He was hospitable
2. He was obedient
3. God practically dragged and pulled him out

**LOT'S WIFE:** She looked back in disobedience due to care for the things of this world.

**ISRAEL IN GOSHEN ESCAPED THE PLAGUE IN EGYPT**

1. They remained within the confines of their boundary in Goshen
2. They obeyed divine instruction
3. They followed divine guidelines
4. The blood availed for them. Today the blood of Jesus also avails for us because in Christ we are complete.

**CONCLUSION:** All these are written for our learning - *Romans 15:4*. Moreover Jesus' reference to the days of Noah with particular regards to His Second Coming is not a matter to be glossed over. This is the aim of this teaching - *Luke 17:27*. We can escape the present ongoing wrath discernable by the spiritually minded and indeed the wrath to come at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ if we emulate Noah and remain in Christ Jesus till the end never wavering.

**ADDENDUM: WHAT ELSE MUST WE FLEE FROM:**

1. Flee youthful **LUST** - 2Tim. 2:22
2. Flee the love of money - 1 Tim. 6:10-11
3. Flee idolatry - 1 Cor. 10:14
4. Flee Fornication / Adultery - 1 Cor. 6:18
5. Flee the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

**THEME:** *Prepare for His Coming*

**READINGS:** *Mathew 24:42 (Watch therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord does come); Rev. 22:7, 12, 20; John 119-28; 1 Cor. 4:1-5.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

From all indications, the news of the coming of Christ is in the air. We can see it all around us. The trees, the mountains, the valleys, the waters, the atmosphere, the governance, the rush, the haste, the spate of events, tell us about His coming. It is obvious as both Christian and non-Christian are curious as to what the dawn of advent means. Everywhere, people are asking: is the end at hand? Are these the last days? There is no doubt about the fact that the coming of Christ is in the air.

### 2. SIGNS OF HIS RETURN

- Signs and events that will first take place before His return are well written in the Scriptures
- There will be false sense of security 1Thess.5:1-2
- There will be religious apostasy 1Tim.4:1; Mathew 24:5; 2Thess.2:9-10
- Evil will increase in the land. Rev.12
- Globalization: Dan.12:4. Technology will almost make man forget God
- There will be world-wide preaching of the Gospel. Matt 24:14
- There will be rumour of wars; the rise of Antichrists (enemies of the Gospel), Mathew 24: 4ff
- Mockers will say "where is the promise of His coming" 2Peter 3:3-4

### 3. PRACTICAL WAYS TO PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S RETURN.

#### i. Stop asking "When"

- The New Testament Speaks some Three hundred times about the return of Christ, but

- nowhere in the O.T or N.T does God indicate exactly 'when' Christ will return.
- No one knows about the day or hour, not even the Angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father (Mark 13:32)
- Many respected prophets and scholars had in the times past predicted the coming of Christ, which never came to pass. Harold Camping in 1992, after 30years of study on the matter, concluded that Rapture would take place in 1998. Marilyn J. Agee's prediction said 1994 was the year, and September 6, the Day. These predictions can bring credibility problems to Christianity and the Gospel. Therefore, let us stop guessing, but be preparing for His return.

**ii. We are to prepare our heart**

- Between Mathew chapters 24 and 25, a number of parables were told by Jesus Christ to inform us on how to prepare for the coming of Christ.
- We are to prayerfully study the parable of the fig tree Matt. (24:32-36), saying that you have to be fruitful as a Christian.
- We are to study the days of Noah: (Matt.24:37-44), that just as it happened then so shall it be when Christ shall return.
- We are to look at the parable of the faithful and unfaithful servant (Matt 24:45ff), calling us unto faithfulness in the assignments God gave to us
- The parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-13), telling us to be holy, ever ready, wise and not be foolish.
- The parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30), telling us about accountability and productivity.
- All these parables tell us how to live. Remember these parables came immediately after the discussion of the second coming.

