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Vol. 20/12/50/2024

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, 29th Dec. - Saturday, 4th Jan. 2025

Christmas 1

Theme: God's all time gift to Mankind

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 – 29th Dec., 2024
- A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
 - Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe
 - Epistle: Boluwatife Oyinlade
 - The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
 - Preacher: The Dean
 - Intercessor: Rotimi Coker
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 179 (I)
- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **Bolanle Joseph**
- ❖ The Epistle Galatians 4:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 157
- ❖ The Gospel: John 1:14-18
- ❖ SERMON
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession
- ❖ The Peace *(Let there be peace)*
- ❖ All Offerings: Choruses

Thanksgiving

- i. End of the month Thanksgiving

- ❖ Doxology CONH 491
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 989

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.

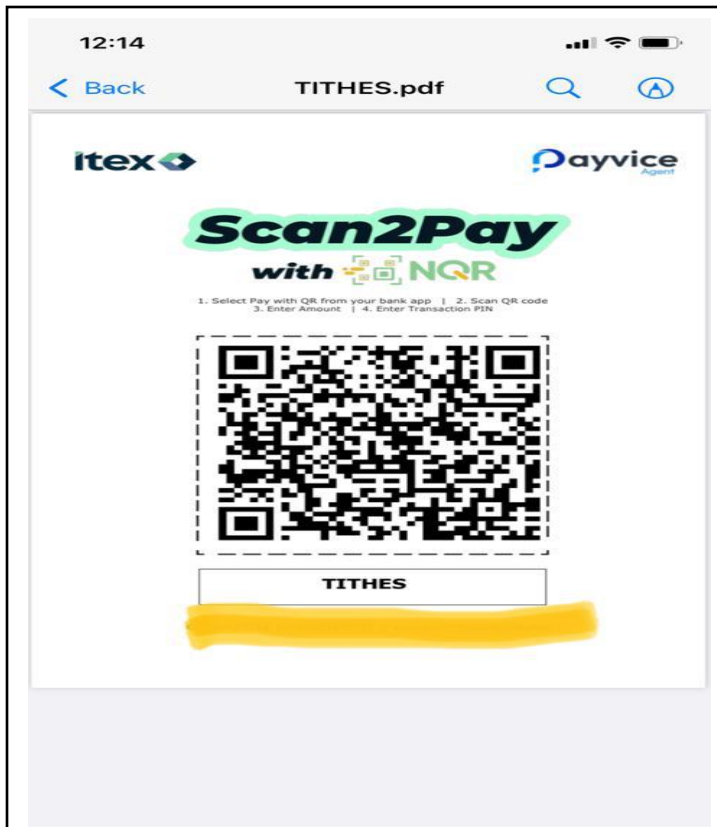
AVMCC DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Account Name: AVMCC Development Fund
 Account Number: 1021733207
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22. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	SORT CODE	PURPOSE
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	9200212515		
IBTC		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.

20. HARVEST NEWS
THEME - HARVEST OF GOOD FAITH
- Matthew 17:20

A. Harvest Flag Handover- Jan. 12th 2025

21. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2024.
 - (a) **Church Dues: N7,500.** 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 22, 2024.
 - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 30, 2024.
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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
KINDLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR
BELONGINGS IN THE CHURCH PLS

22. SOCIETIES, COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES
REPORTS

This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 23rd February, 2025. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2024 to the Cathedral Office. The report must be signed.

