

## 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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- C. **For Cathedral Societies**  
*The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies*
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*The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707*
- E. **For The Evangelical Ministry**  
*The Dean; The Rev. Olukayode Fasogbon; Mr. Cyril Mgbamoka - 07053334081*
- F. **For Cathedral Missionary Society**  
*The Dean; The Rev. Canon Dr. Benjamin Okere; Mr Tunji Odeneye. - 08033163337*
- G. **For the Children Ministry**  
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- H. **For The Youth Ministry**  
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- I. **For The Boys' & Girls Brigade; Boys' & Girls' Guild**  
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- K. **For The Counselling Ministry**  
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- O. **For Singles' and Couples' Fellowship**  
*The Dean; Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin; Mr. Steve Aladesawe- 08033261047*
- P. **For Intercessory Ministry**  
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- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**  
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#### Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

#### Our 2020 Mission:

**"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"**

**Romans 1:17**

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, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2020

#### ADVENT IV

**THEME: THE FAVOUR OF GOD**

**Colour: Purple**

**Mr. Adetunji Adekoya**  
*Cathedral Warden*

**Mr. Charles Ojo**  
*Cathedral Warden*

**The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole**  
*The Dean*

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

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

**1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC., 2020**

**A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** The Dean  
**The Epistle:** Layreader F. Okey-Ogba  
**The Gospel:** The Ven. A. Ahubelem  
**Preacher:** The Diocesan  
**Intercessor:** The Diocesan

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 161
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ The Epistle Romans 1:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 94
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Hymn before Sermon: CH 369
- ❖ **SERMON**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace (*Let there be peace*)
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses
- {First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}*
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: VSH 14, 78, 149
- ❖ The Ablution: VSH 22
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Launching of Christian Mothers 2021 Calendar (pg 22)**
- ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
  - i. Omooba Arc. Muyiwa Adeyemi family thanking God for quick recovery from illness, family thanksgiving, daughter's birthday & God's numerous blessing.
  - ii. Christian Family society thanking God for a glorious year despite the challenges, journey mercies and God's numerous blessings.
  - iii. 60<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving of Mr Solomon Omowhara & God's numerous blessings.
  - iv. Excel Creative Network Limited thanking God for numerous blessings on them throughout the year 2020.
  - v. Annual Thanksgiving by the entire Masters Energy Group and God's numerous blessings.
  - vi. Thanksgiving after the successful burial of Mr James Onyebuchi Okoloye (Father of Bro & Sister Idikaonye Chukwuka) & journey mercies.
- ❖ For Doxology ..... (pg 11)
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 98

**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. REMAIN BLESSED AND RAPTURABLE.**

**K Training & Internship:** A highly established event décor and Management company is looking to recruit people in 2 categories: (a) Apprenticeship in Floristry & Event Decorator: O.N.D from any higher institution. The internship is for event management position: H.N.D from any higher institution. Field work also applies. Please email your CV to [lagosops.hr@gmail.com](mailto:lagosops.hr@gmail.com)

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

The AVMCC House Fellowship Project has finally taken off! Parishioners are encouraged to attend House Fellowship in their nearest Centers. Those whose locations have changed should please contact Mrs. Charity Nnebedum for corrections. The following are the existing House Fellowship Centres:

AREA	COORDINATOR	MEETING DAYS & TIME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Opebi	Bro. I.O. Odeniran	Every Thursday @ 6pm	08023096565	11a Samuel Awoniyi St. Opebi
Ikotun/ Isheri	Sis. Omole / Sis. Blessing Aigbe	Every Sunday @ 6pm	08171885310 08067733144	H.C13, E Close, Home Foundation Estate Isheri/ Lasu, Express way, Isheri, Idimu
Magodo	Sis. Funmi Akinbobola	Every Sunday @ 6pm	08033083851	7 Akinola Erinoluwa St. Magodo Phase 2.
Oyemekun/ Adeyeri/ College Rd, Ogba	Bro. Ndubisi Odebeatu	Every Sunday @ 6pm	08037297743	19, Ilerioluwa Crescent off Adeyeri St, College Rd. Ogba
Ajao Estate	Sis. Ebele Okere	Every Sunday @ 6pm	08026609443	29 Fatai Irawo Street, Off Murtala Mohammed Int Airport Rd, Ajao Estate

