

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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The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaia 08033247831
- C. **For Cathedral Societies**
The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies
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- E. **For The Evangelical Ministry**
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- R. **For Board of Directors for Economic Empowerment**
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- S. **For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters**
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- T. **For Chaplains to Societies**
The Dean; The Canon Residentiary
- U. **For The Choir**
The Dean; Mr Sunday Olawuwo - 08023030357
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- W. **For Booking of the Guest House**
Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

Below are the Telephone Numbers of the Cathedral Office, the Dean and the Cathedral Priests. You can contact these phones as need be.

The Dean	0806-2766051
The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010
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Vol. 19/12/51/2023

Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2023 Theme:

"THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU" Exodus 14:14.

IN GOD'S PRESENCE, THERE IS FULNESS OF JOY AND AT HIS RIGHT HAND, PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE. A GOOD INDICATOR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS EAGERNESS TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. WELCOME TO HIS PRESENCE.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 24th Dec. - Saturday, 30th Dec., 2023

ADVENT IV

Theme: Accepting The Divine Agenda

Colour: PURPLE

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin
Cathedral Warden

Sir. Charles Ojo
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole
Dean of the Cathedral

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

Please Take A Copy

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

1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 24th Dec. 2023
- A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
- Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
 The Epistle: Lay. Esther Alofe
 The Gospel: The Rev. Michael Obembe
 Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere
 Intercessor: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 29
 - ❖ Preparation to Penitence –Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
 - ❖ The Epistle Romans 1:1-17
 - ❖ Gradual Hymn: A Time like this (*Tune: Higher ground*)...pg 9
 - ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
 - ❖ 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: CONH 233, 65, 822
 - ❖ The Ablution: CONH 421
 - ❖ Post Communion Prayer
 - ❖ **Thanksgiving:**
 - i. Birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Joy Nwoye & God's numerous blessings.
 - ii. 70th birthday thanksgiving of Dame Felicia Ajagu & God's numerous blessings.
 - iii. Mazi & Mrs Stanley Enekwa thanking God after a successful traditional marriage of their children (Crystal & Sam) and God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. AVMCC Media Team thanking God for His mercies and protection over them and their families from January 2023 till date & numerous blessings.
 - ❖ Doxology CONH 491 ...(*page 9*)
 - ❖ Benediction
 - ❖ Notices
 - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
 - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 428, 824

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.

AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
 Account Number: 1021733207 Sort Code: 033154512
 Branch Address, UBA Plc, 51A Adeniyi Jones Str. Ikeja.
 USSD CODE: BILLER CODE: 40195

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How to use it:


*919*000*40195+1000# to give #1000 from a UBA account
 *737*000*40195+5000# to give #5000 from a GTB account

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3. Enter Amount | 4. Enter Transaction PIN



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27. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>SORT CODE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Building Fund Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
GTB	0570015856	058152120	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC IBTC	9200212515	221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
ECO	0953002198		Building Fund
ZENITH	1011097083	057150314	Covenant Seed
FCMB	9318228020		AVMCC Choir
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

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

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23. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2023.
 - (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, 2023.
 - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2023.
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.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL CHURCH DUES N7,500 FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2024. GOD BLESS.

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24. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 25th February, 2024. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2023 to tolafamade2012@gmail.com or Cathedral Office on or before 30th Dec. 2023

25. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 25th February, 2024. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office or send to 08033109378 to enable us update the 2024 Vestry Report on or before 30th Dec. 2023.

26. Busy Bees Father Christmas Grotto

Father Christmas has arrived at the **GROTTO** from Sunday, 3rd December till 25th December, 2023 with beautiful gifts to our children. Fee: N2,500.

- B. 10.00am MATTINS**
Cantor: Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
O.T. Reading: Layreader Tosin Faloyin
N.T. Reading: Layreader Esther Randle
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Intercessor: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 73
- ❖ Praises & Worship
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 45:10-end (*To be chanted*)
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
- ❖ Hymn: CONH 867
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Apostle's Creed - Collects
- ❖ Hymn: A Time like this (*Tune: Higher ground*)...pg 9

❖ SERMON

- ❖ Praises, Prayer - Grace
- ❖ The Offerings Choruses

{First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}

❖ Thanksgiving:

- i. 80th Posthumous Birthday thanksgiving by the children of Late Mr Ademola Fowokan & God's numerous blessings.
- ❖ Doxology CONH 491(page 9)
 - ❖ Benediction
 - ❖ Notices
 - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
 - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 989, 828.

