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: The Canon Residentiary

For Social Welfare and Charity B.

The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Grace Odukomaiya 08033247831

С For Cathedral Societies

The Dean; The Society Chaplains; Presidents & Secretaries of Societies

D. For The Elderly Ministry

The Dean; Chief (Mrs.) Ayo Akideinde - 07068610707

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The Dean; The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju; Mr. Cyril Mgbamoka 07053334081

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The Dean, Rev. Michael Obembe; Chief (Mrs.) Funmi Ogunbadejo -08033025033; Miss Bolanle Joseph - 08025490166

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The Dean, The Rev. Michael Obembe; Sister Seun Oyediran -07051083385; Mr Ayo Tetede - 08020691247

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For Intercessory Ministry

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For Board of Directors for Economic Empowerment

The Dean; Rev. Michael Obembe; Dr. Oladimeji Alo;

For Cathedral Christian Mothers Matters

Mrs Mercy Adewole, 08062910315; Mrs. Folake Owolabi - 08023156546

Т. For Chaplains to Societies

The Dean; The Canon Residentiary

U. For The Choir

The Dean;

For Booking of the Hall

The Dean, Mrs. Tola Famade - 0803-3109378.

For Booking of the Guest House

Mr. Kehinde Akinola - 08023050022; Tobi Balogun - 08033716752

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The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu	0806-2230010
The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem	0803-3081617
The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Chijioke Okere	0802-3270247
The Rev. Toyin Adeyeye	0806-5088064
The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju	0802-4060758
The Rev. Michael Obembe	0813-8137140
The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye	0803-5552146
The Rev. Oluwatomide Oso	0816-6588257
The Rev. Oluwafikayomi Adenle	0708-7180407

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Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

Our 2024 Theme:

" FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH " I Tim. 6:12

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, 21st April - Saturday, 27th April, 2024

EASTER III

Theme: Understanding Spiritual Things

LORD'S VESSELS ANNIVERSARY

Colour: White

Dr. Dayo Omogbehin Cathedral Warden

Mr Olawale Fasuyi 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 -21st April, 2024
- A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION LORD'S VESSELS ANNIVERSARY

Celebrant: The Dean The Epistle; Lord's Vessels

The Gospel: Rev. Fikavomi Adenle

Preacher: The Dean

Intercessor: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

- Processional Hymn: CONH 4
- Praise & Worship
- Preparation to Penitence The Ven. A. Omoyelu

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 * The Epistle

Gradual Hymn: CONH 431 * The Gospel: John 11:17-27 *

* 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 336, 61, 619, 623

* The Ablution: **CONH 420**

Post Communion Prayer

- The Anniversary:
 - i. Lord's Vessels Society Anthem
 - ii. Rededication of Members
 - iii. Lord's Vessels Society, Patrons/Patronesses.
- Thanksgiving:
 - The Churching of Mrs Chisombili Ezeh for the gift of a baby girl, 10th year birthday of Miss Adaobi Ezeh and God's numerous blessings.
- Doxology CONH 491(page 18) *
- Benediction
- * Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 556

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

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HARVEST NEWS 24.

All Societies should please send names of TWO representatives of their Societies on letter head to 2024 Harvest Committee (in Room 203 – Harvest Office) Or to Jide on 08152223222.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR **BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS**

25. TEN DAY UPPER ROOM CHAIN PRAYERS $(10^{TH} - 19^{TH} MAY, 2024)$

<u>Theme:</u> Fight the good fight of faith – I Timothy 6:12. The 2024 Upper Room Chain Prayers organised by the Cathedral will come up between Friday the 9th of May (The Day of Ascension) and the 19th of May (The Day of Penticost). President of Societies and Co-ordinators of Ministries should check the pigeon holes for details of their letters and the schedule for the prayers. God will bless you as you commit to the unbroken prayer chain.

1ST SESSION OF THE 9TH SYNOD OF 26. **DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST**

The 1st Session of the 9th Synod of the Diocese of Lagos West comes up as follows:

- 1. Pre-Synod Vigil Friday, 10th May, 2024 at 10.00pm
- Opening Service Thursday, 16th May, 2024 at 4.00pm.
 Meeting Sessions Friday 17TH 18TH Sat. May, 2024
- 4. Presidential Address Friday, 17TH May, 2024 at
- 5. Thanksgiving Sunday, 19TH May, 2024 at 10.00a.m.

