

## 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Advent 4

**Theme:** *Submission: Key to Divine Favour*

**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 – 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

**A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*  
**The Epistle:** *Layreader Okey Ogbu*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*  
**Intercessor:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 96
- ❖ Praise & Worship **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs. 2)**
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – *The Ven. F. Olowosile*
- ❖ Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 95
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ **CATHEDRAL REFURBISHMENT: UPDATE AND REPORT SHEET- Fund Raising and Building Committee**
- ❖ 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: CH 94, 186, 447, 453, 455
- ❖ The Ablution: CH 539
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **LAUNCHING OF 2020 WOMEN CALENDAR**
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
  - i. Mrs. Abiodun Alliu is thanking God for her birthday today and God’s numerous blessings.
  - ii. Wing Cdr. (Sir) Stephenson and Lady E. C. David-Osuagwu, are thanking for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and God’s numerous blessings
  - iii. The family of Barr. James Ohoniwu is thanking God for the successful surgery of their daughter and God’s mercies upon them throughout the year.
  - iv. Mrs. Nnenna Nwobi is thanking God for the successful graduation of her son Chukwuemeka Nwobi Junior from the University (FUTO) in Petroleum Engineering with 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper Honours, his 20<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday and God’s numerous blessings.
  - v. The Management and Staff of Master Energy Group of Companies are thanking God for His divine protection, favour and God’s numerous blessings.
- ❖ For Doxology .... (pg 11)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 631

**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.

**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.

**SPECIAL LAUNCHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
(M.U & W.G) 2020 CALENDAR**

S/N	NAMES
1.	BRO. & SIS. SEYI OSUNKEYE
2.	BRO. & SIS. BIODUN OSHADARE
3.	BRO. & SIS. CHARLES OJO
4.	BRO. & SIS. DOYIN ASHIRU
5.	BRO. & SIS. KOLA OLAWUMI
6.	BRO. & SIS. IKOKU
7.	BRO. & SIS. MIKE ECHEDOM
8.	BRO. & SIS. MIKE OKOLO
9.	BRO. & SIS. WALE OLAWOYIN SAN
10.	BRO. & SIS. NNAMDI OKAFOR
11.	SIS. KIKE ADEGBITE & FAMILY
12.	BRO. & SIS. BIODUN AKINJAYEJU
13.	BRO. & SIS. KUNLE SODIPO
14.	BRO & SIS. GABRIEL OKOLI
15.	BRO. & SIS. CHUDI ILLOH
16.	MR. & MRS JOE AGBARA
17.	PA & MRS. IKWUEMESI
18.	MR. & MRS OCHOKWU
19.	MR. & MRS. AGBO
20.	MR. & MRS. BARTELS
21.	MR. & MRS BEN TUGBOBO
22.	MR. & MRS. SEGUN AKINTEMI
23.	MR. & MRS. WALE FASUYI