C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. Christmas Day Service / Special Birthday Gift to Jesus - Monday, 25th Dec, 2023 @ 7am & 10am Services.
2. Watchnight Service – Sunday, 31st December, 2023 at 9.00pm.
3. New Year Service – Monday, 1st January, 2024 @ 7.00am & 10.00am Services.
4. Alpha and Omega Prayer (14days) 26th Dec. – 8th January, 2024 at 6.00am daily.
5. Universal Week of Prayer – Monday 8th – Sat. 13th January, 2024 at 6.00pm daily – (pg 17)
6. Rededication of Royal Gem & Vessel – Sunday, 21st January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
7. Rededication of DLW Christian Mothers – Sunday, 28th January, 2024 at 3.00pm.
8. Enrolment Service: Mothers Union Sunday, 24th March, 2024 at 3.00pm.
9. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Wed. 14th February, 2024 at 6.00pm.
10. VESTRY MEETING - Sunday, 25th February, 2024 after 10.00a.m service.

D. 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

E. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2023 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

1. Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve
2. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 - Watch night
3. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 - Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry Members
4. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 - Anglican Fellowship
5. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 - Rededication of Royal Gems & Vessel
6. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 - Rededication of Diocesan Christian Mothers

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

Cantor: The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin / Bro Towry-Coker

Preacher: The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin

Theme: Accepting the Divine Agenda

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 240
- ❖ Opening Praise
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Psalm 98
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
- ❖ N.T. Reading: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Apostle's Creed – Collects
- ❖ Testimonies / Special Numbers
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Word Ministration
- ❖ Praise & Intercession
- ❖ Offerings: Praises
- (a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Offering*
- ❖ Youth Anthem
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 46 (1,6,7 & 8)



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(ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHU)**

ENDOWMENT FUND



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19. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1st Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. All Sunday School Children from ages 5years upward meeting every last Sunday between 7.00am – 9.00am.
- v. **Adult Education Programme:** This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

20. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS VACANCIES

- i. Office Assistant is urgently required at a company in Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08033348405.
- ii. Teachers are also needed at Destiny Moulder Primary & Nursery School, AVMCC, GRA - Ikeja. Interested persons to submit their applications to the Church Office.
- iii. A medium scale farm needs the service of a sales man/woman at its farm shop in Ikeja. Interested persons to call: 08055601679.

21. NOTICE TO DECORATORS AND SANCTUARY USERS FOR EVENTS

To preserve the furniture, fittings and fixtures within the sanctuary, the Church will not allow the use of nails, tacks, staple pins or any other items capable of damaging or defacing the furniture for purposes of installing decorations. Stand-alone decorative items must be used without exception. Decorators and users will be penalized for any damages observed.

The Wardens.

22. AVMCC CLINIC

Specialist/Consultant Clinic days to take off 2024.

Parishioners are hereby informed that the AVMCC Clinic will start operating Specialist/Consultant Clinic days in the clinic with effect from 2024 in the following areas.

(1) Cardiology

(2) Urology (Prostate etc)

(3) Gynaecology

Members or members relative who desire the above specialized health needs should go to the Clinic to Register with their name, phone number and special area of need.

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 for the Week:

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.

Collects 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

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. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 2023

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

- i. Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that many more parishioners under their Episcopal jurisdiction shall turn to the Lord as the sole solution to their challenges.
- ii. For the Rt. Revd. B.C. Akinpelu Johnson, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland.

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 God will raise for us men and women using them as His vessels of solutions to the challenges of our nation.
- iii. For restoration of peace to every troubled areas of the world.
- iv. That the Lord will fight for and defend all Christians all over the world.

C. Prayer for AVMCC

- i. That God be enthroned permanently over the affairs of AVMCC.
- ii. That AVMCC shall become a solution centre to all Parishioners.
- iii. That this season shall cause us to draw nearer to God more than ever before.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Adeniji Family, Adeniyi Family, Adenle Family, Adenugba Family, Adenuoye Family, Ade-Ojo Family, Adeola Family, Adeolu Family, Ade-Onojobi-Daniel Family, Adeosun Family.

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

- i. For Miss Amina Adeleke, Mrs Onyekachi Ani, Mrs Favour Ohiomoba, Mrs Amaka Okpara, Mrs Joy Akokwu, Mr Friday Inyang, Mrs Confidence Okolie, Mr Bamidele Okorie, Mrs Ekene Okoye, Mrs Ukamaka Okpara, Miss Ogochukwu Onyeagbagha, Lady Louisa Madueke, Mr Eric Ozongwu who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

F. Prayers for the following people: Miss Anna Idehen, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs M.O. Ilori, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, 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.