23. NAMES OF CURRENT PRESIDENT &
SECRETARIES & THEIR PHONE NUMBERS

This is to inform all Societies that the Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025. Kindly send the names of your current Presidents, Secretaries & their phone numbers to the Cathedral Office to enable us update the 2025 Vestry Report

- B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION**
- Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye
Epistle: Seun Bibire
The Gospel: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Preacher: The Dean
Intercessor: Dayo Egbedeyi
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 221
 - ❖ Praise & Worship
 - ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **Dara Egbedeyi**
 - ❖ The Epistle Galatians 4:1-7
 - ❖ Gradual Hymn: CONH 157
 - ❖ The Gospel: John 1:14-18
 - ❖ **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 206, 227, 229, 173

 - ❖ The Ablution: CONH 19
 - ❖ Post Communion Prayer

 - ❖ **Thanksgiving**
 - i. End of the month Thanksgiving

 - ❖ Doxology CONH 491
 - ❖ Benediction
 - ❖ Notices
 - ❖ Diocesan Anthem
 - ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 989

C. EVENTS AHEAD

1. Alpha and Omega Prayer (14days) 24th Dec. – 7th January, 2025 at 6.00am daily.
2. Watchnight Service – Tuesday 31st Dec. 2024 at 9.00pm.
3. New Year Service – Wednesday, 1st January, 2025.
4. 7 HOURS OF PRAISE – organized by Agape Christian Sisters shall hold in January, 2025.
5. Universal Week of Prayer – Monday 6th – Sat. 11th January, 2025 at 6.00pm daily. (see page 18)
6. Harvest Handover – Sunday, 12th January, 2025 at 10.00am.
7. Rededication of Ladies, Girls Guild & Royal Gems & Vessel – Sunday, 19th January, 2025 at 2.00pm.
8. Rededication of Ikeja Zonal Christian Mothers – Sunday, 26rd January, 2025 at 2.00pm.
9. VESTRY MEETING – Sunday, 23rd Feb. 2025 after 10.00am Service



**E. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2024
EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024 -
2. Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024 - YMCA
3. Sunday, Jan. 5 2025 - Evangelical & Clergy
4. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025 - YWCA
5. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 - Rededication of Royal
Gems & Vessel
6. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 - Rededication of Diocesan
Christian Mothers
7. Sunday Feb. 2, 2025 - Anglican Fellowship
8. Sunday Feb. 9, 2025 - Apostles of Peace
9. Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 - Vestry Meeting
10. Sunday Mar. 2, 2025 - Ambassadors of Christ
11. Sunday Mar. 9, 2025 - Agape Sisters

F. ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform parishioners and other users of our facilities, that may need to have services at the Tent church or reception ceremonies at any of our halls, that decorations must be done the day prior to the event, and must be concluded by 10pm. This is for security reasons amongst others. Thank You.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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- H. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG
- Cantor: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle
Cantor: Layreader Joy Nwadiugwu
 Preacher: *Layreader Helen Adewale*
 Sponsor: YMCA
 Organist: *Mr Muyiwa Olagoke*
- ❖ Processional Hymn: CONH 164
 - ❖ Call to Worship
 - ❖ Praise Worship
 - ❖ Lesson: Phil. 2:1-11 - YMCA
 - ❖ Hymn: CONH 419
 - ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
 - ❖ Offerings Choruses
(a) First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering
 - ❖ Thanksgiving



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18. 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.

19. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

1. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Mr Godwin Ohiara of AVMCC Choir Aged: 78 years). Burial arrangements are as follows:
Funeral Service: On Monday, 30th Dec, 2024 at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Mgbedeala, Umuikaa junc, Isiala Ngwa South, Abia, at 11.00am.
2. We announce the Glorious passing of our beloved Father, Pa Samuel Chukwuemeka Nwosu, (Father of Dr. Tochukwu Nwosu) of Christian Family and Fountain of Hope Society. Burial Arrangement:
Funeral Service: Friday, 3rd January, 2025 at St. Michael's Anglican Church, by Afor Igwe Road, Umudioka by 10am.
3. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother, Mrs Yetunde Gbodimowo of Band of Mercy. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Wake Keep Service: On Thursday, 9th January 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 10th January, 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
3. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Benjamin Olajide of YMCA. Aged: 85years Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Monday, 3rd February, 2025 at Vining Hall at 3.00pm.
Commendation Service: On Tuesday, 4th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 7th & Saturday 8th Feb. 2025 at Ogale, Idi-Oro, Kogi State.
4. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Mr Emmanuel Adedeji Oyeneeye of Charity Band and Choir. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Wednesday, 19th February, 2025 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Commendation Service: On Thursday, 20th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC at 9.00am.
5. We announce the passing into glory of our Father, Chief Clement Babatola of CUBN. Burial arrangements are as follows:
Service of Songs: On Thursday, 27th February, 2024 at Vining Hall at 4.00pm.
Funeral Service: On Friday, 28th Feb. 2025 at AVMCC