**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.**

**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 MATTINS**

**Cantor:** *The Rev. Dr. B. Okere*  
**O.T. Reading:** *Layreader Femi Ajibade*  
**N.T. Reading:** *Layreader Nkiru Arah*  
**Preacher:** *The Rev. Canon B. Odude*  
**Intercessor:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 98
- ❖ Praises **10mins. (Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2)**
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 45:10-end
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
- ❖ Hymn: CH 97
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Jubilate Deo (Pg. 46)
- ❖ Apostles Creed - Collects
- ❖ Hymn: CH 539
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Praises, Intercession - Grace
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruit* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ **LAUNCHING OF 2020 WOMEN CALENDAR**
- ❖ **CATHEDRAL REFURBISHMENT: UPDATE AND REPORT SHEET- Fund Raising and Building Committee**
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**
  - A. 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving for Rt. Hon. James Biodun Faleke MHR, by the Ikeja Federal Constituency APC family.
  - B. Evang. Akaeme is thanking God for restoring her back to life after a narrow escape from death and God's numerous blessings.
  - C. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary thanksgiving of Ore-Ofe Foundation Christmas Evangelical Outreach and God's numerous blessings.
  - D. 50<sup>th</sup> Years remembrance of Late Mrs. Eunice Olabode (Mother of Chief Mrs. F. Ogunbiyi of CMS & LCL) and God's numerous blessings on the family she left behind.
- ❖ For Doxology ..... (Pg 11)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ **Presentation of 2019 Harvest Awards and Prizes.**
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: VSH 21 'Grace 'tis a charming' (Pg.13)
- C. 4.00PM – ANNUAL DIOCESAN CAROL OF NINE LESSONS**
- D. EVENTS AHEAD**
  - 1. Christmas Service / Birthday Gift to JESUS **Wednesday, 25/12/2019 at 7.00am & 10.00am**
  - 2. Cathedral Thanksgiving and Praise **Sunday, 29/12/2019 at 7.00am & 10.00am**
  - 3. Anointing for the New Year 2020 – **31/12/2019 at 8.45pm – 10.00pm**
  - 4. New Year Eve's Service **Tuesday, 31/12/2019 at 10.00pm.**
  - 5. **NEW YEAR DAY** Services at 7.00am & 10.00am
  - 6. **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. – Tuesday, 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN., 2020 AT 6.00AM DAILY.**

7. NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING TAGGED: **'I HAVE RETURNED'** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2020
8. ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRAYER CONVOCATION – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 9.00am

**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 22, 2019 Charity Band
2. Sunday December 29, 2019 Cathedral Youth
3. Sunday January 5, 2020 Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry
4. Sunday January 12, 2020 Agape Sisters
5. Sunday January 19, 2020 Christian Brothers
6. Sunday January 26, 2020 Band of Light
7. Sunday February 2, 2020 Good Shepherd Society
8. Sunday February 9, 2020 Anglican Fellowship

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

**Thought for the week: Submission: Key to Divine Favour**

**Celebrant: The Ven. James Adekanye**

**Preacher: The Ven. James Adekanye**

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 96
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 45:10-end
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
- ❖ Praises
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Creed to Collect
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Sermon
- ❖ Intercession
- ❖ Offerings: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices - Secretariat
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 75

**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**

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|------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------|
| 1. December 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Sunday    | - | 1 John 3-5        |
| 2. December 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Monday    | - | 2 Jn -3 Jn & Jude |
| 3. December 24 <sup>th</sup> | Tuesday   | - | Rev. 1-3          |
| 4. December 25 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday | - | Rev. 4-5          |
| 5. December 26 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday  | - | Rev. 6-9          |
| 6. December 27 <sup>th</sup> | Friday    | - | Rev. 10-13        |
| 7. December 28 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday  | - | Rev. 14-16        |

**E. ROSTER FOR VIGIL**

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|------|-----|-------------------------|
| JAN. | (1) | Band of Faith           |
|      | (2) | Christian Friends       |
| FEB. | (1) | Christian Family        |
|      | (2) | Apostles of Peace       |
|      | (3) | Ladies Christian Circle |

**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 father and grandfather, His Majesty Chief James Okoye Ukatu (Father of Mallinson Afam Ukatu). Aged 100years. Burial arrangement is as follows:  
**Funeral Service:** On Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Alor, Anambra State.
- vi. 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

## 2. ADVENT 4

### Introductory Sentence

A Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us.

*Matthew 1:23*

### Collect for Advent 4

Heavenly Father, You Chose the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of our Lord and Saviour: fill us with Your grace that in all things, we may like her, accept Your Holy Will and with her rejoice in Your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Isaiah 40:5.*

## 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, 22<sup>ND</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 trusting God in every situation shall be their delight as they shepherd the sheep.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Olubunmi A. Akinlade, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ife.

**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 there shall be an end to endless cycle of horror on our highways in Nigeria
- iii. That the favour of God will not elude our nation as we are counting down to the end of 2019.

**C. Prayers for AVMCC Members**

- i. That the divine favour of the Lord shall be revealed upon His Church
- ii. That members of AVMCC shall experience the divine favour of God before the ending of this year.
- iii. That members will not take the favour of God for granted.