**iii. From the parable of the ten virgin alone, we are able to learn:**

- To be prepared for a long delay, having extra oil, a deep faith
- To keep watch constantly, because He will come when least expected (Mark 13:35-37)
- To be ready now, being aware that, spiritually, there is a point of no return. We read that the door was shut against the foolish ones.
- To watch expectantly with joyful heart. Every child of God must be full of joy. 1Thess 4:16.

**BIBLE TEACHING OUTLINE**

TOPIC: PREPARE FOR HIS COMING:  
*FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME*  
 TEXT: *MATTHEW 3:7*

**INTRODUCTION**

As the year is coming to an end, it would amount to a serious disservice if we do not talk about the Second Coming of the Lord and the need not only to prepare for it but to be ever ready. Though this is coming towards the end of the year by the reason of Church Calendar and arrangement of theme in line with *ADVENT*, it is extremely important that we all understand the fact that the Second Coming of the Lord may not necessarily be in November or December. It could be January, March of July. He is coming like a thief unexpectedly on a day that exclusively know to God and God alone.

We are looking at this subject matter which unarguably is the most crucial and outstanding event in kingdom agenda and calendar under the sub-theme.

**FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME - MATTHEW 3:7**

This was a warning passed to the Pharisees, Sadducees and the powers that be in the days of John the Baptist when they came to him. We all know Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, merciful, gracious, loving, caring etc, but we must also never loose sight of the fact *that HE IS A CONSUMING FIRE* - Heb. 12:29 and that it is a fearful thing to fall into His hand - *Heb. 10:31*. His first coming was in LOVE His Second Coming will be to *JUDGE* the world. He is coming in His wrath to judge those who fail to accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

**A. WHAT IS WRATH**

This is *EXTREME ANGER*, A strong vengeful anger or indignation, A retributory punishment for an offense or a crime. Wrath is divine chastisement.

**B. GOD'S ANTECEDENTS IN RELATION TO WRATH**

1. The flood in the days of Noah
2. The case of Sodom and Gomorrah
3. The plagues in Egypt

**C. CAUSES OF DIVINE WRATH** -Colossians 3:1-17, NB vs. 5-6  
 Disobedience, SIN i.e. *Simple instruction neglected*

**D. CATEGORIES OF WRATH**

1. Past wrath of God
2. Ongoing wrath; contemporary
3. The coming wrath

**E. THE PAST AND THE FUTURE WRATH:**

It is not a mere coincidence that the book of Revelation has a record of serious and striking correlation by way of similarity between the wrath of God upon Egypt and the coming wrath as documented in the book of Revelation.

With the exception of the third plague in Egypt which was of *LICE* all other plagues will be re-enacted in the future. God is not a sadist but it won't cause Him anything to do again what He had done before in same regard. Interestingly He warns ahead of time before acting thus the need to pay attention to this issue. It is expected that as Christians we shall take time to search the scripture more about this subject matter taking a clue from the noble Christians in Berean by searching the Bible for confirmation - *Acts 17:10-11*.

S/N	PLAGUES	PLAGUE IN EGYPT	THE COMING WRATH IN REVELATION
1.	Blood	Ex. 7:20	Rev. 8:8-9, Rev. 11:6, Rev. 16:3-6
2.	Frogs	Ex. 8:6	Rev. 16:13-14



**WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM SERVICE**

1. I AM Thine, O Lord I have heard thy voice  
And it told Thy love to me  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee  
  
*Refrain: Draw me nearer,  
Nearer Blessed Lord  
To the Cross where Thou has died  
Draw me nearer, nearer  
Nearer Blessed Lord  
To Thy precious bleeding side.*
2. Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord  
By the pow'r of grace divine  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine
3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy Throne I spend  
When I kneel in pray'r and with Thee my GOD  
I commune as friend with friend
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

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**WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 10.00AM SERVICE**  
**WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD**

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?  
  
*Refrain:  
We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*
2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,  
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?
3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
While your anchor holds within the veil.
4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
The city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
When life's storms are past for evermore?