COVENANT SEED

17. 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 Adetiloye & Vining halls

Sound System Overhaul (Mixer, Amp etc) N1.8m

400 Plastic Chairs for the Halls

80 Plastic Tables for the Halls

2 Hiace Buses

1 Coaster Bus

2 Money Counting Machine

2 Desktop Computer System

6 "86" LG Television

4 "32" Television

2 Dispenser, 2 DVD Player & 2 TV (for AVMCC Creche)

40 Sewing Machines @ N80,000 each for Diocesan Vocational Centre, City of God, Ipaja.

MURAL & CREATIVE PAINTING OF A MODERN

CRECHE AND PLAYGROUP = 642,000

SCREEDING OF THE WALLS = 1,130,000

WALLPAPER & SAV SCTICKERS = 84,000

EDUCATIVE/PLAYTIME SAV FLEX = 169,000

FLOOR SYNTHETICS (TURF) = 765,000

VINYL FLOOR CARPET = 469,220

Premium underlay for creche = 47,800

18. ICT LOUNGE:

Kindly patronize the AVMCC ICT LOUNGE at Adetiloye House (Ground Floor), which opens at 9.00am - 5.00pm on 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 07063214646.*

**ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL
OBA-AKINJOBI WAY, GRA, IKEJA**

**ACCEPTANCE FORM FOR HOSTING HOUSE FELLOWSHIP
Name:** _____

Address (with local government):

WhatsApp Num:

If you desire to host but have some fears, challenges, or limitations; please list your constraints below:

1. _____

2. _____

**13. REVISITING AND RESUSCITATING
HOME FELLOWSHIP CENTRES IN AVMCC 2023**

AREA	AREA
AKUTE	MOWE
WEMABOD ESTATE IKEJA	OGBA
PALMGROVE	OKE-ARO, AGEGE
EBUTE META	BANK ANTHONY WAY, IKEJA
ALAGBADO	ONIGBONGBO MARYLAND
AGBADO	ALIMOSHO
OJOTA	VICTORIA ISLAND
SHOGUNLE	AYOBO
KETU	IKOYI
EJIGBO	
ANTHONY VILLAGE	OKE-IRA
IKOTUN	ABIOLA GARDEN, IKEJA
IKOYI	AGUDA SURULERE
IKORODU	IKEJA AIRFORCE BASE
DIDEOLU EST. OGBA	SANGO
OBANIKORO	OBAWOLE
ALAUSA IKEJA	OJODU BERGER
ADENIYI JONES, IKEJA	OMOLE PHASE I
MAFOLUKU- OSHODI	VGC, LEKKI
AJAH	GRA, IKEJA
SHASHA AKOWONJO	ALLEN
OGUDU	AJA
ILUPEJU	IKORODU
IKEJA MILITARY CANT.	IJOKO, OTA, OGUN STATE
IJU-ISHAGA	HARUNA-OGBA
YABA	OKOTA

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**4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 2023**

THEME: ACCEPTING THE DIVINE AGENDA

**READING: PSALM 45:10-END; ISAIAH 7:10-17;
ROMANS 1:1-7; LUKE 1:26-38a.**

Good morning and welcome to church today. I pray that all the blessings of Christ's birth will be evident in our life. If Christ tarries, we shall all live to celebrate many years in sound health in Jesus Christ name.

God's agenda can be interpreted in different ways depending on the context. But, in general, it refers to the divine plan or purpose for humanity. The divine agenda is to save humanity and bring them to the knowledge of the truth. God's agenda for humanity is clear. He "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth". The salvation and enlightenment of humanity is God's will, and toward this end he has been working since the beginning of creation through different prophets in the Scripture which climax in the birth of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel for today, angel Gabriel appeared not only to Zechariah and to Mary but also to the prophet Daniel more than 500 years earlier (Daniel 8:15-17; 9:21). Each time Gabriel appeared, he brought important messages from God. He appears always to bring the good tiding from God and announce His agenda to mankind.

This time, he brought the good news that will transform the history of mankind to Nazareth, which was a long way from Jerusalem to Mary. Mary was a young, poor female – all characteristics that, to the people of her day, would make her seem unusable by God for any meaningful task. But God chose Mary for one of the most important acts of obedience he has ever demanded of anyone. You may feel that your ability, experience, or education makes you an unlikely candidate for God's service. Don't limit God's choices. He can use you if you trust him.

God's favor does not automatically bring instant success or fame. His blessing on Mary, the honor of being the mother of the Messiah, would lead to much pain: her peers would ridicule her; her fiancé would come close to leaving her; her seven days planned wedding would be thwarted; her Son, Jesus would be loathed, rejected, and murdered. Nevertheless, through her Son would come the world's only hope, and this is why Mary has been praised by countless generations. Her submission was part of God's agenda and plan to bring about our salvation. If sorrow weighs you down and dims your hope, think of Mary, and wait patiently for God to finish working out his agenda in your life.