*For enquiries, please call or Whatsapp: 070632214646 or 08033025458*

**M. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS**

BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	SORT CODE	PURPOSE
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
ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

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

## OUR VICTORY SHOUT

**CALLER: GREATER WORKS**  
**RESPONDER: WE SHALL DO**  
**CALLER: WHAT SHALL WE DO**  
**RESPONDER: GREATER WORKS**  
**JOHN 14:12**

### SPECIAL LAUNCHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS (M.U & W.G) 2021 CALENDAR

1. Bro. & Sis. Seyi Osunkeye
2. Bro. & Sis. Biodun Osadare
3. Bro. & Sis. Charles Ojo
4. Bro & Sis Segun Akintemi
5. Bro. & Sis. Doyin Ashiru
6. Bro. & Sis. Kola Olawumi
7. Bro. & Sis. Ikoku
8. Bro. & Sis. Mike Echedom
9. Bro. & Sis. Mike Okolo
10. Bro & Sis Wale Olawoyin SAN
11. Bro & Sis. Nnamdi Okafor
12. Sis. Kike Adegbite & Family
13. Bro & Sis. Biodun Akinjayeju
14. Bro. & Sis. Kunle Sodipo
15. Bro & Sis. Gabriel Okoli
16. Bro & Sis. Chudi Illoh
17. Bro & Sis Joe Agbara
18. Bro & Sis Wale Adegbite
19. Bro. & Sis. Samuel Ochokwu
20. Bro. & Sis Moses Agbo
21. Bro. & Sis. Olusegun Bartels
22. Bro. & Sis. Ben Tugbobo
23. Bro & Sis Yele Adewole

## B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

- Celebrant: The Dean**  
**The Epistle: Lay. Tosin Faloyin**  
**The Gospel: The Rev. Canon Dr. B. Okere**  
**Preacher: The Dean**  
**Intercessor: The Dean**
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 510
  - ❖ Praise & Worship
  - ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **The Rev. B. Osineye**
  - ❖ The Epistle Romans 1:1-7
  - ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 95
  - ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
  - ❖ **SERMON**
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  - ❖ The Ablution: VSH 157
  - ❖ Post Communion Prayer
  - ❖ **Launching of Christian Mothers 2021 Calendar**  
(pg 22)
  - ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
    - i. Mr Babatunde Ogala (SAN) & family thanking God for the conferment of the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria by the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee (SAN) & God's numerous blessings.
    - ii. Thanksgiving after the successful wedding of Mr & Mrs Chris Ariama & God's numerous blessings.
    - iii. Annual thanksgiving by the Nigeria Society for the Blind & God's numerous blessings.
    - iv. The Family of Iziren Joseph Osime thanking God for successful burial of their father and journey mercies.
  - ❖ For Doxology .... (pg 11)
  - ❖ Benediction
  - ❖ Notices
  - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
  - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 369
- C. 5.00 pm: **DLW CAROL OF NINE LESSONS**  
**(FULLY SPONSORED BY MASTERS ENERGY GROUP)**
- D. **EVENTS AHEAD**
1. Christmas Day Service / Special Birthday Gift to Jesus Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 @ 7.00am & 10.00am Services.
  2. Watchnight Service – Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2020 at 8.00pm.
  3. New Year Service – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 @ 7.00am & 10.00am services.
  4. First Seven Days of the year with JESUS - Charting a Glorious Course for our lives – 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 6.00am daily.

5. **Rededication of Royal Vessels & Gems Ladies & Girls – 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**
6. **Rededication of Christian Mothers – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**
7. **Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – March.**

**E. 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.

**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**

**F. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2020 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday December 20, 2020 - Carol
2. Sunday December 27, 2020 - Charity band
3. Sunday Jan. 3, 2021 - Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry Members
4. Sunday January 10, 2021 - Anglican Fellowship
5. Sunday January 17, 2021 - Rededication Royal Gem.
6. Sunday January 24, 2021 –Rededication Christian Mothers