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

- i. For Mr. Akintaju Abiodun, Mr. Agu Raymond, Col (Rtd) Ajala Claudius, Mrs. Atasie Nkiruka, Mrs. Duruaku Stella, Mr. Fowokan Ademola, Mrs. Ikeh Ebere, Mr. Mbelle Chijioke, Dr. Odukomaiya Henry, Miss Grace Owolabi, Mr. Philip Tung, Mrs. Oluwole Toyin, Mrs. Rosiji Mopeola, Alliu Itohan, 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**

Ulasi Family, Ulogwara Family, Umealo-Wells Family, Umebuani Family, Umeh Family, Umejiburu Family, Umejuburu Family, Umekaibe Family, Umeli Family, Umeokwuchi Family.

- 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.

**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**

**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.

**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, 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**THEME:** *Submission: Key to Divine Favour*

**READINGS:** *Text: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 1:26-38a*

One of the most embarrassing things for any woman is to have a bastard as a son. And one of the most painful things for any man is to find his intending wife impregnated by someone else. These were also detestable in Bible time as it is today.

Reading the account of how Mary was found pregnant at a time she was pledged to be married to Joseph in Luke 1:26-38, one cannot but ask how Mary was able to survive the shame. One cannot also forget that feeling of being betrayed from Joseph to Mary. Since there was no antecedent of anyone being pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit, Joseph had every right to feel cheated. But then, something amazing is found in this story and that is the fact that both of them submitted themselves as willing vessels to be used by God even when they did not understand what was actually going on.

From the collect above, we are made to know that God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus Christ our Lord. Mary found herself in this position, accepted the perfect will of God which indeed brought the salvation to mankind. Looking at the life of Mary, one great lesson we all learn is the power of submission. When one submits to God, he or she puts himself or herself under the atmosphere of favour.

**What does it mean to submit to God?**

The biblical concept of submission is to place oneself under the authority of another. When we submit to God, we give our lives to His authority and control. In what ways can we submit ourselves to God?

1. By giving our lives to Christ. We begin submission to God by believing in Jesus as God's Son who rose from the dead to give us eternal life. Romans 10:9 states, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



2. Obedience to His word. Just as a child seeks to obey his or her parent to show love and respect, we are called to submit to God through loving obedience to His commands. John 15:14

3. Eagerness to learn more about God. Psalm 1 offers the example of a godly person whose life is submitted to God: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2). Those who love God submit to Him through a life that seeks to better know Him each day. This is done by reading and meditating in God's word.

4. Our disposition to others. For example, Ephesians 5:21 speaks of, "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Whether a husband and wife or how we treat other people, our goal is to show Christ's love. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus even taught that how we treat the least of these is how we treat Him: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

5. Sharing the Gospel message. For example, when the woman at the well was changed by Jesus, she immediately left her water jar, ran to the village, and told others, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4:29). Her submission to Jesus included sharing Him with others.

All areas of our lives are to be submitted to God and placed under His authority if really we want God's favour. When we come to Jesus for salvation, obey Him, learn about Him, treat others with love, and share Christ with others, we are showing our submission to the Lord through our actions in ways that honour God and change the lives of others.

Honestly, when we submit to God, we position ourselves for God's favour and this favour can bring a lot of blessings upon us. Divine favour has the capacity to:

1. Produce supernatural promotion and increase (Gen 39:21)
2. Bring restoration of everything the enemy has stolen (Exo. 3:21).
3. Bring honour in the midst of adversaries (Exo. 11:3).
4. Produce increased assets (Deut. 33:23).

## **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.

**F. HALL RENTAL**

- i. The Halls in the Vining House and Archbishop Adetiloye House are available for Conference, Seminars, Receptions and Lectures. Please, make your bookings through the Cathedral Office.
- ii. A decent hall for Conferences, Lectures, Seminars and reception with large parking space is available at Archdeacon Ogunbiyi Memorial Anglican Church, Ikeja.