Accepting divine agenda is not an easy task. In the Bible, we have copious examples of prophets whom when they saw the capacity and cost of the divine agenda refused at first to accept it. In the days of Mary, a young unmarried girl who became pregnant risked disaster. Unless the father of the child agreed to marry her, she would probably remain unmarried for life. If her own father rejected her, she could be forced into begging or prostitution to earn her living. And Mary, with her story about becoming pregnant by the Holy Spirit, risked being considered foolish as well. Still Mary said, despite the possible risks, "May everything you have said come true." When Mary said that she did not know about the tremendous opportunity she would have. She only knew that God was asking her to serve him, and she willingly obeyed.

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The sole agenda of God for mankind finds the fullness of expression in Jesus Christ who is the reason for the season. Jesus, a Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, was a common name meaning “the LORD saves.” Just as Joshua had led Israel into the Promised Land (Joshua 1:1-2), so Jesus would lead his people into eternal life. The symbolism of his name was not lost on the people of his day, who took names seriously and saw them as a source of power. Till date and eternity to come, people were healed, demons were banished, and sins were forgiven the name of Jesus.

The birth of Jesus to a virgin is a miracle that many people find hard to believe. These three facts can aid our faith:

1. Luke was a medical doctor, and he knew perfectly well how babies are made. It would have been just as hard for him to believe in a virgin birth as it is for us, and yet he reports it as fact.
2. Luke was a painstaking researcher who based his Gospel on eyewitness accounts. Tradition holds that he talked with Mary about the events he recorded in the first two chapters. This is Mary’s story, not a fictional invention.
3. Christians and Jews, who worship God as the Creator of the universe, should have no doubts that God has the power to create a child in a virgin’s womb.

Jesus was born without the sin that entered the world through Adam. He was born holy, just as Adam was created sinless. In contrast to Adam, who disobeyed God, Jesus obeyed God and was thus able to face sin’s consequences in our place and make us acceptable to God (Romans 5:14-19).

As human beings with adamic nature, we all have areas where temptation is strong, and habits are hard to conquer. These weaknesses give the Devil a foothold, so we must deal with our areas of vulnerability. Jesus came solely to redeem us, give us victory over sin and eternal live. In the garden of Eden, thief came to still life, in contrast to the thief who takes life, Jesus gives life. The life he gives right now is abundantly rich and full. It is eternal, yet it begins immediately. Life in Christ is lived on a higher plane because of his overflowing forgiveness, love, and guidance. Have you taken Christ’s offer of life? This is the sole agenda of God for mankind.

The essence of Christian is all about wining and dining, it is the time to reflect on God’s love for us. The Bible in Romans 5:8 says while we were still sinners; these are amazing words. God sent Jesus Christ to die for us, not because we were good enough, but just because he loved us. Whenever you feel uncertain about God’s love for you, remember that he loved you even before you turned to him.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”*. The message of the Good News comes to focus on God’s agenda of love. God’s love is not static or self-centered; it reaches out and draws others in. Here God sets the pattern of true love, the basis for all love relationships—when you love someone dearly, you are willing to give freely to the point of self-sacrifice. God paid dearly with the life of his Son, the highest price he could pay. Jesus accepted our punishment, paid the price for our sins, and then offered us the new life that he had bought for us. When we share the Good News with others, our love must be like Jesus’ - willingly giving up our own comfort and security so that others might join us in receiving God’s love.

Conclusion

Some people are repulsed by the idea of eternal life because their lives are miserable. But eternal life is not an extension of a person’s miserable, mortal life; eternal life is God’s life embodied in Christ given to all believers now as a guarantee that they will live forever. In eternal life there is no death, sickness, enemy, evil, or sin. When we don’t know Christ, we make choices as though this life is all we have. In reality, this life is just the introduction to eternity. Receive this new life by faith and begin to evaluate all that happens from an eternal perspective.

2024 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Date: Monday, 8th January, 2024
Venue: First Baptist Church Olowu
Worship Leader: Methodist Priest
Intercessors Rev. David Osagbodje
Preacher: Ven. G.A. Fawole

Date: Tuesday, 9th January, 2024
Venue: Bola Memorial Ang. Church, Ikeja
Worship Leader: First Baptist Church, Olowu, Ikeja
Intercessors Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu
Preacher: Very. Rev. O.E. Daramola

Date: Wednesday, 10th January, 2024
Venue: Archbishop Vining Mem. Church Cathedral
Worship Leader: St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Alausa
Intercessors Ven. E Oluwadare
Preacher: Rev. Dr. K.S. Ogokunle