**iv. We are to work diligently as we get ready for the Advent**

- \* The parable of the talents teaches us how to work; that we are to work diligently, making the most of the talents God has given us. Mathew 25: 14-30
- \* In the parable, all the servants recognized that the talents were not theirs, but received from the Lord. So, the faithful servants remained grateful and ungrateful servant, afraid.
- \* None of the servants knew when the master would return. Not concerned about the time frame of the return of the master, the faithful made most of their talents, while the unfaithful hid his own.
- \* When the Lord returned, He rewarded them accordingly
- \* The parable discourages laziness but to be ready and active.
- \* We are to live a Christ-like life as we await his coming

**4. THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING**

- \* Christ is coming for the culmination and consummation of redemption (Lk.21:28, Rom 8:23), salvation (1cor. 5:5; Heb. 9:28; 1Peter 1:5) and sanctification (1Thess. 3:13; 5:23)
- \* Christ is coming so that the dead will be resurrected 1Thess. 4:16; 1Cor.15:23;
- \* To establish an unhindered kingdom. Rev. 21:3-4 1Cor. 15:24
- \* To bring the world and order of evil to an end; to banish Satan Mathew 25:41; Rev. 20:10
- \* To reign forever and ever. Rev.11:15
- \* Jesus is returning for a spotless Church. Eph.5:25-27
- \* He is returning to give out just rewards Matt. 25:31-46

**5. CONCLUSION**

The second coming of the Lord will be the terminal event of earth's history. Every wise man should prepare for it. The Bible gives us practical ways to behave until he returns. If we follow them, we will be joyfully fruitful all the days of our lives and happy when He returns. Therefore, whatsoever our hands find to do, we should do it with all our might as unto the Lord as we await His return. (Ecc.9:10).

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**FAITH INSPIRING TESTIMONIES OF THE WEEK**

1. For increase in customers in leaps and bounds after prayer in same regard at last week's hour of divine settlement
2. For daughter's new car, good health and protection
3. For unprecedented business breakthrough after five days of fasting
4. For protecting family from the attack of the enemy
5. For the completion of a project in Abuja
6. For exposing the thief in a member's compound
7. For dethroning and disgracing those planning to sack and disgrace a member at work.
8. For grant permanent healing unto wholeness
9. For divine provision
10. For guarding and guiding all our children in school unto safe return for the Christmas holiday.

**ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

## 10. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 8 – December 14

7.00 am Holy Communion	1056
7.00 am Youth Service	193
7.00 am Sunday School	232
10.00 am Mattins	848
10.00 am Youth Service	255
10.00 am Sunday School	241
6.00 pm Service	
Tuesday Bible Study	113
Wednesday Holy Communion	189
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	208

## 11. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

- ✚ *Band of Grace Society*
- ✚ *Band of Glory Society*
- ✚ *Band of Light Society*
- ✚ *Band of Mercy Society*
- ✚ *Band of Peace Society*
- ✚ *Christian Unity Band Society*
- ✚ *Fountain of Hope Society*
- ✚ *Ladies Christian Circle*
- ✚ *Ladies progressive League*
- ✚ *Lords Labourers Fellowship*
- ✚ *The Lord Vessel society*
- ✚ *Torchbearers Society*

## 12. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Makinde Akinlembola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs. Gina Okolo, Dr. Oliver Akinbola, Pharm. Chinwe Eze.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Tunji Areo, Pharm. Yewande Olorunsola, Mrs. Kate Igunma, Dr. Franses Ajose, Mrs. Ikeme Vilet, Dr. Femi Olaleye, Mrs. Funke Olatunji.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., 2019

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Akinlembola Makinde, Dr. Akinola Oliver, Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs. Gina Okolo,

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Frances Ajose, Dr. Femi Olaleye, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm (Mrs. Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs. Bola Awobiyi, Mrs. Chinelo Emenike.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec., - Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

Nwaorgu Chinedu (**Captain**), Goke Uthman (**Assistant Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, Adeyemi Muyiwa, Mbaekwe Augustine, Segun Adeniji, Dare Sigbeku, Chioma Obi, George A. Adeyemi, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan.