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B. 10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

> **Celebrant:** The Dean

The Epistle; Layreader Cyril Mgbamoka The Gospel: Rev. Fikayomi Adenle

Preacher: The Dean

Intercessor: The Ven. Dr. Benjmain Okere

- Processional Hymn: CONH 1
- Praise & Worship
- Preparation to Penitence Rev. Yinka Akinpeju
- * The Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- * Gradual Hymn: CONH 431 The Gospel: John 11:17-27
- **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 329, 416, 421, 57
- The Ablution: CONH 419
- * Post Communion Prayer
- Thanksgiving:
 - 1st year birthday of Oluwatodimimu & 5th birthday of Similoluwa Adeosun & God's numerous blessings.
 - 50th birthday thanksgiving of Mr Kehinde ii. Okeowo and God's numerous blessings.
 - 70th birthday thanksgiving of Mrs Modupe iii. Ogunleye & God's numerous blessings.
 - iv. Mrs Funmi Olaniyan thanking God for miraculous healing & numerous blessings.
 - Mrs Ronke Ifederu thanking God for recovery v. from illiness, gift of a granddaughter & God's numerous blessings.
 - The families of Oshadare & Ojo thanking God vi. for the successful wedding of (Mayowa & Kemi) and God's numerous blessings.
 - 24th year remembrance for Late Mrs Mary Iyabo vii. Ologunde, thanking God for preservation and blessings on the family to date and in the years ahead.
- Doxology CONH 491 (pg 18)
- Benediction & Notices
- Diocesan Anthem
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 551

C. **EVENTS AHEAD**

- 60th Anniversary of AVMCC programme: 1.
 - 60th Anniversary Covenant Conference Saturday, April. 27th at 9.00am.
 - 60th Anniversary CSR Projects Commissioning -Saturday, April 27th at 1.00pm.
 - 60th Anniversary Holy Communion & Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, 28th April.
 - 60th Anniversary 12hrs of Praise Friday, 31st May, 2024 at 5.00pm.
 - 60th Anniversary Lecture & Launch of the Anniversary History book – Sunday, 30th June.
- Rogation Sunday Sunday, 5th May, 2024 2.
- Confirmation Sunday, 26th May, at 10.am 3.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

We are thrilled to announce an open invitation to join the **Traffic Control Unit of AVMCC.**

We believe that together, we can make a lasting impact in ensuring that parishioners arrive and leave the church premises with ease for every service.

As we embark on this journey, we invite individuals who share our commitment to join us as active participants. Whether you are interested in volunteering, providing expertise, or becoming a dedicated member, there are various ways you can contribute to our cause.

To join us, contact 08023153042 or 08163078569. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to any member of the traffic control unit.

Let's come together and create positive change! Your involvement matters, and we look forward to welcoming you. Thank you for your support.

E. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2024 EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES

- 1. Sunday April 21, 2024 Band of Glory
- 2. Sunday April 28, 2024 Band of Peace
- 3. Sunday May 5, 2024 Rogation Sunday
- 4. Sunday May 12, 2024 Busy Bees
- 5. Sunday May 19, 2024 Synod Thanksgiving
- 6. Sunday May 26, 2024 Charity Band
- 7. Sunday June 2, 2024 Harvest Launching
- 8. Sunday June 9, 2024 Christian Unity Band

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Understanding Spiritual Things

Opening Hymn: CONH 4
 The Preparation to Penitence

❖ The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Praise & Worship

❖ The Gospel: John 11:17-27

Nicene Creed

The Peace

Offertory: Praises

- (a) First Fruits (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
- The Eucharistic Prayers
- The Administration: Worship Songs
- Post Communion Prayer
- Sermon
- Thanksgiving:
- Youth Anthem
- Notices
- Prayer & Benediction
- Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 556





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19. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1st Thursday of the Month. <u>Venue</u>: The AVMCC Main Sanctuary. <u>Time</u>: 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. <u>Adult Education Programme:</u> This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

20. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

A. OBITUARIES

 We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Adebisi Oshunbiyi of Charity Band). Aged: 89years

Burial arrangements are as follow:

<u>Wake-Keep:</u> On Thursday, 2nd May, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm

Funeral Service: On Friday, 3rd May, 2024 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Bosede Balogun of Band of Grace. Aged: 89years Burial arrangements are as follow:

Service of Songs: On Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm

<u>Commendation Service:</u> On Wednesday, 26th June, 2024 at AVMCC at 9.00am.