2. SENTENCES FOR CHRISTMAS I

Introductory Sentence

Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly and whatever you do, do everything to the glory of God.

Colossians 31:15,

17.

Collect for the Week:

Almighty God, You have given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

God showed His love among us, He sent His One and Only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

I John 4:9.

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, 29th DECEMBER, 2024

- 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 for grace to hear from the Lord on daily basis in line with God's mandate in their episcopacy.
 - ii. For the Rt. Revd. Henry Okeke, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ideato.



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

Shodunke Family, Shojobi Family, Shopeju Family, Shosinde Family, Shotolu Family, Shotunde Family, Shyllon Family, Siakpere Family, Sigbeku Family, Sikuade Family.

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

- i. For Mr Adeyemi Adejuwon, Mr Christian Ajulu, Miss Amaka Akuihe, Miss Gloria Ineh, Miss Omosewe Jide-Fadiya, Mr Chukwudi Anyakora, Mr Daniel Nwaokeneme, Mr Chidera Obi, Mr Nnabuike Odukwe, Mr Ugochukwu Okaro 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 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.



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AVMCC HARVEST ACCOUNT

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
- 4 "60" Inch Television
- 1 Sony XDCAM PMW-EX3 Camera for AVMCC Media
- 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
VINYL FLOOR CARPET	= 469,220
Premium underlay for crèche	= 47,800

15. 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.

2025 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Date: Monday, 6th January, 2025

Venue: First Baptist Church Olowu

Worship Leader: Methodist Priest

Intercessors Ven. Abiodun Omoyelu

Preacher: Ven. Ebenezer Adewole

Date: Tuesday, 7th January, 2025

Venue: Bola Memorial Ang. Church, Ikeja

Worship Leader: First Baptist Church, Olowu, Ikeja

Intercessors Rev. Dr. Olurotimi Taiwo

Preacher: Very. Rev. O.E. Daramola

Date: Wednesday, 8th January, 2025

Venue: Archbishop Vining Mem. Church Cathedral

Worship Leader: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Alausa

Intercessors Rev. Dr. Dele Ajayi

Preacher: Rev. Dr. K.S. Ogokunle

Date: Thursday, 9th January, 2025

Venue: St. Leo's Catholic Church, Toyin, Ikeja

Worship Leader: St. Luke's the Physician, LASUTH, Ikeja

Intercessors Ven. G.A. Fawole

Preacher: Rev. Canon Opeyemi Ibikunle

Date: Friday, 10th January, 2025

Venue: Methodist Church, Opebi, Ikeja

Worship Leader: Strong Tower Baptist Church, Opebi

Intercessors Rev. Fatoki Sunday

Preacher: Rev. Uche G. Ukasoanya

Date: Saturday, 11th January, 2025

Venue: Anglican Church of Ascension, Opebi,

Worship Leader: Ebenezer African Church, Opebi. Ikeja

Intercessors Rev. P.O. Okunlola

Preacher: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Omoroke, SMMM

Sunday, 12th January – Thanksgiving in every church

16. VACANCY

Maintenance Officer: Is urgently needed. 5 years working experience in reputable Construction Firm Registered Builder (NIDB) B.Tech in or HND in Building Interested persons to submit their application to the Cathedral Office.

4. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 2024

THEME: GOD'S ALL TIME GIFT TO MANKIND

READING: PSALM 2; ISAIAH 62:10-12; GALATIANS 4:1-7; JOHN 1:14-18.