#### ii. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Jemerigbe Helen I. (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba (**Assistant Captain**), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman; Juliet Chimezie, Caroline Omowhara, Jones Basse, Funsho Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chuwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Olusegun Esan, Enujioke Michael.

## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Advent 4

December 22

**Theme:** SUBMISSION: KEY TO DIVINE FAVOUR

**Colour:** Purple

**7.00 am:** HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje

*Epistle:* Romans 1:1-7

*Layreader Okey Ogbu*

*Gospel:* Luke 1:26-38a

*The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

*Address:* The Ven. Gbenga Oniye

**THE YOUTH SERVICE**

**Venue:** The Adetiloye House

**Celebrant:** The Ven. James Adekanye

**Preacher:** The Ven. James Adekanye

**10.00am** MATTINS

*Cantor:* The Ven. James Adekanye

*O.T. Reading:* Isaiah 7:10-17

*Layreader Femi Ajibade*

*Psalm:* 45:10-end

*N.T. Reading:* Luke 1:26-38a

*Nkiru Arah*

*Address:* The Rev. Canon Benson Odude

**4.00 pm:** ANNUAL DIOCESAN CAROL OF NINE LESSONS

## 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.

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

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

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

1. *Mr. Adebayo Sobitan & Miss. Allen Bukaye*

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

1. *Engr. Joseph Obioma & Dr. Ifeoma Chidinma*

2. *Mr. Chijioko Igbelina & Miss. Linda Nnodi*

## 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.

**Friday, December 20, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

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

**Epistle:** *Rev. 5:6-14 - Lay. Edwin Ezeh*

**Gospel:** *Matt. 25:14-30*

**Hymns:** *VSH 157, VSH 22, CH 153*

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

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Johnson N. Ekwe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Isaac I. Oluyamo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijesha North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr. Gbolade Olusesan, Mrs. Anemeje Adaobi, Mr. Ikwemesi Kenneth, Miss Jibueze Uchechi, Mr. Nwankwo Osoroachukwu, Mr. Obiora Blessing, Mr. Charles Ojo, Mr. Urenmisan Solo-Edema, and Mr. Uzebu Alex.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ugbechie Family, Ugbor Family, Ugochukwu Family, Ugoji Family, Ugwoke Family, Ugwu Family, Ugwuanya Family, Ugwuegba Family, Ugwuegede Family, Ugwumadu Family.

**5.00pm Memorial Service of Songs in honour of  
Late Barr. Mrs. Chizoba Chine (Nee Nwosu)**

**6.00pm EFAC Meeting**

**6.30pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

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

**Epistle:** *Rev. 6:1-17 - Lay. Nkiru Arah*

**Gospel:** *Matt. 25:31-46*

**Hymns:** *CH 18, CH 99, CH 210*

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

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Timothy O. A. Adebayo, his family and all members of Diocese of Igbomina West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Foreman Nedison, his family and all members of Diocese of Jalingo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Amisu Adebayo, miss. Adetayo Olajumoke, Miss. Atinuke Abiodun, Mrs. Enekwa Ijeoma, Mr. Kareem Jotham, Mr. Nwannunu Ugochukwu, Mr. Osadi Onochie and Mr. Uzundu Uzochukwu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ugwunaya Family, Ukadigwu Family, Ukadike Family, Ukaegbu Family, Ukatu Family, UkoFamily, Ukoh Family, Ukoha Family, Ukwunna Family, Ukwuoma Family.