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

**Celebrant: *The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon***

**Preacher: *The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon***

**Theme: *Saved to Serve Others***

1. Processional Hymn: O come all ye faithful
2. Bidding
3. Introductory Carol (Sing Lullaby)
4. 1st Lesson: Gen 3:8-15 (The fall of man)
5. Congregational Carol: O come Emmanuel
6. 2nd Lesson: Gen 12:15-18 (God's promise to Abraham)
7. Carol 1 (The Night That Christ Was Born)
8. 3rd Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Christ's birth & kingdom foretold)
9. Congregational Carol: Joy fills our inmost heart
10. Carol 2 (Messiah Baba Mi)
11. 4th Lesson: Micah 5:2-4 (The glory of little Bethlehem foretold)
12. Carol 3 (Reggae Carol)
13. Congregational Carol: Joy to the world
14. 5th Lesson: Lk 1:26-38 (Angel Gabriel salutes the blessed virgin Mary)
15. Carol 4 (Oh Thou That Tellest)
16. 6th Lesson: Matt 1:18-23 (The birth of Jesus)
17. Carol 5 (Noel)
18. Congregational Carol: Angels from the realms of glory

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**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 | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday    | - | Psalm 40-42 |
| 2. December | 21 <sup>st</sup> Monday    | - | Psalm 43-45 |
| 3. December | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday   | - | Psalm 46-48 |
| 4. December | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | - | Psalm 49-51 |
| 5. December | 24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday  | - | Psalm 52-54 |
| 6. December | 25 <sup>th</sup> Friday    | - | Psalm 55-57 |
| 7. December | 26 <sup>th</sup> Saturday  | - | Psalm 58-60 |

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**E. Busy Bees Father Christmas Grotto**

Father Christmas will arrive at the **GROTTO** today Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 with beautiful gifts to our children. **Fee: N1,000**

**F. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE**

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2020.
  - (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 or before December 20, 2020.
  - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2020.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church office.
3. All payments by cheques should henceforth, have the payers name and phone for ease of reference, if the need arises.

**G. ICT LOUNGE:**

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday, for your: Typing, Printing, Photocopy, Scanning, Bulk SMS, Laminating, Tinted Permit, Internet Work, Binding, Scratch Cards (Jamb, WAEC, NECO etc) and Computer Training. **Contact: Call/Whatsapp No: 07063214646.**

**H. AVMCC GUEST HOUSE - PLEASE READ!**

Dry cleaning and Laundry Services are now available at the AVMCC Guest House at reasonable prices. Please patronize. Thank you. **Tel. No. 08033716752**

**I. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS**

**This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2020 to the Cathedral Office on or before Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.**

**J. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS**

**This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2020 Vestry Report latest by Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.**

## 18. 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.

## 19. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

- A. **NB: PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THE STATUTORY TIME FOR FUNERALS 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 Brother Pharmacist George U.C. Okere (Brother of Rev. Canon Dr. Benjamin Okere). Aged: 63 years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Wake-Keep Service:** On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at Okere's compound, Egbelu Emeke Obibiezena, Owerri by 4.00pm.  
**Funeral Service:** On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Obibiezena, Owerri North LGA, Imo State by 11.00am.
- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Princess Folasade Dosumu of Christian Morning Star, Charity Band and Matron of Ladies Christian League. Aged: 85 years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Wake-Keep Service:** On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at Vining Hall by 5.00pm.  
**Funeral Service:** On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at AVMCC by 9.00am. Outing Service on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at St. John's Anglican Church, Isara, Remo, Ogun State.

### C. VACANCIES:

- i. A competent and diligent **driver** is needed in the Cathedral. Qualification is a minimum of WASC and valid driving license. Apply to "**The Chapter Clerk, AVMCC, Ikeja**, not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.
- ii. A resident Farm Manager is urgently needed at Mowe/Ofada Area. Any interested person to call: 0803-3061043.
- iii. A Receptionist is urgently needed in an office at GRA, Ikeja. **Qualification:** OND. Any interested person to call: 07063214646.
- iv. A Secretary is urgently needed in a Real Estate Company at Ikeja. **Qualification:** SSCE. Any interested person to call: 0816-8950246.