INTRODUCTION

Glory to the new born king! It is with awe and reference we hallow the name of God for given unto us the "Best Gift". It isn't just the best, it is the greatest gift that mankind can offer. Grace, redemption and truth was given to us through Jesus Christ and in Him we have the fullness of life. Albeit, the first Adam misplaced and forfeited the gift, the second Adam retained and brought us back to fullness of life. Eph 1:3.

WHAT JESUS BRINGS

From the text today, We pick up where we left off in [John 1:14](#): "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." The Word—who was revealed as God in verse 1—became flesh, that is, became human. So God dwelt among us for about 33 years as the God-man, Jesus Christ. However,

John focuses on two things in verses 14–18: *Christ's glory* and *his grace*. *His truth* is mentioned also at the end of verse 14 ("full of grace and truth") but *grace* gets the emphasis. You can see that in verse 16: "And from his fullness we have all received, *grace upon grace*."

THE GIFT OF GOD

1. **THE GIFT OF JESUS HIMSELF (John 3:16).**

[John 3:16](#)... God gave us the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, so that through Him we could be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life.

I believe many miss the mark at Christmas. In our schools and public arenas we can celebrate Christmas as long as it includes Santa Claus and excludes Jesus.

But God gave His Son and all who accept Christ as Savior and Lord have eternal life. It doesn't break, or fade, or rust, and it cannot be stolen, and it cannot be misplaced. God gives us life... [John 10:10](#), "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

while the devil, our adversaries, makes promises of happiness and fulfillment and pleasure – but they never last, they're only temporary. Satan is a liar. [John 8:44](#), "...There is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a

But the gift that God gave is eternal. The everlasting God gave Himself. That's something many parents could learn from. They give things, but not themselves.. There's nothing wrong with giving things, but those things should never be a substitute for your relationship with your family and embedding in your seeds the everlasting love of Christ.

2. The Gift Has Great Value

There are a lot of people who look into the manger, but they don't see the "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

They don't see anything special at all, because they don't have the eyes of faith. All they can see is a little baby. And they pass by the child in the manger and seek after the gold, and the frankincense, and the myrrh sitting at the side, they don't want the Son of God, they want the gifts.

For some that's all Christmas is about. They want the toys, clothes, money, and the stocking stuffers. But they want nothing to do with Christ. Which do you value more, the toys and trinkets of this life that will all eventually fade away, or a relationship with Jesus Christ that will last forever?

Matthew 13:44-46, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Knowing Christ is worth more than anything else in this world; in fact, knowing Christ is worth more than everything else in this world. Jesus Christ is that treasure; He's that pearl of great value. God's gift to us, His only begotten Son, is worth more than anything else we could ever possess.

And we would be wise to sell everything we have to obtain Christ. **Philippians 3:8**, "I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may

C. Cathedral Youth Chapel Regular Weekly Programmes

- i. 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.
- ii. Please send names of sick and shut-in Elders to the Coordinator Elderly Ministry or the Cathedral office for visitation.

- iii. **2025 Bible Quiz Book – The Book of Zechariah**

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 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



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. 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.*

F. 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.

G. 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.

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 NO 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 & Biro. Please instruct your children to remain in the Sunday School and not wander about looking for things to buy. Children are better and safer in the Sunday School.

B. 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,

Now there are some things we ought to get rid of... **1 Peter 2:1**, "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,"

We don't get rid of these things to obtain a relationship with Christ but we ought to get rid of these things because we have a relationship with Christ. Remember Christ is that treasure, He is that pearl of great value and nothing should have greater value to us.

Is there something that you cling to that hinders your walk with God? Lay it aside, because it is keeping you from the greatest gift ever given.

3. The Gift Must Be Received

Revelation 22:17, "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." It's available to everyone, but God doesn't force it on anyone. We have to receive it...