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**SPIRITUAL BUDGET FOR 2020**

Put in perspective budgeting is not contrary to the scripture. There is nowhere in the Bible wherein Jesus says **DO NOT PLAN**. Rather He says we must not worry or be anxious about tomorrow because He is the same yesterday, today and for ever. He is the Alpha and Omega. Because He lives we can face tomorrow.

Budget could be interpreted as our aspirations, yearnings, desires, resolutions, petitions, goals, visions, needs, for the New Year.

We must go about it through the promptings and the leading of the Holy Spirit our senior partner trusting God and leaving all to Him in faith to work things out. This is not only about money but it must cover all spheres of our human endeavours. **WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS? WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO TO ACHIEVE THEM?** That is **BUDGET**.

Now is the time to set about it not leaving everything to chance. **ASK, SEEK, KNOCK** and our Godly expectations shall not be cut off in Jesus Name.

Psalms 9:18, Psalm 62:5, Proverbs 23:18, Proverbs 24:14

5. Give great and unusual victories even against impossible odds (Josh 6:20; 10:9, 20).

6. Give recognition and promotion even when you seem to the least likely one to receive it (1 Sam. 16:22).

7. Produce prominence and preferential treatment, favour and kindness (Esther 5:8).

8. Get petitions granted, even by ungodly civil authority (Esther 5:8).

9. Change rules, regulations, even laws if necessary to your advantage (Esther 8:5).

10. Win battles you did not even have to fight because God will fight them for you (Psalm 44:3).

Beloved, God’s favour is not automatic. There is a price to be paid, and that is **Submission** to God’s will. It comes through the new birth and total obedience to the word of God. Look at Mary, she had complete faith in God. She agreed with God and knew that God would take care of her, and God did! Today, she’s celebrated even after her death. Joseph was told not be afraid to take Mary for his wife, and he married her. What a lesson for us, many times, we think very far ahead of ourselves. We think that something is going to be too hard for us, so we avoid it. Let us pray to have complete abandon in God. He will provide for us, He will never leave us. He is by our side through the bad times, and His favour is ever there for us.

Until next week, remain blessed!

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**FAITH INSPIRING TESTIMONIES OF THE WEEK**

- 1. For protection and mercy all the way.
- 2. For blessing my son with a good job
- 3. For giving my daughter a husband
- 4. For unprecedented opportunity granted me to progress in life
- 5. For bringing back all my lost customers
- 6. For saving my wife after childbirth
- 7. For averting death of a child that would have been knocked down by a ladder
- 8. For granting me admission in Nigeria and abroad.

**ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

## 10. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 15 – December 21

7.00 am Holy Communion	1062
7.00 am Youth Service	175
7.00 am Sunday School	314
10.00 am Mattins	830
10.00 am Youth Service	187
10.00 am Sunday School	421
6.00 pm Service	21
Tuesday Bible Study	187
Wednesday Holy Communion	156
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	215

## 11. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

✚ *Band of Faith Society*

✚ *Ladies Christian League Society*

✚ *Christian Friends Society*

✚ *Lord's Labourers Fellowship*

## 12. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this 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.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</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 Adedeji, Mrs. Bola Awobiyi, Ms. Adenike Adefila, Dr. Femi Olaleye.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. 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.

#### ii. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2019 - Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

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

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## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas 1

December 29

### CATHEDRAL ANNUAL THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE SUNDAY

**Theme:** God's Priceless Gift to Mankind

**Colour:** White

**7.00 am:** HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The Dean

*Epistle:* Galatians 4:1-7

*Layreader Rhoda Komolafe*

*Gospel:* John 1:14-18

*The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

*Address:* The Dean

**10.00am** HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The Dean

*Epistle:* Galatians 4:1-7

*Layreader O. Osunkeye*

*Gospel:* John 1:14-18

*The Rev. Canon B. Odude*

*Address:* The Dean

**6.00 pm:** YOUTH EVENING

*Cantor* The Youth

*Psalm:* 2

*Lesson:* John 1:14-18

*Preacher* The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

## 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. Chijioke Igbelina & Miss. Linda Nnodi*

3. *Mr. Andrew Nyoyoko & Miss. Racheal Okebata*

## 13. NOTICES

### A. Visitors and New Comers

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

### B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Sundays 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity.