19. 7th Lesson: Lk 2:8-16 (The shepherds go to the Manger)
20. Carol 6 (A Great & Mighty Wonder)
21. 8th Lesson: Matt 2:1-11 (The wise men are led by the star to Jesus)
22. Carol 7 (Be Born)
23. Choir procession/ Congregational Carol (Once in royal David's city, While shepherds watched, O little town of Bethlehem)
24. 9th Lesson: John 1:1-14 (The Word made flesh) The Priest in Charge
25. Short address & Prayers
26. Offerings
27. Thanksgiving: Family of Mr & Mrs Ernest Elue for God's numerous blessings.
28. Carol 8(Rejoice)
29. Doxology
30. We wish you a Merry Christmas!
31. Recessional Hymn: (Hark the herald)

## 2. SENTENCES FOR ADVENT IV

### Introductory Sentence

A Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us. **Matthew 1:23.**

### Collect:

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 the 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

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. **Psalms 119:103.**

### 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, 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020

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

- i. Pray for Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop for grace to ever obey the voice of God.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Yusuf Ishaya Janfalan, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikara.

#### 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 Islamization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. That the grace that disgrace all insults and usher in newness for higher level shall fall upon every Christian all over the world.
- iii. That every Islamization agenda, law and enactment in Nigeria shall be exposed and frustrated.

#### C. Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. That God will bless, prosper every lawful endeavour, business and works of all our members.
- ii. That the lives of our Youth shall be preserved.
- iii. That the anointing to be exempted from evil shall rest upon all members.

#### D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Igun Family, Igunma Family, Igwe Family, Ihe Family, Iheagwam Family, Iheanacho Family, Ihejirika Family, Ihekire Family, Ihekwaba Family, Iheonunekwu Family.

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

- i. For Mr Charles Ojo, Mr Olusesan Gbolade, Mrs Adaobi Anemeje, Mr Kenneth Ikwemesi, Miss Uchechi Jibueze, Mr Osorachukwu Nwankwo, Mr Blessing Obiora, Urenmisan Solo-Edema, Mr Alex Uzebu and others who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

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### JUSTIFICATION FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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**15. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Development of our landed properties

Painting of the Church and our halls

- Roland Sample Pad - N350,000
  - Head Phone X6 - N35,000 each
  - Stand for Sampler - N15,000.00
  - 3 in one RMU by Schneider - N3.2m
  - Copper Earth Rod - N144,000.00
  - 70mm 3 Core Cable - N450,000.00
  - Copper Earth Wire - N90,000.00
  - Rayehem Indoor - N50,000.00
  - Rayehem Outdoor - N50,000.00
  - Walkie-Talkie (4pcs) Hands free – N160,000.00
  - Proper Lighting – N150,000.00
  - 20Kva UPS (3phase) - N3,700,000.00 for Adetiloye lift
- KINDLY TIE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE NEW CATHEDRAL BUILDING**

**16. NEW LOCKDOWN RULES**

1. Wash your heart with Christ’s blood (Psalm 73:1).
2. Keep a social distance from evil (Job 28:28)
3. Avoid the crowd of wickedness and wicked men (Psalm 1:1)
4. Cover your mind from being infected from the sneeze of sin and hatred (Lev. 19:17).
5. Do not shake hands with abomination (Deut. 25:16)
6. Do not hug, heresy and false teachings (2 Pet. 2:1)
7. Be safe so that you will be saved (Jer. 17:14).
8. Sanitize your life with the Word of God (Psalm 1:2)
9. In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in PRAYER (Jer. 33:3).
10. Always remember to boost your spiritual immunity With Faith and the Power of the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20)

**17. DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST**

**AVMCC DELIVERANCE & HEALING UNIT (DHU) PROGRAMMES**

- i. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month – Church Deliverance and Healing Service - (6.00pm - 8.00pm)
- ii. Every Thursday is Prayers, Deliverance and Counselling day for members – 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- iii. Every Tuesday & Wednesday evening, Counselling and Prayers.
- iv. Every Sunday after 10.00am – Prayers, Deliverance and Counseling.
- v. 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month with 5 – Fridays DHU Vigil.

For Prayers, Deliverance and Counselling please call/text:

0806-2766051, 0802-3149601, 0803-3003906.