John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"

Not all who hear about him become the children of God. Not all who agreed with his teachings become the children of God. Not all who attended church become the children of God. Not all who tried to follow the golden rule become the children of God. But all who receive him.

CONCLUSION

Conclusion: **James 1:17**, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Now, maybe you opened that gift years ago, but lately it's been sitting on the shelf. You've been too busy, or too distracted to give Christ the time and attention you know He deserves. Or maybe for you that gift is still under the tree, wrapped and ready to be opened.

My appeal to you this morning is this: Don't leave Christ on the shelf; don't leave Him under the tree. Take him into your heart and into your life. That gift from God has a tag with your name on it. What better time than Christmas to renew your commitment to Christ; or what better time than Christmas to begin a new life of fellowship with Jesus Christ, a new life of joy and peace. Amen

Merry Christmas and compliments of the season!

6. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 22 – December 28, 2024

7.00 am Holy Communion	765
7.00 am Youth Service	
127	
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	569
10.00 am Youth Service	231
10.00 am Sunday School	-
Tuesday Bible Study	-
Wednesday Christmas Day Service	650
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	-

7. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after service:

- *Anglican Fellowship Executive*
- *Lord Labourers Fellowship*

8. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

A. Cathedral Health Centre

i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 29th Dec., 2024

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Dr. B. Ibadapo-Obe, Pharm. Dele Ajala, Mrs A. Amah-Jerry, Mrs Gina Okolo.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Mrs Irene Okwerekwu, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Pharm. Y. Olorunsola, Mrs E. Osibajo.

ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday 5th Jan., 2025

7.00a.m-10.00am: Dr. Olivier Akinola, Dr. M. Akinlemibola, Pharm. Chie Nwerri, Mrs Nkiru Arah, Mrs A. Amah-Jerry.

10.00am-2.00pm: Dr. Arinze Onubogu, Pharm. Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Olufunke Olatunji, Sis. Boladuro Ajibola.

B. Security & Traffic Control

i. Sunday 29th Dec. - Saturday, 4th Jan. 2025

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, Okedurum Andrew, Gbenga Ojo, Ola Martins, Newman Ekwegh, Helen Adewale.

ii. Sunday 5th Jan. - Saturday, 11th Jan, 2025

Oyebanji Toba (Captain), Helen Arhagba, (Assistant Captain), Segun Adeniji, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Funso Fagbuyiro, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujioke, Olusegun Esan, Enujioke Michael, Odanye

11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Christmas II

January 5

Theme: The Glory Awaiting The Repentant Nation

Colour: White

7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: Rev. 21:22-22:1-5

Layreader Uzor Ejikeme

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; 19-23

The Rev. Yinka

Akinpeju

Preacher: The Diocesan

THE YOUTH SERVICE

Venue: The Adetiloye House

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Obembe

10.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Diocesan

Epistle: Rev. 21:22-22:1-5

Layreader Grace Odukomaiya

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; 19-23

The Rev. Yinka

Akinpeju

Preacher: The Diocesan

6.00 pm: EUCHARIST WITH ANOINTING

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

Epistle: Rev. 21:22-22:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12; 19-23

Preacher: The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

12. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Bannes of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

2ND NOTICE:

1. Mr. Emeka Ikoku & Miss Merry Odeachi

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. Vinina Bookshod



Friday, January 3, 2024 Colour: White
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Futility of Rebellion against God

Celebrant: The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye

For the Epistle: Psalm 2:1-12 - Lay. T. Jaiyeola

Gospel: John 10:7-17

Hymns: CONH 455, CONH 587, CONH 458

Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Benjamin Okere

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Augustine Ohilebo, his family and all members of the Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora.
- ❖ For the Most Revd. Cyril Odutemu, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ughelli.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Unogu Ijeoma, Miss Olubusola Agboola, Miss Ifeoma Agu, Mr Ernest Elue, Mrs Joyce Ezeigbo, Mrs Bolanle Odutayo, Dame Elizabeth Omene, Mrs Titilayo Fasogbon.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Tugbobo Family, Tuyo Family, Uba Family, Ubachukwu Family, Ubaghaji Family, Ubah Family, Ubaka Family, Ubani Family, Ubeh Family, Ubosi Family.