21. <u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

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

22. AVMCC CLINIC

Specialist/Consultant Clinic days.

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

(1) Cardiology (2) Urology (Prostate etc)

(3) Gynaecology (4) Neurology

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.

23. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kindly join the class every Saturday at Tent Church @ 5.00pm. Kindly register with Rev. Adefope Adetujoye. Thank you. Confirmation Date is Sunday, 26th May, 2024 at 10.00am

AVMCC DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CLASS: Has started. Parishioners can till join on Saturday, at 1st Floor, Vining House. Everyone who wants to live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It is commanded and Jesus spoke 'Go therefore and make Disciples of all Nations.

H. 6.00 pm. FAMILY EVENING

Cantor: Layreader Uzor Ejikeme Preacher: Layreader Olamide Ola

Sponsor: Band of Glory

Organist: Sir Chinedu Osinigwe

Processional Hymn: CONH 46

Call to WorshipPraise Worship

❖ Lesson: John 21:1-14 - **Band of Glory**

Hymn: CONH 428Short Exhortation & Prayer

Offerings Choruses(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant

Seed & Sunday Offering

Thanksgiving

Closing Prayer

❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 435

2. SENTENCES FOR EASTER III Introductory Sentence

They said to one another, were not our hearts on fire as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scripture to us?. Luke 24:32.

Collects for the Week:

Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in Him, raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness: that we may seek the things which are aboive, where He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, no and for ever. **Amen**.

Post Communion Sentence

Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Alleluia. **John 11:25.**

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.

4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL 2024

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

- Pray for Most Rev. Dr. Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Most Rev. Dr. Olusina Fape our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop that the Lord will empower them in their Episcopal duties to lead His people in seeking and finding the Lord more than ever before.
- For the Rt. Revd.Manasses C.I. Okere, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ukwa.

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 Islamnization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.
- ii. That for peace many will know the Prince of Peace
- iii. For grace to seek the Lord as a Nation.
- iv. That many more in the world will come to the knowledge of the Saviour Jesus Christ

C. Prayers for AVMCC Members

- i. For grace not to seek the Lord in vain.
- ii. For our will to be lost in God's will.
- iii. For the glory of the latter to surpass the former.
- iv. For every Herod of our destiny to be disgraced.

D. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household

Nwagau Family, Nwagbo Family, Nwakanma Family, Nwakanwa Family, Nwakor Family, Nwakozor Family, Nwakwue Family, Nwameme Family, Nwamuno Family, Nwanekezi Family.

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

- i. For Mrs Olajumoke Akinkoye, Mrs Judith Ekwueme, Master Unogu Nnamdi, Mr John Ezejelue, Mazi Ugochukwu Obinwa, Mr Samuel Okagbue, Mr Maduabuchi Okonkwo. Mrs Blessing Ayodele, Mrs Anthonia Momodu, Mr Jeremiah Onwuzuruike, Mr Reuben Umukoro, Mr Victor Sodade, Miss Ayomide Agbola, Mr Raymond Olakekan, Dr. (Mrs) Ebele Nwankwo, Mr Nonso Ofili, Miss Oyinkansola Gidado, Mr Joshua Agbo, Mrs Morenike Ogunmoyero, Mrs Oluyemisi Olowosile 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, Mrs. Gladys Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, 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 crèche = 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.

15. 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.
- To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
- 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 Ex 22:29 "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me" Deut 12:6 "And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks"

Deut 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty":

2 Chron 7:12 "And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice"

16. 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.

HYMN FOR DOXOLOGY - (CONH 491)

- 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.
- God, our compassionate Father, Look upon us with mercy Let Your Name receive our praises Now and for eternity. Amen.

5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL, 2024 THEME: UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL THINGS

READING: PSALM 49; 1 KINGS 17:17-24; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11; JOHN 11:17-27.

In the Bible, in the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter

15, verses 1 to 11, Paul is talking to the people of the Corinthian church, reminding them about what believing in Jesus is all about. He tells them it's more than just doing the same things every day; it's about really getting it—knowing and holding onto the big truths about God and life.

In our busy lives today, with so many things trying to get our attention, we can forget about the part of life that's about God. But for those who follow Jesus, it's super important to get a strong grip on these spiritual things. When we do, it makes our belief strong, helps us make smart choices, and gives us special insight when tough times come.