F. Prayers for the following people: The Rt. Rev. Dr. P. A. Adebisi, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs. David-West, Justice S.O. Ilori, Mrs M.I. Ilori, Mrs Lydia Metu, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Esther Babalola, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, 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, 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020**

**THEME: THE FAVOUR OF GOD**

**READING: PSALM 45:10-END, 1SAIAH 7:10-17;**

**ROMANS 1:1-7; LUKE 1:26-38a.**

It is in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that we heartily welcome you to the presence of God this fourth Sunday in Advent and the Sunday before Christmas. We thank God that the global storms of the year failed to drown our joy of celebration. Praise the Lord!

Pondering how good it is that God above has never gone on strike because He was not treated fair in things He didn’t like; an unknown author scripted the following possible reactions of God that could have wiped humanity off the face of the earth. He wondered If only once God’s given up and said, “That’s it, I’m through,” “I’ve had enough of these on earth, so this is what I’ll do. “I’ll give My orders to the sun, cut off the heat’s supply, and to the moon give no more light, and run the oceans dry. Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on, turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone.” You know He would be justified, if fairness were the game for no one has been more abused or met with more disdain than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of His grace, and everything for free.

Favour is gracious kindness or an act of such kindness shown to a person or group of persons. The element of grace in this definition implies that favour is really an unmerited act of kindness shown to or received by a person and this tallies with the popular definition of grace as unmerited favour.

The intricate relationship between grace and favour makes it such that both terms are difficult to differentiate and are as such often used interchangeably. When considered in relation to God, which is the thematic focus of our thought for this week – **The Favour of God**, one begins to appreciate the thinking that led the author to enumerating God’s possible reactions to man’s unfair treatment of Him.

As we can see Matt. 5: 45, favour is bestowed upon man, in that He causes the rain to fall and the sun to shine upon both the good and the evil. If God were to deal in reciprocal “fairness”, a large majority if not all of us would have been cut off from the face of the earth. Why? you may ask. Well, we are all undeserving! In one way or the other, we have fallen short of His glory. So, the fact that we are alive especially with all that has happened since the beginning of the year is a great show of God’s favour.

When we take a look at Luke 1:26 – 38a, we see a vivid recipient of God’s favour. Mary, by all worldly merits and standards did not necessarily deserve to be chosen as the mother of Jesus. She wasn’t the only virgin in the city of Nazareth but she was chosen by God. ***Being favoured is simply grace granted to the undeserving.*** When God decides to favour a person, the person’s qualifications, background and connections do **not** matter.

We must necessarily realize that we are all beneficiaries of God’s favour. The fact that we are alive, healthy, able to function independently, have food and water on our table, a place to lay our head and clothes on our bodies goes to show the extent of God’s favour on us. We tend to rationalize our perceptions of God’s favour into the granting of our wants and desires at each particular time. “Oh, I need a better job and I went for that interview but didn’t get it. So, God has not favoured me.” “I am in financial difficulty and nothing is happening even with all my prayers, so God has not favoured me.” This mindset is extremely wrong. You may not have attained the level of financial security you desire, yet your child is on an educational scholarship, you do not have to borrow to pay hospital bills. You desire a better job but the one you have is meeting your needs. That is favour! It might not be how you expect it but it is how God sees you need it.

### **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. **2021 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. Counselling 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: **0802-3125243.**



## **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.

## **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.

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

Admission is ongoing for year 2020 Advanced Diploma and Certificate Courses at **LABICO Headquarters** 17 Broad Street, Lagos. For details call –08033083851.

## **F. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools,**

- Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,
- Anglican Girls Grammar School, 19, Akinhanmi Street, Surulere,
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga
- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, St. Finbas College Road, Akoka, Yaba - Lagos.

The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of **₦10,000**. Payment should be made into **Union Bank Acct N0 0002516850**. Account Name: Lagos Anglican Schools Management Board and Collect the form at the Cathedral Office and submit to the school of your choice.

## **G. Admission to Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin**

The form for the school is out at the rate of ₦5,000.00. Payment should be made into Wema Bank Account No.0120980406. Account Name: Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin. Forms can be obtained from the Cathedral Office, please fill and submit to the school.