Saturday, January 4, 2025 Colour: White
7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: God is able to deliver

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Obembe

For the Epistle: Psalm 3:1-8 - Lay. H. Adewale

Gospel: John 14:6-14

Hymns: CONH 48, CONH 431, CONH 452

Preacher: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. John Aruakpor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oleh.
- ❖ For the Rt Revd. Gabriel Elabor Osa, his family and all members of the Diocese of Esan.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Chief Babatope Bejide, Miss Ogechi Emerenini, Mr Chuka Mgbemena, Mrs Folasade Olupitan, Mr Babatunde Osonuga, Miss Oluwakemi Ojo, Mr Williams Smith, Master Ayodele Osunleti, Mrs Florence Ogunwumi.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Uche Family, Ucheka Family, Uchechukwu Family, Uchefuna Family, Udeh Family, Udemba Family, Udemisi Family, Udensi Family, Udeoba Family, Udeogalanya Family.

3.00 pm Youth Fellowship

4.00 pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade

4.00 pm Baptism

9. LIST OF CENTERS FOR HOME CELL FELLOWSHIP

S/N	NAMES	LOCATIONS	PHONE NO
1.	SIS. SUCCESS	VINING	08170342970
2.	LADY GINA OKOLO	MANGORO	08033235796
3.	SIS. AMARACHUCKWU	IKEJA	08127786418
4.		CEMENT	08038503506
5.	BARR. OKEY OGBU	IYANA PAJA	08023192145
7.	MR. I. O. ODENIRAN	OPEBI	08023096565
8.	MRS. AKINROTIMI	ABORU	08022791113 08134382592
9.	MRS. ALOFE	IJAIYE	08034857240
10.	BRO. MAYOKUN	ANIFOWOSE	08069530744
11.	SIS. OBUM OSY-ONYEKWELU	MARYLAND CRESCENT	08036684298
12.	VICTOR ADENUOYE	FAGBA	08069206291
13.	RTD. COL. C.O. AJALA	54, NEW IPAJA ROAD	08081654907
14.	CHINYERE UMEALO	OREGUN	08033052131

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10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 30, 2024 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Bearing witness to the Light

Ante Communion: Layreader Titi Afolabi

Celebrant: *The Ven. Abiodun Omoiyelu*
The Rev. Yinka Akinpeju

For the Epistle: I John 1:1-10- *Lay. C. Mgbamoka*

Gospel: John 7:53-8:11

Hymns: *CONH 125, CONH 570, CONH 120*

Preacher: Layreader Patricia Enwezor

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chidi Oparaojiaku, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ohaji/Egbema.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Chijioke B.N. Oti, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Lake.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Madueke Abonyi, Miss Odunola Atolagbe, Mr Stanley Ekwunife, Mrs Fela Oni, Mr Natalie Shokede, Mrs Nkechi Isong, Mr Chimezie Unogu, Mr Chibuzo Okoli, Mrs Toyin Makinde-Akinrolabu, Mr Ikenna Okebata, Mr Enitan Oduniyi, Mr Bayo Opadiran, Mr Tochi Madubuike, Mrs Olufela Shodeke.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Simkaiye Family, Siwoku Family, Smith Family, Sodade Family, Sodeinde Family, Sodeke Family, Sodipo Family, Sodiya Family, Soboyejo Family, Sokefun Family.