People who spend time diving deep into God's spiritual truths find new meaning, peace, and a connection to something way bigger than just themselves. Going after these truths puts us on a path where we grow, get wise, and feel really satisfied in our hearts and souls.

What Are Spiritual Things?

Spiritual things are all about the parts of life we can't touch or see, like faith, love, hope, grace, and knowing God is with us. These things are key because they give our lives meaning, direction, and help us figure out what's really important. They guide us to do what's right, find peace inside, get through hard times, and feel close to God. They shape what's important to us, what we believe, and how we treat others.

Take the story of Lazarus, for example. It's not just a miracle story; it shows us big truths about life after death and how believing in Jesus can give us life forever. Lazarus' story makes us think about how our faith can change everything, even the worst like sadness or the end of life, and bring hope and new starts.

By thinking about Lazarus' story, we remember the huge things God does in our lives and how He wants us to understand more about the spiritual side of life.

Simple Spiritual Truths to Know:

- 1. God's Love: The Bible says God loves us no matter what, even enough to send Jesus (John 3:16). Really knowing God's love is at the heart of being a Christian.
- 2. Salvation: Christians believe that trusting in Jesus is how we're saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). It's all about understanding we need to be saved, what Jesus did for us, and how kind and generous God is.
- 3. The Holy Trinity: As Christians we say God is three-in-one: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). It's a big idea that's unique to Christianity.
- 4. Sin: Christians believe everyone messes up and needs to be set right with God (Romans 3:23). Knowing how our wrongs affect us, seek for redemption to God, and how Jesus makes us right with God again is huge.
- 5. The Church: Being part of a church family is important for Christians. It's where we worship God together, help each other, learn, and spread God's love (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 6. Gifts from God: Christians believe God gives us special abilities to help each other and make the church strong (1 Corinthians 12:7).
- 7. Heaven: Christians have hope for a forever life with God after this one (John 14:2-3). Living with this hope changes how we live now.

How to Learn More About Spiritual Things:

To get to know spiritual things better, you need a heart and mind that are open, faith that's strong, and a real want-to-know-more attitude. It's about being humble, ready for anything, and sticking with it as you learn more about God.

Faith is like the key that opens the door to understanding things we can't see or figure out on our own. It's by believing that we start to see the big spiritual truths that are too deep for just thinking and logic.

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- Strictly Feminine Every 3rd Saturday of the month.
- ii. Just 4 Guys Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 3.00p.m
- iii. Youth Fellowship every Saturday by 3.00pm.

Sunday:7.00am. & 10.00am. Services

Venue: Youth Chapel (2nd Floor, Adetiloye House) **Strictly Feminine** - **Co-ord** -**Sola Aladesawe** - 08135431392. **Just 4 Guys Co-ord.** - **Okechukwu Ofoegbu** - 08064463886

D. Elderly Ministry

All Senior Citizens are welcome every first and second Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00pm.

- i. Medical Check-up in the Clinic; Spiritual Talks; Games /Exercises and Handicrafts in the Vining Hall.
- Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.

iii. 2024 Bible Quiz Book – (1) EPHESIANS (II) ANGLICANISM

E. Evangelical Ministry

i. Monthly Meeting

- (a) 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month at 1st Floor, Vining House by 6.00pm.
- (b) 2nd Saturday has been shifted to 3rd 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.

F. Prisons & Hospital Ministry

(a) Hospital Visitation every 3^{rd} and last Sundays of the month. (b) Prison visitation every 2^{nd} Thursday of the month (c) Meeting comes up every 2^{nd} 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.

F. Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College, Lagos

Admission to Lagos Anglican Bible College (LABICO) for 2024 Calendar year is ongoing. Please obtain your form at the Church Office or contact: 08033083851. Admission form is N3,000.

G. Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary, Ikorodu

The forms for the above school are out at the rate of **N20,000**. Payment should be made into **Zenith Bank Plc:** Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary **Account No 1015133015.** Collect your own at the Cathedral Office and submit at the school. **Examination Date:** Saturday, 1st June, 2024. Interview on Saturday 8th June, 2024 at 8.00am.

H. Admission to Anglican Girl's College, Ketu-Ijanikin

The form for the school is out at the rate of N10,000.00. 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.

i. Admission to Lagos Anglican Schools

- Anglican Comp. High School, College Road, Ipaja,
- Anglican Girls Grammar School, Surulere,
- CMS Grammar School, Bariga
- Bishop Howells Memorial Grammar School, Bariga

The forms for the above schools are out at the rate of N15,000. 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.

14. MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIPS

A. Children's Ministry

Parents are requested to send their children to the Sunday School with Bibles, Note Books & Biros. 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.

Counsellees 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.

- 1. Through faith, we get a peek at these truths.
- 2. Praying is how we talk to God and ask Him to show us the way.
- 3. When we meditate, we make room for God to speak to our hearts.
- 4. Reading the Bible teaches us a lot about these truths.
- 5. The Holy Spirit, who is God with us, helps us understand and follow God's truth (John 14:26).

Challenges in Understanding Spiritual Things:

When we're trying to understand spiritual things, we'll run into stuff that makes it hard.

- 1. Distractions and Temptations: Our busy lives can make it tough to focus on God and spiritual truths.
- 2. Human Thinking: If we only rely on our own brains and thinking, we might miss out on God's bigger picture because human wisdom can't always grasp God's mysteries (1 Corinthians 1:25).
- 3. Doubts and Uncertainties: Everyone has moments when they're not sure about their faith or have questions. These can shake us up, but when we stick with it and trust God, our understanding and belief can grow stronger (James 1:5-6).

The Good Stuff About Understanding Spiritual Things:

- 1. How It Changes Us: When we really get spiritual truths, it can change everything about our lives. We start to see the world and our place in it with new eyes. We understand better how to live with others and feel more at home in the universe.
- 2. Finding Peace and Purpose: Knowing spiritual truths can help us find real peace and a reason for living, even when things are hard. It's like having a strong inner calm that stays with us, no matter what's going on outside.
- 3. Living by Faith: When we really get it, we start to live by what we believe. We follow God's way because we want to, and this can bring a big change for the better in all parts of our lives.

Learning about spiritual things isn't just about getting smarter; it's about letting God change us from the inside out so we can live fuller, more joyful lives.

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

April 14 – April 20, 2024

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7.00 am Holy Communion	578
7.00 am Youth Service	129
7.00 am Sunday School	298
10.00 am Mattins	441
10.00 am Youth Service	130
10.00 am Sunday School	183
Tuesday Bible Study	87
Wednesday Holy Communion	124
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	65

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
- **4** Torchbearers Society
- **↓** Ladies Progressive League
- ♣ Lord Labourers Fellowship
- **♣** Good Shepherd Society
- The Lord Vessel Society

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 21st April, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm Chie Nwerri, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Gina Okolo

7.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Mrs Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Mrs E. Osibajo.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 28th April, 2024

7.00a.m-10.00a.m: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibidapo-Obe, Pharm Deji Osinoiki, Pharm Mrs Yomi Osinoiki, Mrs Nkiru Arah.

7.00am-2.00pm: Prof. I Akinsete, Dr. Remi Oladapo-Sanu, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs Bola Awobiyi.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 21st April - Saturday, 27th April, 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.

ii. Sunday 28th April - Saturday, 5th May, 2024

Oyebanji Toba (Captain), Helen Arhagba, (Assistant Captain), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Enujioke Michael, Odibo Fanny Efe, Odanye Mojisola.

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Easter IV April 28

Theme: Following The Good Shepherd

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

AVMCC 60th ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:5

Layreader Chijioke Onuma

Gospel: John 16:5-22

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Diocesan

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House
Cantor: The Rev. Michael Obembe
Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

AVMCC 60th ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Diocesan

O.T. Reading Exodus 35:4-8, 36:1-7

Layreader Grace Odukomaiya

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Layreader Teju Akindolire

The Gospel: Matthew 16:17-19

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Address: The Diocesan

6.00 pm: EVENSONG

Cantor: Layreader Esther Alofe

Psalm: 77

Lesson John 21:15-End

Preacher: Layreader Oluremi Onabolu

12. BANNS 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.

1st NOTICE:

Mr Eseoghene Imoh & Miss Chukwudumebi Bielonwu

13. NOTICES

A. Visitors and New Comers

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

B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily: Monday – Friday - 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.

15.