**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 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 - (I.O.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 16, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 3:7-13 – Lay. Dele Ajala*  
**Gospel:** *Matt. 24:15-31*  
**Hymns:** *CH 3, CH 70, CH 539*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

### **Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Simeon O. Borokini, his family and all members of the Diocese of Akure.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey E. Okoroafor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Egbu.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss. Ogundipe Tolulope, Mr. Siakpere Elijah, Mrs. Ndukuba Cordelia, Mrs. Ogedengbe Mojisola, Mr. Nwoye Francis, Mrs. Ukoh Gift, Mrs. Udochukwu Oluchukwu, and Miss. Okeke Kamsiyochukwu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Temowo Family, Tetede Family, Tiamiyu Family, Tifase Family, Tinuoye Family, Tochukwu Family, Toriola Family, Towry-Coker Family, Tugbobo Family, Tuyoy Family.

**5.30 pm Family/Marriage Counseling Meeting**

**6.30 pm Choir Practice**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 3:14-22 - Lay. K. Akinyemi*  
**Gospel:** *Matt. 24:32-44*  
**Hymns:** *CH 16, CH 66, CH 17*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*

### **Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. James O. Odedeji, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Titus B. Olayinka, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ogbomoso.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss. Obi Ijeoma, Mr. Aderibigbe Adedayo, Mrs. Anemeje Fidelia, Miss. Boham Ibifuro, Mrs. Ajayi Olufunmilayo, Mr. Akogu Victor, Mr. Obika Kelvin, Mr. Ogbu David, Engr. Chukwukelu Chigbogu, Engr. Ofili John, Miss. Obi Amarachukwu, Mr. Azuka Ofile, Mr. Ahumaraeze Edwin and Mrs. Oruche Chinyere.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Uba Family, Ubachukwu Family, Ubaghaji Family, Ubah Family, Ubaka Family, Ubani Family, Ubeh Family, Ubosi Family, Uche Family, Ucheka 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  
ZECHARIAH 1**

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**Wednesday, December 18, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 4:1-8 - Lay. O. Abimbola*  
**Gospel:** *Matt. 24:45-51 - The Rev. Dr. B. Okere*  
**Hymns:** *CH 100(Pt. 1), VSH 64, Anima Christi,  
CH 69*

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

### **Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Michael A. Oluwarohunbi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Yewa.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Prince A. Antai, his family and all members of the Diocese of Uyo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Agubata Chigozie, Mr. Akideinde Oluwatobiloba, Mrs. Arhagba Helen, Sir. Chijindu Godson, Mr. Ejobionu Ebuka, Mr. Mbachi Chiadi, Mr. Mbonu Caesar, Rev. Toriola Oluwambe, Mrs. Nnadi Joy, Mr. Ayo Adewole, Mrs. Onabanjo Ebunoluwa and Mrs. Nwaukwa Nkem.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Uchechukwu Family, Uchefuna Family, Udeh Family, Udemba Family, Udemisi Family, Udensi Family, Udeoba Family, Udeogalanya Family, Udero Family, Udo Family.

**8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation**

**6.00pm CATHEDRAL CAROL OF  
NINE LESSONS**

**Thursday, December 19, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 4:9-5.5 - Lay. O. Onabolu*  
**Gospel:** *Matt. 25:1-13*  
**Hymns:** *CH 12, VSH 2, CH CS 51*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

### **Prayer Points**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Williams O. Aladekugbe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oyo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Moses B. Tabwaye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Gwagwalada
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Abraham Joy, Mr. Morohunfoluwa Okeowo, Mr. Amangbo Chukwubuzo, Ms. Aderibigbe Adebisi, Miss. Mala Oluwaseun, Mr. Araoluwa Adewole, Mrs. Bielonwu Joy, Mr. Echeta Emmanuel, Mr. Nwabasili Timothy, Mr. Ogbechie Benjamin, Miss. Okere Oluchi, and Onakoya Omobolanle.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Udochukwu Family, Udoh Family, Udoji-Achebe Family, Uduehi Family, Uduji Family, Udukife Family, Ufodike Family, Ufomba Family, Ugah Family, Ugbah Family.

**10.30am 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving of  
Mrs. Florence Odude**

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

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