Date: Thursday, 11th January, 2024
Venue: St. Leo’s Catholic Church, Toyin, Ikeja
Worship Leader: St. Luke’s the Physician, LASUTH, Ikeja
Intercessors Rev. Dr. Dele Ajayi
Preacher: Rev. Canon Opeyemi Ibikunle

Date: Friday, 12th January, 2024
Venue: Methodist Church, Opebi, Ikeja
Worship Leader: Strong Tower Baptist Church, Opebi
Intercessors Rev. Lekan Adeosun
Preacher: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Omoroke SMMM

Date: Saturday, 13th January, 2024
Venue: Anglican Church of Ascension, Opebi,
Worship Leader: DIMAC, G.R.A. Ikeja
Intercessors Rev. P.O. Okunlola
Preacher: Ven. Ebenezer Adewole

Sunday, 14th January – Thanksgiving in every church

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

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

G. Intercessory Ministry

This Group meets for prayers every Tuesday from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. They visit the sick and all those needing spiritual support and prayers etc after 7.00am Midweek Communion service every Wednesday. Please avail yourself of the services of this group as and when required.

H. Men & Women of Grace Fellowship

1. Are you a widower or a widow?
2. Are you aware of the existence of above fellowship for widowers and widows?
3. If yes to no. 1, Are you a registered member of the fellowship?
4. Kindly pick and complete a registration form to register or update your data.

Identify with one and other via care, love and support by fellowshipping of God’s grace every last Thursday of the month at 11. 00am.

For the fellowship’s objectives, registration form and other information, visit the church office or call 08023125243.

D. AVMCC Guest House

Stay within a Christian environment, also visit the restaurant for tasty and affordable meals all located at the 3rd Floor of Vining house within the Church complex. Laundry services are also available. Contact us on 09158070000 and 09158060000.

E. Admission to DLW Vocational Center, City of God, 10 Majiyagbe Layout, Ipaja.

The form for DLW Vocational Center is out. The programme includes (*Catering, Clothing & Fashion, I.T. Computer, Textile Design, Photography, Shoe & Leather work, Barbing & Hairdressing*). Kindly note that registration forms are available in all Archdeaconry Headquarters and the Dean's Office.

16. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biro's. 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. COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Prospective couples are counselled in the ministry after which they are referred to the priest assigned to them for the concluding part of the Counselling session.

Counselees from overseas (with evidence) who intend to spend a short period in the country for their wedding, undergo crash programmes because of their time limitations.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR ALTERNATE POWER SUPPLY i.e. SOLAR AND INVERTER TO ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL

We invite reputable and competent contractor and power providers to please submit quotation for the provision and installation of Solar panels and inverters as necessary and applicable to serve as alternative source of power generating to the entire Cathedral buildings i.e the Dean's building, the Canon Residentiary house, the Priest Quarters, the service building and the entire security office of the Cathedral.

Premises to be visited during office hours of between 9.00am and 4.00pm contact Mr Daniel Oluwaseun on 08127112493 for access to the premises.

All tenderers to pay and submit a non-refundable application receipt of Twenty thousand Naira only (N20,000) to AVMCC Zenith Bank 1011097083.

Submission of tender comprising current prices, validity period, work experience/similar work executed etc, duration of work should be addressed in a sealed envelope to THE DEAN, AVMCC, IKEJA. And to reach him not later than 3 weeks from the date of this publication of this tender invitation. (Date to be after 1st publication in the bulletin) or send an e-mail to tolafamade2012@gmail.com.

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To "believe" is more than intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It means to put our trust and confidence in him that he alone can save us. It is to put Christ in charge of our present plans and eternal destiny. Believing is both trusting his words as reliable and relying on him for the power to change. If you have never trusted Christ, let this promise of everlasting life be yours and believe. If you have not embraced this life, why not today.

All who welcome Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives are reborn spiritually, receiving new life from God. Through faith in Christ, this new birth changes us from the inside out, rearranging our attitudes, desires, and motives. Being born makes you physically alive and places you in your parents' family (John 1:13). Being born of God makes you spiritually alive and puts you in God's family (John 1:12). Have you asked Christ to make you a new person? This fresh start in life is available to all who believe in Christ. Through this, you became part of His divine agender.

6. A TIME LIKE THIS

1. A time like this, God looks for men,
Worthy vessels that He will use;
To accomplish, His great purpose
And make His kingdom widely known.

**Chorus: Lord here I am myself I give:
My TALENT, TIME, SILVER & GOLD,
Father use me, to build your Church,
To show your praise among all men.**

2. A time like this, Lord help me hear
Your thundering voice and do obey
Where some have failed, others abscond
Lord help me stand what'er the cost.
3. A time like this, a warfare time
When champions rise, and others fall
Satan fights his final battles
Making the race so tough to run.
4. A time like this, I'll fix my eyes
On thee alone, lest I should fall
Living for thee, father of love
Until I end my journey home.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices and Thanksgiving must get to Church Office not later than Thursday of the week.

HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)

1. Let Your blessings, Lord, attend us,
As we go out of this place,
And abiding in Your presence
Basking in Your joy and grace.
2. Let us in Your sight find favour
In all on which our hands lay
Make Your face Lord shine upon us
As You lead us on our way.
3. May Your heavenly peace surround us
Turn our darkness into light,
Give us strength, now and forever
So, to live within Your might.
4. God, our compassionate Father,
Look upon us with mercy
Let Your Name receive our praises
Now and for eternity. Amen.





8. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 17 – December 23

7.00 am Holy Communion	897
7.00 am Youth Service	145
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	765
10.00 am Youth Service	121
10.00 am Sunday School	-
Tuesday Bible Study	67
Wednesday Holy Communion	134
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	87

9. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church Church

-  Ladies Christian League
-  Band of Faith Society
-  Christian Friends Society
-  Lord Labourers Fellowship

10. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 24th Dec. 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Mrs Chinelo Emenike.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 31st Dec., 2023

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs A. Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I. Akinsete, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Mrs Chinelo Emenike, Sis Boladuro Ajibola.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 24th Dec. - Saturday, 30th Dec., 2023

Funso Fagbuyiro, (**Captain**), Helen Arhagba (**Assistant Captain**), Adeyemi Muyiwa, Goke Uthman, Juliet Chimezie, Helen Arhagba, Caroline Omowhara, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Bolaji Dania, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Jemerigbe Helen I, Odibo Fanny Efe, Odanye Mojisola.

ii. Sunday 31st Dec. - Saturday, 6th Jan. 2024

Bolaji Dania (**Captain**), Ogunleye Adeboboye, (**Assistant Captain**), Ayo Tetede, Dare Sigbeku, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Rita Osibodu, Olusegun Esan, Michael Enujioke, Segun Openiyi, Nwaorgu Chinedu, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo.

13. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas 1

December 31

Theme: At The Fullness of Time

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Dean

Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7

Layreader Ada Ejikeme

Gospel: John 1:14-18

The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Preacher: The Dean

10.00 am: MATTINS

Cantor: The Dean

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

Layreader T. Gidado

N.T Reading: John 1:14-18

Layreader O. Obisesan

Preacher: The Dean

9.00pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

14. 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.

2nd NOTICE:

1. Mr Jackson Ifeanyi & Miss Uchenna Nwagbo

15. 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 - 8.00am to 5.00pm

Closed on Saturday & Sunday.

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.

Friday, December 29, 2023 **Colour: White**

6.00am **Alpha & Omega Prayer**

7.00am **Holy Communion**

Theme: **Our Sovereign Lord and the Terrors of Men**

Celebrant: *The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) II John 1-13

Lay. Olamide Ola

Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-19*

Hymns: *CONH 16, CONH 827, CONH 458*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Funkuro Amgbare, his family and all members of the Diocese of Northern Izon.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Stephen Adeniran Oni, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ondo.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Adeyemi Adejuwon, Mr Christian Ajulu, Miss Amaka Akuihe, Miss Chioma Nwakanma, Miss Gloria Ineh, Mr Daniel Nwaokeneme, Mr Chidera Obi, Mr Ugochukwu Okaro.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Afere Family, Afolabi Family, Afolayan Family, Afun Family, Afuye Family, Agara Family, Agazie Family, Agbaje Family, Agbakwu Family, Agbaniyaka Family.

Saturday, December 30, 2023 **Colour: White**

6.00am **Alpha & Omega Prayer**

7.00am **Holy Communion**

Theme: **Whoever has the Son**

Celebrant: *The Rev. Canon A. Oluwatusin*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) III John 1-15

Lay. Nathan Eze

Gospel: *John 3:31-36*

Hymns: *CONH 118, CONH 453, CONH 492*

Preacher: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Olanrewaju Ojo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ijumu.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Madueke Abonyi, Miss Odunola Atolagbe, Mrs Nkechi Isong, Mr Chibuso Okoli, Mrs Toyin Makinde-Akinrolabu, Mr Ikenna Okebata, Mr Bayo Opadiran, Mrs Olufela Shodeke.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Agbara Family, Agbasi Family, Agbasimalo Family, Agbaje Family, Agbo Family, Agbola Family, Agbonkhina Family, Agbonviri Family, Agboola Family, Agbugba Family.