## **14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS**

### **A. Children's Ministry**

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

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

- Strictly Feminine - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Just 4 Guys – Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 1.00p.m
- 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**

We however need to note that since grace dispenses God's favour, a warning in Pauline treatise on grace must be taken into consideration in our appropriation of this unmerited gift called favour. Paul asked in Romans 6:1b – "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" and he retorted in v.2 – Certainly not! What Apostle Paul is saying here is that Grace and sin do not hold a direct proportionate relationship. Grace does not expand in coverage with increase in sin, hence it can be dangerous for us to assume a constant, unfailing, eternal supply of divine favour irrespective of how we live.

Our life of faith in purity and holiness may not buy us favour, it help sits sustenance because God doesn't get angry with holy living; he is rather enthused by it and looks on those who live it with favour upon favour, showing mercy, according to Exod.20:6, to thousands of those who love Him and keep His commandments. Apostle Paul brought this to sharper focus when he wrote in his pastoral Epistle to Titus – "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." Titus 2:11-14.

This is a point we cannot afford to forget or ignore as we celebrate Christmas in joyful appreciation of the salvation that Jesus brought to mankind at his birth.

May grace that brought salvation to man through divine favour on Mary continue to attend our ways in the name of Jesus.

Remain blessed and have a pleasant week.

## 6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 13 – December 19

7.00 am Holy Communion	698
7.00 am Youth Service	72
7.00 am Sunday School	289
10.00 am Mattins	360
10.00 am Youth Service	137
10.00 am Sunday School	87
6.00 pm Service	20
Tuesday Bible Study	35
Wednesday Holy Communion	79
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	45

## 7. 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*
- ✚ *Christian Unity Band Society*
- ✚ *Fountain of Hope Society*
- ✚ *Ladies Christian Circle*
- ✚ *Ladies Progressive League*
- ✚ *Lord Labourers Fellowship*
- ✚ *Good Shepherd Society*
- ✚ *The Lord Vessel Society*
- ✚ *Torchbearers Society*

➤ AVMCC Special Marshal Unit 34 meeting today after 7.00a.m. Service at the usual venue.

## 8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2020

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

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Yewande Olorunsola, Mrs Kate Igunma, Mrs Vivian Jeny-Amah.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2020

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

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Femi Olaleye, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Chi Enenila, Pharm. Dele Ajala.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020

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

#### ii. Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan., 2021

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

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## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas 1 December 27

**Theme:** Jesus: Full of Grace and Truth

**Sub-Theme:** God's Great Love

**Colour:** White

**7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* The Rev, Canon Dr. B. Okere

*Epistle:* Galatians 4:1-7

*Layreader Pauline Oghenekaro*

*Gospel:* John 1:14-18

*The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*

*Address:* The Dean

### THE YOUTH SERVICE

**Venue:** The Adetiloye House

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

**Preacher:** The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin

**10.00am MATTINS**

*Cantor:* The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon

*O.T. Reading:* Isaiah 62:10-12

*Layreader Yemisi Agbaniyaka*

*N.T. Reading:* John 1:14-18

*Layreader Olamide Ola*

*Address:* The Dean

**6.00 pm: EVENSONG**

*Cantor:* The Rev. Canon B. Okere

*Psalm:* 84

*Lesson:* Phil. 2:1-11

*Preacher:* The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon

## 12. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Bannes 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. Anderson Enoghayin & Miss Ndidi Okoh*

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

1. *Mr. Samuel Akemu & Miss Oluwademilade Atilade*

2. *Dr. Samuel Adeyeye of Redeem Christian Church of God and Miss Chika Ezeanya of this Church.*

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

1. *Mr. Oluwadamilola Agbaje & Miss Ayomide Olugboyegun*

## 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.

15.

**Friday, December 25, 2020 Colour: White**  
**Christmas Day – The Nativity of our Lord**  
**The Nativity of our Lord**  
**Christmas Day (7.00AM & 10.00AM )**

**Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: The Diocesan**

**O.T. Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7**

**Psalm: 98:1-6**

**Epistle: Hebrew 1:1-12**

**Gospel: John 1:1-14**

**Hymns for 7.00am & 10.00am: CH 108, CH 113, CH 107, VSH 244, VSH 104, CH 104.**

**Preacher: The Diocesan**

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Joseph Alaba Olusola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijesha North East .
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Evang. Eze Ebonugwu, Mr Moses Adewale, Mr Simon Agazie, Mr Gorden Ajoku, Mrs Christy Amuzie, Mrs Christabel Eze, Mr Anderson Bankole, Miss Emmanuela Buolu, Mr Chuma Chinwuba, Mr Emmanuel Duru, Mr Anthony Uwa, Mr Kingsley Duruaku, Mr Olumide Idowu, Miss Belinda Itua, Miss Oyindamola Jegede, Mr Abiodun Kabala, Chief Austin Nnebe, Mr Christian Nwankwo, Mr David Nwobi, Mrs Roseline Obuh, Mr Abiodun Dada, Mrs Segilola Olawoyin, Chief (Mrs) Abiodun Yesufu, Miss Christian Okogbue, Miss Christian Zang.

**Saturday, December 26, 2020 Colour: Red**  
**St. Stephen: The Deacon & 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr**

**7.00am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. B. Okere**

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

**Gospel: Matthew 23:34-39**

**Topic: St. Stephen (The First Martyr) Acts 6:1-15**

**Hymns: VSH 140, CH 114, CH 133**

**Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Ralph C. Ebirien, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger Delta.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Ven. Taiwo Olupitan, Chief (Mrs) Grace Odukomaiya, Engr. Nnamdi Agbakwu, Mr Emmanuel Agbara, Otunba Bimbola Ashiru, Lady Christian Asiegbu, Mr Emmanuel Nwoye, Mr Akinola Famodimu, Mrs Titilayo Abraham-Odumuyiwa, Mrs Titilayo Olowoniyi, Mrs Roseline Okafor, Miss Odunayo Okelana, Mr Julius Olowoniyi, Miss Abiodun Onadeko.

**9.00am: Birthday Service**

**11.30am: Wedding**

**Mr. Archie Patrice & Miss Ayobami Adeonjobi**

**1.00pm: Wedding**

**Mr. Adekunle Falodun & Miss Oluwakemi Bissy-Aluko**

**3.00 pm Youth Fellowship**

**4.00 pm Baptism**

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**9. 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 50 million each	= 5 billion
200	people giving 25 million each	= 5 billion
250	people giving 20 million each	= 5 billion
334	people giving 15 million each	= 5 billion
500	people giving 10 million each	= 5 billion
1000	people giving 5 million each	= 5 billion
2000	people giving 2.5 million each	= 5 billion
2500	people giving 2 million each	= 5 billion
5000	people giving 1 million each	= 5 billion
10,000	people giving 500,000 each	= 5 billion
20,000	people giving 250,000 each	= 5 billion
25,000	people giving 200,000 each	= 5 billion
50,000	people giving 100,000 each	= 5 billion
100,000	people giving 50,000 each	= 5 billion
200,000	people giving 25,000 each	= 5 billion
250,000	people giving 20,000 each	= 5 billion
500,000	people giving 10,000 each	= 5 billion
1,000,000	people giving 5,000 each	= 5 billion
5,000,000	people giving 1,000 each	= 5 billion
10,000,000	people giving 500 each	= 5 billion

With each and every one of us as fund ambassadors going out to appeal for fund in the realization of this lofty venture, all we need to do is to know someone who knows someone, who knows someone and who know someone else for God is still in the habit of using human vessels to accomplish His purposes. Nehemiah got letters from the King appealing for donors in kind, cash and materials to build. **Neh. 2:7-8.**

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

**HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (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 21, 2020** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 20:1-10 - Lay. Kike Akinyemi*  
**Gospel:** *John 5:30-47*  
**Topic:** *The Son, Superior to all – Heb. 1:1-14*  
**Hymns:** *CH 18, VSH 48, VSH 70*  
**Preacher:** *The Rev. Bolarinwa Osineye*

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Godson Ukanwa, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isi Mbano.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Praises Omole-Ekun, his family and his ministry.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Felicia Ajagu, Mr Adebayo Amisu, Miss Olajumoke Adetayo, Miss Atinuke Abiodun, Mrs Ijeoma Enekwa, Mr Jotham Kareem, Mr Ugochukwu Nwannunu, Mr Osadi Onochie, Mr Uzochukwu Uzundu, Mrs Christian Asiegbu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ihevueme Family, Ihezue Family, Ihuonye Family, Ihunwo Family, Ijebulem Family, Ijogun Family, Ijeomah Family, Ike Family, Ikeanyionwu Family, Ikebeotu Family.