Friday, **April 26, 2024 Colour: White**

7.00am **Holy Communion** Theme: Jesus drank the cup

Celebrant: The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

1 Thess. 3:1-13 - Lay. E. Osibajo **Epistle:**

Matthew 5:27-37 Gospel:

Hvmns: CONH 118, CONH 619, CONH 598

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Prayer Points:

- 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: Dr. Lucy Adekunbi, Mrs Chidinma Tochukwu, Mr Oliver Anozie, Mrs Theodorah Chukwuma, Miss Ijeoma Enendu, Mr Chimaobi Ezeokoli, Chief Morenike Dele Alimi, Mr Olubamidele Opanuga, Mr Kenneth Nwaneme, Mr Chijioke Onwadike, Miss Fortune Ogueliwu, Mrs Nkechiyere Onwurike, Mrs Iheoma Omonivi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nze Family, Nzeako Family, Nzedinma Family, Nzegwu Family, Nzeh Family, Nzekwe Family, Nzewi Family, Obadan Family, Obadare Family, Obah Family.

6.00pm **Choir Practice**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Colour: White

7.00am **Holy Communion**

Theme: We display true love when we walk after God's commandments

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju **Epistle:** 2 John 1:5-6 - Lay. T. Gidado

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Hymns: CONH 16, CONH 43, CONH 867 Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Prayer Points:

- For the Most Revd. Israel A. Amoo, his family and all members of the Diocese of New Bussa.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Festus Sobanke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Omu-Aran.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr David Afere, Miss Ogechukwu Agbara, Mr Charles Ajibo, Mr Godsfrey Amanchukwu, Mrs Chinwe Chigbu, Mrs Chika Ndu, Mrs Nkechi Nwankwu, Prof. Sunday Odunfa, Mr Chidubem Obi, Mr Mudiaga Edema.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Obaruvwe Family, Obasanya Family, Obasesin Family, Obasi Family, Obayemi Family, Obe Family, Obi Family, Obiabaka Family, Obiageli Family, Obiajulu Family.

9.00 am 60th Anniversary Covenant Conference 1.00 pm 60th Annivesary CRS Project **Commissioning**

4.00 pm **Baptism**

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATION	PHONE NO
	Mr. Cyril		
1.	Nwannunu	Egbeda	08033480112
	Mrs. Georgina	Oko-Oba GRA	
2.	Bamigboye	Scheme 1	08023414415
	Obum Osy-	Maryland	
3.	Onyekwelu	Crescent	08036684298
4.	Victor Adenuoye	Fagba	08069206291
5.	Lady Gina Okolo	Mangoro Ikeja	08033235796
		College Road,	
6.	Ugochi Osinigwe	Ogba	08092147012
	Rtd. Col. C. O.	54, New Ipaja	
7.	Ajala	Road	08081654907
	Mrs. Ebele S.		
8.	Okere	Ajao Estate	08023270247
	Chukwuemeka		
9.	Ejiofor	Dopemu	07030463556
		Toyin Street,	
10.	Adekoya M. O.	Ikeja	
11.	Olusunkanmi King	Maryland	
12.	Chinyere Umealo	Oregun	08033052131
13.	Ada Obi	Cement	08062074465
14.	Obi Divine	Cement	08062074465
	Mrs. Udoka		
15.	Omoniyi	Fagba	08023082792
	Mayokun		
16.	Ogedengbe	Anifowose	08069530744
	Gbadeyan		
17.	Ademola	Alagbole /Akute	08171373722
18.	Chinyere Okpara	Adealu	08035792201
19.	Umeadi Juliana	Dopemu	08057474558
20.	Bro. I.O Odeniran	Opebi	08023096565
	Umeadi	Dopemu Road,	
21.	Christopher	Agege	08055901853
22.	Tochi Anyalewechi	Oke-Ira, Ogba	
	Mrs Teju		
23.	Akindolire	Ogudu, GRA	08175160830
24.	Mr Tunji Odeneye	Gbagada	08033163337
	Mr Makinde		
25.	Ogunleye	Omole Phase 2	08033078004
	Barr. F. Okey		
26.	Ogbu	Iyana-Ipaja	08023192145
20.	Princewill	ryunu rpuju	00023172143
27.	Ihemerendu	Mafoluku	
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10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 22, 2024 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Jesus Christ is our eternal life Ante Communion: Layreader Oyin Oshikoya Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu*

The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Epistle: I John 5:6-13 – Lay. Titi Afolabi