4.00 pm **Baptism**

4.00 pm **Youth Fellowship**

4.00 pm **Boy's Brigade & Girls Brigade**

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11. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATION	PHONE NO
1.	Mr. Cyril Nwannunu	Egbeda	08033480112
2.	Mrs. Georgina Bamigboye	Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1	08023414415
3.	Obum Osy-Onyekwelu	Maryland Crescent	08036684298
4.	Victor Adenuoye	Fagba	08069206291
5.	Lady Gina Okolo	Mangoro Ikeja	08033235796
6.	Ugochi osinwe	College Road, Ogba	08092147012
7.	Rtd. Col. C. O. Ajala	54, New Ipaja Road	08081654907
8.	Mrs. Ebele S. Okere	Ajao Estate	08023270247
9.	Chukwuemeka Ejiofor	Dopemu	07030463556
10.	Adekoya M. O.	Toyin Street, Ikeja	
11.	Olusunkanmi King	Maryland	
12.	Chinyere Umealo	Oregun	08033052131
13.	Ada Obi	Cement	08062074465
14.	Obi Divine	Cement	08062074465
15.	Mrs. Udoka Omoniyi	Fagba	08023082792
16.	Mayokun Ogedengbe	Anifowose	08069530744
17.	Gbadeyan Ademola	Alagbole /Akute	08171373722
18.	Chinyere Okpara	Adealu	08035792201
19.	Umeadi Juliana	Dopemu	08057474558
20.	Bro. I.O Odeniran	Opebi	08023096565
21.	Umeadi Christopher	Dopemu Road, Agege	08055901853
22.	Tochi Anyalewechi	Oke-Ira, Ogba	
23.	Mrs Teju Akindolire	Ogudu, GRA	08175160830
24.	Mr Tunji Odeneye	Gbagada	08033163337
25.	Mr Makinde Ogunleye	Omole Phase 2	08033078004
26.	Barr. F. Okey Ogbu	Iyana-Ipaja	08023192145
27.	Princewill Ihemerendu	Mafoluku	

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12. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 25, 2023 Colour: White

7.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion

Theme: His Life Gives Light

Celebrant: *The Diocesan*

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

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel: John 1:1-14

Hymns: CONH 236, 219, 48, 431, 867, 233, 228.

Preacher: *The Diocesan*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Abel Ajibodu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ile-Oluji.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Moses Adewale, Mr Simon Agazie, Mr Gorden Ajoku, Mr Uzo Achonye, Mrs Christy Amuzie, Miss 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, Christian Nwankwo, Mr David Nwobi, Mrs Roseline Obuh, Miss Christiana Okogbue, Mrs Segilola Olawoyin, Miss Christiana Zang.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adeoya Family, Adeoye Family, Adepoju Family, Aderemi Family, Adereti Family, Aderibigbe Family, Aderinboye Family, Aderoba Family, Adesakin Family, Adesanya Family.

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 Colour: Red

St. Stephen's Day

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Courage to testify about Christ

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) Acts 7:54-60

Lay. Esther Randle

Gospel: *Matthew 23:34-39*

Hymns: CONH 126, CONH 408, CONH 291

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Godwin Adeyi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Lafia.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Augustine Ohilebo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Ven. Taiwo Olupitan, Chief (Mrs) Grace Odukamaiya, Engr. Nnamdi Agbakwu, Mr Emmanuel Agbara, Otunba Bimbola Ashiru, Lady Christiana Asiegbu, Mr Ifeanyi Ezeonyebushi, Mrs Emilia Nmezi, Mr Emmanuel Nwoye, Mrs Titilayo Abraham-Odumuyiwa, Mrs Roseline Okafor, Miss Odunayo Okelana, Mr Julius Olowoniyi, Miss Abiodun Onadeko.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adesegun Family, Adeshina Family, Adesida Family, Adesina Family, Adesina-Ola Family, Adesoye Family, Adesulu Family, Adesunloye Family, Adetayo Family, Adetola Family.

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 Colour: White

St. John: The Apostle and Evangelist

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The True Witness

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

Epistle: (Portion Appointed) I John 1:1-19-

Lay. P. Olagbaju

Gospel: *John 21:19-24*

Hymns: CONH 455, CONH 228, CONH 878, CONH 120.