**5.30 pm** Family/Marriage Counseling Meeting

**6.30 pm** Choir Practice

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 20:11-21:8 - Lay. E. Osibajo*  
**Gospel:** *Luke 1:5-25*  
**Topic:** *Don't Drift Away – Hebrews 2:1-9*  
**Hymns:** *VSH 44, CH 519, VSH 46*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel C. Maduwike, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikeduru.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Uriah Ndakolo Kolo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Doko.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Raymond Agu, Col. Cladius Ajala(rtd), Mr Abiodun Akintaju, Mrs Nkiruka Atasie, Mrs Stella Duruaku, Mr Ademola Fowokan, Mrs Ebere Ikeh, Mr Chijioko Mbelle, Dr. Henry Odukomaiya, Miss Grace Owolabi, Dr. Uchechukwu Ogah, Miss Nkiruka Okwuosa, Mr Tung Philip, Mrs Toyin Oluwole, Mrs Mopeola Rosiji, Itohan Alliu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ikechukwu Family, Ikedife Family, Ikedinma Family, Ikediugwu Family, Ikeh Family, Ikejiaku Family, Ikeme Family, Ikenua Family, Ikokwu Family, Ikomi Family.

**5.00pm - 6.00pm** Intercessory Prayer

**5.00pm - 6.00pm** BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

**6.00 pm** GATHERING OF THE NOBLES - ACTS 17:10-11

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020** Colour: Purple

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dr. Samuel Opaaje*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 21:9-21 - Lay. Edwin Eze*  
**Gospel:** *Luke 1:26-38*  
**Topic:** *Jesus, Made like us – Heb. 2:10-18*  
**Hymns:** *VSH 118, CH 98, CH 518, VSH 103*  
**Preacher:** *The Dean*

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Humphrey B. Olumakaiye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Innocent U. Ordu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Eyo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Abiodun Lawal, Mr Emmanuel Odey, Mrs Oluwabukonla Adenekan, Miss Chidiogo Agbasi, Mr Ajewole Dada, Mr Emmanuel Agbo, Mrs Alaba Alliu, Abiodun Alliu, Miss Onyinyechi Eze, Miss Chika Nwankwo, Master Adrian Okolo, Master Jason Okolo, Mrs Ebere Gogo-Kurubo, Mrs Ifeoma Ojukwu, Mr Emmanuel Okafor, Mr Isichei Okafor, Dr. Funmi Okunromade, Mrs Martha Okwuosa, Miss Christiana Olusodo, Mr Agboola Seweje.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ikoro Family, Ikpeawujo Family, Ikwuagwu Family, Ikwudinma Family, Ikwuemesi Family, Ikwunze Family, Ilesanmi Family, Illoh Family, Ilo Family.

**8.00am** Vining Intercessor's Visitation

**6.00pm** (PRAYER MEETING) HOURS OF DIVINE SETTLEMENT – 1 PETER 5:10

**THEME:** ATTEND TO MY PRAYER O LORD  
PSALM 102:1-2

**Thursday, December 24, 2020** Colour: Purple  
**Christmas Eve**

**7.00am** Holy Communion

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 22:12-17:21 -- Lay.*  
**Gospel:** *Luke 1:67-80*  
**Topic:** *Grace to preach the Gospel – Acts 13:16-26*  
**Hymns:** *VSH 128, VSH 120, VSH 100*  
**Preacher:** *The Rev. Kayode Fasogbon*

Collect: Almighty God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your Son Jesus Christ, grant that, as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our Judge, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Emmanuel O. Adekunle, his family and all members of the Diocese of Egba.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Joy Nwoye, Miss Amina Adeleke, Miss Ogochukwu Onyeagbagha, Mr Oluwarotimi Boboye, Mrs Onyekachi Ani, Mrs Favour Ohiomoba, Mrs Olabode Boboye, Mrs Ukamaka Okpara, Mrs Joy Akokwu, Mr Friday Inyang, Mrs Confidence Okolie, Mr Bamidele Okorie, Lady Louisa Madueke, Mr Adeola Ekundayo, Mr Eric Ozongwu, Mrs Ekene Okoye.