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 Colour: White
New Year Eve

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: Sing Praises to the Lord

Celebrant: The Rev. Fikayo Adenle

For the Epistle: Psalm 98:1-9- *Lay. T. Gidado*

Gospel: John 8:12-19

Hymns: *CONH 32, CONH 48, CONH 677*

Preacher: *The Rev. Adefope Adetujoye*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Geoffrey Chukwunenye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Oru.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. John Obinali, his family and all members of the Diocese of Okigwe.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Rev. Dr. Ogo-Oluwa Adeyemi, Mrs Benedicta Amadi, Mrs Evelyn Anyadiiegwu, Mr Broght Ucheka, Mrs Caroline Sodeinde, Mr Ebuka Okechukwu, Ms Catherine Ejike, Miss Hale Anayo, Miss Olamide Ola-Ishola, Mrs Beatrice Ikwemesi, Mr Placidus Ogueliwu.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Solaja Family, Solanke Family, Solaru Family, Solo-Edema Family, Somade Family, Sonola Family, Sonusi Family, Sorinmade Family, Soremekun Family, Sosanya Family.

8.00pm PRAISES & WORSHIP

9.00 pm INTERCESSION & ANOINTING SERVICE

10.00 pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Colour: White
New Year Day

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Celebrant: *The Diocesan*

O.T. Reading Genesis 17:19-24

Psalm 8

Epistle: Romans 4:8-14 - *Lay. D. Mac Eze*

Gospel: Luke 2:21-24

Hymns: *CONH 462, 32, 66 (I), 614, 828, 641, 19, 164*

Preacher: *The Diocesan*

Prayer Point

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Maduwike, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ikeduru.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Dr. P.O.J. Imasuen, his family and all members of the Diocese of Benin.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Miss Ogochukwu Anukaenyi, Mr Samuel Chukwudum, Mrs Folasade Ogunsakin, Mrs Ngozi Ekekezie, Mr Demuvi Eferakeya, Mr Obinna Kanu, Sir Chitto Ezeani, Engr. Chigozie Nze, Mr Paul Igvide, Mrs Amaka Joe-Nwagbo, Mr Madu Manhattan, Engr. Gabriel Okoli, Engr. Uche Nwoji, Mr Nnamdi Obi, Mrs Florence Oguchi, Mrs Chinyere Okeke, Ms Susan Olorunhundo, Miss Chidinma Olugbuo, Mr Samuel Olanrewaju, Mr Abiodun Oluseye, Mr Iziken Omionu, Mr Humphrey Opara, Mr Alexander Okorocho, Ms Chinazor Agbasimalo, Mrs Ada Agbasimalo, Mrs Frances Nwadijo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Sotuminu Family, Sowale Family, Soyemi Family, Soyinka Family, Stephen Family, Suberu Family, Sunday Family, Sly-Dugbo Family, Taiwo Family, Taiwo-Olaitan Family.

Thursday, January 2, 2025 Colour: White

6.00am Alpha & Omega

7.00am Holy Communion

Theme: The Blessed Life

Celebrant: *The Rev. Fikayo Adenle*

For The Epistle: Psalm 1:1-6 - *Lay. Gina Okolo*

Gospel: John 6:35-42, 48-51

Hymns: *CONH 18, CONH 50, CONH 435*

Preacher: *The Rev. Michael Obembe*

Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Kingsley Obuh, his family and all members of the Diocese of Asaba.
- ❖ For the Rt. Revd. Christian Esezi Ide, his family and all members of the Diocese of Warri.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Beatrice Agbola, Miss Shirley Agu, Mr Frank Ajala, Arc Omololu Akinbobola, Mr Adeolu Aladesawe, Mrs Amarachi Diala, Mrs Oluchi George, Mrs Elechi Godson-Ikoro, Onyedikachi Ejike-Kanu, Mrs Grace Nwosu, Mrs Phoebe Ogbu, Mr Festus Okiya, Miss Divine Agbo, Mr Nwabueze Ubani, Mr Oduntan Dada, Mrs Joy Ubaka, Mr George Eze, Mr Ugochukwu Anemeje.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Talabi Family, Tella Family, Temowo Family, Tetede Family, Tiamiyu Family, Tifese Family, Tinuoye Family, Tochukwu



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 Gashem sent unto me

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).



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.

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