Preacher: *The Dean*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Morris, his family and all members of the Diocese of Maiduguri.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Adeoye Adekola, his family and all members of the Diocese of Igbomina.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Capt. Abejide Kolawole, Mr Chukwudi Anyakora, Chief Abiodun Arikenbi, Mr Gideon Emeforo, Mr Obed Nwaorgu, Mrs Titilayo Opadiran, Mrs Ugochi Chinakwe, Mrs Lydia Orakwe.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adetunji Family, Adewakun Family, Adewale Family, Adewole Family, Adewoyin Family, Adeyanju Family, Adeyelu Family, Adeyemi Family, Adeyemo Family, Adeyoola Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, December 28, 2023 Colour: Red

Holy Innocent's Day

6.00am Alpha & Omega Prayer

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Focused and Purposeful

Celebrant: *The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere*

Epistle: I Peter 4:12-16 - *Lay. C. Mgbamoka*

Gospel: *John 12:20-33*

Hymns: CONH 50, CONH 810, CONH 824

Preacher: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Stephen Fagbemi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Owo.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Onsachi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Okene.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Goddy Akujor, Mr Daniel Alabuike, Sir Emeka Asiegbu, Mr Kingsley Asinobi, Mr Wale Awe, Mrs Lovina Emeforo, Mrs Iyamide Gafar, Mr Oyeniyi Sodipo, Mrs Precious Itua, Mrs Omobonike Museo, Prince Agboola Oshikoya, Mrs Itohan Uduehi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Adeyoye Family, Adiele Family, Adieme Family, Adigun Family, Adigwe Family, Adu Family, Adubi Family, Afamefuna Family, Afelumo Family, Afinowi Family.

WISDOM / TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CONTRACTORS

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your Spirit of wisdom hover over the site and take charge of every thought and activity.
Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded (Exod 36:1)
2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill us with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skills needed to build to Your glory.
And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (Exod. 31:3)
3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, saturate the entire atmosphere as we build with wisdom that descend from above.
This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish (James 3:15).
4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your fear permeate the heart of everyone that will touch this project.
There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? (Exod. 39:9)
5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that everyone will hand this project with truth and integrity of heart
And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. (Gen. 39:6)

SPEEDY COMPLETION, NO DELAY

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, frustrate every mischievous plan to wreak havoc on any member/worker to cause a delay on the project.
That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief (Nehemiah 6:2).
2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, empower and make me a man to further the refurbishment of Your church.
When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel (Nehemiah 2:10).

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3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your divine hand be upon this project for unique supernatural speed.
And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (1Kgs 18:46).
4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, stir up the hearts of people in high places to support and work for this project and not against it.
Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me (Nehemiah 2:9).
5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, fill the hearts of every worker on the site, that no one will be an agent of delay.

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6).

REVIVAL AND MIRACLE SEASON

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, wrought wonders that will proclaim Your majestic power in our midst this season.
Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses (Josh 1:3).
2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let Your presence be present always to heal and deliver anytime we gather.
“And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them” (Luke 5:17)
3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, go before your church and miraculously make a way, and supply every need of this project.
I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel (Isaiah 45:2-3).
4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do the miraculous as the work of the Cathedral kicks off, honour your word and your name.
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

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5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that at every gathering, You will send Your Word to us in power.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37)

SHUTTING THE MOUTH OF SANBALLAT AND TOBIAT GERSHEM

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, disappoint every plan of the enemy over this project, show your strength and power to do the impossible.

And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God (Nehemiah 6:16).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, shut up every satanic agent assigned to weaken the hands of the Church.

Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:4-5).

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, close every legal, policy, or religious door opened to attack this project. **Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia (Ezra 4:23-24).**

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, as far as this work is concerned, raise a standard against everyone who will stand as enemy.

then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries (Exodus 23:22).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, do not hold your peace before, during and after this project, let praises and Thanksgiving be our testimonies at the end of the day. *For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth (Isaiah 62:1).*

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REFURBISHMENT PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Psalm 127:1).

Prayer is the key in any kingdom assignment. As we finally commence the Cathedral refurbishment project, it is important for every member of the Cathedral (and non-members) to be mobilized in prayer.

The following are scriptural prayer points that God has commanded us to pray at our personal prayer time, family altar, every ministry or society time of prayer and fellowship.

Please let us be committed and dedicated to these prayers.

THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for You are so good to us. Your love and mercy towards us in this Cathedral are boundless and immeasurable. We are extremely grateful. Especially, for the commencement of the refurbishment of the Cathedral. You are always working things out for our good, and we trust that this time You will also come through for us. Help us to rest in the truth that You are our Creator and that there nothing impossible for You. Thank You loving and faithful Father, for who You are in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

ABUNDANT PROVISION

1. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, open the floodgate of abundant provisions that will be enough to start and complete the work within the record time.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

2. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, bless and make every member a channel of blessing

And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning (Exod 36:3).

3. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, let the love of your house fill our hearts to give in abundance as the work goes on.

And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make (Exod 36:5).

4. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, we decree that we shall never experience lack and paucity of fund till the work is completed

And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So, the people were restrained from bringing (Exod 36:6).

5. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, release the grace to enjoy constant access to divine treasury.

For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much (Exod 36:7).

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