15.

**Friday, December 27, 2019 Colour: White**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**St. John's Day**

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

**Epistle: 1 John 1:1-9 – Lay. Adeola Sanya**

**Gospel: John 21:19-24**

**Hymns: VSH 22, CH 117, CH 153**

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

**Collect:** *Merciful Father, whose son is the light of the world, so guide your Church by the teaching of Your apostle and evangelist Saint John, that we may walk by the light that has come among us and finally know Him as light of everlasting life, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Rufus V. Ajileye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ekiti West.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Augustine Ehijimeto, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Capt. Abejide Kolawole, Mr. Adekoya Moses, Mrs. Akinronbi Oluwaseyi, Mr. Anyakora Chukwudi, Mr. Emeforo Gideon, Mrs. Jegede Oluremi, Mr. Nwaorgu Obed, Mrs. Opadiran Titilayo, Mrs. Iwuchukwu Chidinma, Mrs. Chinakwe Ugochi and Mrs. Orakwue Lydia.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Abakwari Family, Abara-Ogbonna Family, Abare Family, Abasili Family, Abdul Family, Abdulazeez Family, Abei Family, Abejide Family, Abidoeye Family, Abimbola Family.

❖ **60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY OF MRS. TITLAYO OPADRAN**

**6.00pm EFAC Meeting**

**6.30pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, December 28, 2019 Colour: Red**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**The Holy Innocents' Day**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

**Epistle: 1 Pet. 4:12-16 - Lay. Okey Ogbu**

**Gospel: Matt. 2:13-19**

**Hymns: CH 18, CH 118, CH 578**

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

**Collect:** *Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: grant us neither to act cruelty nor to stand indifferently by, but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for us, but is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.*

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Morris, his family and all members of Diocese of Maiduguri.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel A. Adekola, his family and all members of Diocese of Igbomina.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr. Akujor Goddy, Mr. Elo-Chukwuma Emeka, Mr. Alabuike Daniel, Sir. Asiegbu Emeka, Mr. Asinobi Kingsley, Mr. Awe Wale, Mrs. Emeforo Lovina, Mrs. Sodipo Oyeniyi, Mrs. Gafar Iyamide, Prince Oshikoya Agboola, Miss. Taiwo Oladunni, and Mrs. Musoe Omobonike.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Abiodun-Abayomi Family, Abitoye Family, Aboderin Family, Abonkhina Family, Abonyi Family, Aboyim Family, Abraham Family, Achebe Family, Acho Family, Achodor Family.

**10.00am Wedding**

*Mr. Adebayo Sobitan & Miss. Allen Bukaye*

**1.00pm Blessing of Marriage**

*Mr. Oluwaseunfunmi Rufai & Miss. Adetutu Adeniyi*

**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
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
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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 23, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. A. Ahubelem*

**Epistle:** *Titus 1:1-16 – Lay. T. Gidado*

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:1-25*

**Hymns:** *CH 2, VSH 2, CH XVII*

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

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Andrew O. Igenozu, his family and all members of CGTS, Abeokuta.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Markus Y. Danbinta, his family and all members of the Diocese of Dutse.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr. Abiodun Lawal, Mr. Odey Emmanuel, Mrs. Adelokun Ngozi, Mrs. Adenekan Oluwabukola, Miss. Agbasi Chidiogo, Mr. Ajewole Dada, Mr. Agbo Emmanuel, Mrs. Alliu Alaba, Mr. Alliu Abiodun, Miss. Eze Onyinyechi, Miss. Nwankwo Chika, Mr. Okolo Adrian, Mr. Okolo Jason, Mrs. Gogo-Kurubo Ebere, Mrs. Ojukwu, Ifeoma, Mr. Okafor Emmanuel, Mr. Okafor Isichei, Dr. Okunromade Funmi, Mrs. Okwuosa, Martha, Miss. Olusodo Christiana and Mr. Seweje Agboola.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Umeuzuegbu Family, Umez-Oparah Family, Umobi Family, Umukoro Family, Umunna Family, Umuokafor Family, Unegbu Family, Unogu Family, Usman Family, Uthman Family.