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10

Hymns: CONH 50, CONH 48, CONH 120 Preacher: Layreader Olateju Akindolire Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Prince Christian Ayim, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isuiwuato/Umunneochi.
- For the Rt. Revd. Johnson Onuoha, his family and all members of the Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia.
- For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Bukky Akintobi, Mr Meshack Odeja, Mrs Ayo Samo, Naetochi Nwakanma, Miss Oluwaseunfunmi Olusina, Miss Onaopemipo Oluwatuyi, Dr. Arinzechukwu Onubogu, Mrs Uju Adigwe, Mr Olurotimi Omotoso, Master Joshua Okere, Master David Bamgbade, Miss Chisom Onubogu, Mrs Loretta Umeli, Mr Olasubomi Somade, Mrs Gladys Uzoh, Mr Henry Omoragbon, Mr Ovie Oghenekaro.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwaneme Family, Nwaneto Family, Nwanonye Family, Nwanguma Family, Nwani Family, Nwanjoku Family, Nwankwo Family, Nwankwor Family, Nwankwu Family, Nwannunu Family.

12noon Social Welfare Ministry 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Keep yourselves from sin Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Epistle: 1 John 5:14-21- Lay. P. Olagbaju

Gospel: Matthew 5:11-16

Hymns: CONH 117, CONH 428, CONH 878

Preacher: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chigozirim Onyegbule, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikwuano.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Temple Nwaogu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isiala Ngwa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Olusola Odedeji, Dr. Obinna Nwaoha, Miss Esther David-Osuagwu, Mr Njoku Ethelbert, Miss Omolara Randle, Mr Chukwuebuka Okpara, Mrs Obioma Edebeatu, Mr Nnamdi Onyemaobi, Miss Esther Adeyemi, Mr Gabriel Adebowale, Miss Nmesoma Ekekezie, Mr Chidiebere Ikwunnze, Miss Ogechi Osuagwu, Mrs Nkechi Anyanwu.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwanorue Family, Nwaoha Family, Nwaokeneme Family, Nwaokolo Family, Nwaorgu Family, Nwaukwa Family, Nwegbe Family, Nweke Family, Nwigwe Family, Nwizu Family.

5.00pm - 6.00pm Intercessory Prayer 6.00pm BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, April 24 2024 Colour: White

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Know the truth and abide in the truth

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: 2 John 1:1-3 – Lay. Bolaji Dania

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20

Hymns: CONH 126, CONH 462, CONH 828

CONH 455

Preacher: The Dean

Prayer Point

❖ For the Most. Revd.Isaac Nwaobia, his family and all members of the Diocese of Isiala Ngwa South.

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Nathan C.O. Kanu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Victoria Adebanjo, Mrs Margaret Adebiyi-Ogungbesan, Mr Olamide Afuye, Ms Constance Alabi, Mrs Helen Awobiyi, Miss Rachael Haruna, Mr Abolade Adesina, Mr Oyefeso Oyebade, Mrs Nneka Ochokwu, Mrs Mary Odukomaiya, Mrs Aramide Ogedengbe, Mr Chidiadi Opara, Mr Christopher Opara, Mr Douglas Amah-Jerry.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwobi Family, Nwobia Family, Nwobodo Family, Nwode Family, Nwodi Family, Nwodi Family, Nwoke Family.

8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation

6.00pm PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2024 Colour: Red

St. Mark the Evangelist

7.00am Holy Communion

There is joy in walking in the truth

Celebrant: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

Epistle: 2 John 1:4 – Lay. Edith Cookey

Gospel: John 18:1-14

Hymns: CONH 116, CONH 834, CONH 877

Preacher: The Ven. Azubike Ahubelem

Collect: Almighty God, You have enlighetened Your holy Church through the inspired witness of Your Evaneglist Saint Mark: Grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of Your Gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer Points:

- For the Rt. Revd. Sunday Adewole, his family and all members of the Diocese of Kwara.
- For the Rt. Revd. Dr. Solomon Olusola Akanbi, his family and all members of the Diocese of Offa.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Chimaobim Kanu, Mrs Adewunmi Ayodele, Mr Igwebuike, Miss Esther Ezeobi, Mrs Adetutu Banjo, Mr Kingsley IboloBarr. (Mrs) Nonye Ofoegbu, Mrs Ejiroghene Nwosu, Mr Robert Obi, Engr. Kelechi Ononiwu, MrsJolomi Fawehinmi.
- For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Nwokedi Family, Nwokedinobi Family, Nwokeji Family, Nwokolo Family, Nwosa Family, Nwosu Family, Nwosu-Igbo Family, Nwoye Family, Nwumeh Family, Nwune 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).

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).

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).

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).