**5.30 pm Family/Marriage Counseling Meeting**

**6.30 pm Choir Practice**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Colour: Purple**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

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

**Epistle:** *Galatians 3:23-4:7 - Lay. O. Onabolu*

**Gospel:** *Matt. 1:18-25*

**Hymns:** *CH 3, VSH 5, CH 17*

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

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Israel Okoye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ihiala.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. B. C. Akinpelu Johnson, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs. Nwoye Joy, Miss. Adeleke Amina, Miss. Onyeagbagha Ogochukwu, Mr. Boboye Oluwarotimi, Mrs. Ani Onyekachi, Mrs. Ohiomoba Favour, Mrs. Boboye Olabode, Mrs. Okpara Ukamaka, Mrs. Akokwu Joy, Mr. Inuyang Friday, Mrs. Okolie Confidence, Mr. Okorie Bamidele, Mrs. Okoye Ekene, Mrs. Okpara Amaka, Lady Madueke Louisa, Mr. Adeola Ekundayo, and Mr. Ozongwu Eric.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Utomakili Family, Uwa Family, Uwadueke Family, Uwasomba Family, Uwodo Family, Uzebu Family, Uzo Family, Uzochukwu Family, Uzoechi Family, Uzoh Family.

**11.00 am - 3.00 pm - Senior Citizens Clinic & Fellowship**

**5.00pm - 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer**

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## ❖ WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 10.00AM SERVICE GRACE TIS A CHARMING

1. Grace! 'tis a charming sound,  
Harmonious to the ear;  
Heav'n with the echo shall resound,  
And all the earth shall hear.  
*Chorus*  
*Saved by grace alone!*  
*This is all my plea:*  
*Jesus died for all mankind,*  
*And Jesus died for me.*
2. Grace taught my wand'ring feet  
To tread the heav'nly road;  
And new supplies each hour I meet,  
While pressing on to God.
3. Grace taught my soul to pray  
And made mine eyes o'erflow;  
'Twas grace which kept me to this day,  
And will not let me go.
4. Oh, let Thy grace inspire  
My soul with strength Divine!  
My all my powers to Thee aspire,  
And all my days be Thine.

**Thursday, December 26, 2019 Colour: Red**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**St. Stephen: The Deacon & 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. J. Adekanye*

**Epistle:** *Acts 7:54-60 - Lay. Gloria Okeke*

**Gospel:** *Matt. 23:34-39*

**Hymns:** *CH 114, VSH49, CH 647 (Version 1)*

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

**Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You gave Your martyr Saint Stephen grace to pray for those who stoned him; grant that when men suffer for the truth we may follow his example of forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayer Points**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Yohannah A. Audu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Damaturu.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Godwin A. Robinson, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lafia
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Engr. Agbakwu Nnamdi, Mr. Agbara Emmanuel, Otunba Ashiru Bimbola, Lady Asiegbu Christiana, Mr. Ezeonyebuchi Ifeanyi, Mrs. Nmezi Emilia, Mr. Nwoye Emmanuel, Mr. Famodimu Akinola, Mrs. Abraham-Odumuyiwa Titilayo, Mrs. Titilayo Olowoniyi, Chief (Mrs.) Odukomaiya Grace, Mrs. Okafor Roseline, and Miss. Okelana Odunayo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Wilkey Family, Williams Family, Wogu Family, Worgu Family, Yesufu Family, Young Family, Yusuf Family, Zamba Family, Zang Family, Ziregbe Family.

**11.00am 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING OF  
MRS. COMFORT BADMUS**

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