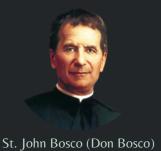


# Bulletin



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27TH, 2025

# Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja

### ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY PARISH

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# As the Lord blesses me, I will build for the Lord



Endeavour to come to the house of God with a decent heart, and a decent dress.

### First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:12-16)

Many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honour. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

#### The word of the Lord!

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 118

# R. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever." **R.** 

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R.** 

O Lord, grant salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is God, and has given us light. **R**.

### Second Reading

# A reading from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 1:9-11.12-13.17-19)

John, your brother, who share with you in Jesus the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a Son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Now write what you see, what is and what is to take place hereafter."

#### The word of the Lord!

Allelvia

#### John 20:29

Alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia.

Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 20: 19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails,

and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord!

### MONDAY

28th April, 2025

First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:23-31)

In those days: when Peter and John were released they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the

elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who by the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, 'why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth set themselves in array, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed' -for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your Holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

The word of the Lord!

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 2

R. Blessed are all who trust in you, O Lord. Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? They arise, the kings

of the earth; Princes plot against the Lord and his Anointed. "Let us burst asunder their fetters. Let us cast off from us their chains." **R.** 

He who sits in the heavens laughs; The Lord derides and mocks them. Then he will speak in his anger, is rage will strike them with terror. "It is I who have appointed my king On Sion, my holy mountain." **R.** 

I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me, "you are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. Ask of me and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. With a rod of iron you will rule them; like a potter's jar you will shatter them." **R.** 

#### Allelvia

#### Colossians 3: 1

Alleluia. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

### Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 3:1-8)

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man

came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God: for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord!

### TUESDAY

### 29th April, 2025

First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4: 32-37)

The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not any one needy among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need. Thus Joseph who was surnamed by the apostles Barnabas (which means, Son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field which belonged to him, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

#### The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 93

#### R. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed. The Lord has robed himself with might; he has girded himself with power. **R.** 

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.** 

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**.

#### Alleluia

#### John 3:15

Alleluia. The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. Alleluia.

### Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 3:7-15)

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, "You must be born anew. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

#### The Gospel of the Lord!

### WEDNESDAY

### 30th April, 2025

# First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostle (Acts1:12-14)

(After Jesus was taken up into heaven,) the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brethren.

#### The word of the Lord!

## Responsorial Psalm

#### Luke 1

R. He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is his name.

My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my savior. **R.** 

For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all

generation will call me blessed; For he who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is his name. **R.** 

And his mercy is on those who fear him From generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **R**.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalt those of low degree; He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich he has sent empty away. **R.** 

He has helped his servant Israel, In remembrance of his mercy, As he spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his posterity forever. **R**.

#### Allelvia

Alleluia. Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise. You are the Mother of Christ, you are the Mother of the Church. Alleiuia.

### Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 2:1-11)

At that time: There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the

marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what is that to you or to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants. "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who has drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

#### The Gospel of The Lord!

### THURSDAY

#### 1st May, 2025

# First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:27-33)

In those days: When the officers had brought the apostles, they set them before the council. And the high priest "We strictly questioned them, saying, charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

#### The word of the Lord!

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 34

R. The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. When the just cry out, the Lord hears, and rescues them in all their distress. **R**.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man, but from them all the Lord will rescue him. **R.** 

### Allelvia

#### John 20:29

Alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia.

### Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 3:31 -36)

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he speaks; he who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony; he who receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for it is not by measure that he gives the Spirit; the Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him."

The Gospel of The Lord!

### FRIDAY

2nd May, 2025

First Reading

# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:34-42)

In those days: A Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, held in honour by all the people, stood up and ordered the apostles to be put outside for a while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you do with these men. For before these days Theudas arose, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was slain and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean arose in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the

present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name. And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

The word of The Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 27

R. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? **R.** 

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to inquire at his temple. **R**.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord! **R.** 

Allelvia

#### Matthew 4:4

Alleluia. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 6: 1- 15)

At that time: Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a multitude followed him. because they saw the signs which he did on those who were diseased. Jesus went up into the hills, and there sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; so the men

sat down, in number about five thousand. lesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated: so also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!" Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of The Lord!

### SATURDAY

3rd May, 2025

First Reading

# A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance

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with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

#### The word of The Lord!

# Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 19

# R. Their sound goes forth through all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands. Day unto day conveys the message, and night unto night imparts the knowledge. **R**.

No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded; their sound goes forth through all the earth, their message to the utmost bounds of the world. **R.** 

#### Alleluia

#### John 14:6, 9

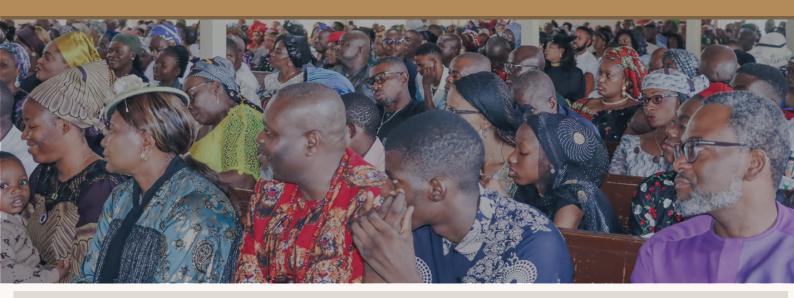
Alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord; Philip, he who has seen me has seen the Father. Alleluia.

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:6-14)

At that time: Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me: or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do: and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

#### The Gospel of The Lord!

#### Announcement



#### ANNOUNCEMENT FOR APRIL 27TH, 2025

- Praying and Loving Family....
- Good morning, my dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ...
- If you are worshipping with us for the first time, you are welcome. This is St John Mary Vianney Parish Kubwa extension III, you can meet me for more information about our parish.
- Those with their tithe please come forward for prayers and blessings.

#### KINDLY LISTEN PATIENTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1- Infant baptism registration is ongoing. Meet the catechist and register on time. No late registration please.
- 2- BANNS OF MARRIAGE 3RD CALL

Michael Uzodimma Edwin son of Edwin and Theresa Ugwu from Egbenechara Ukporogu, Enugu State and Mary Chisom Mba daughter of Robinson and Eucharia Mba from Akwari Ehalumona Enugu State.

Dennis Udegewueneye Ogar, son of Ogar and Elizabeth Iduku from Boboabong Obudu, Cross River State, and Elizabeth Iwong Aniah, daughter of Emmanuel and Anthonia Aniah from Ibong Obudu, Cross River State.

#### 2ND CALL

Michael Kelechi Okonkwo, son of Cyril and Esther Okonkwo from Ihitte Uboma, Imo State, and Stellamaris Nkiruka Inyama, daughter of Ignatius and Comfort Inyama from Eziudo Ezinihitte, Imo State.

Feegalo Deko, son of Kior and Mercy Deko from Barako Gokana, Rivers State and Barinem Sina-op, daughter of Damian and Immaculata Sina-op from Barako Gokana, Rivers State.

If there are any reasons why these persons should not be joined in the Holy matrimony of the Holy Catholic Church, please meet with the parish priest and on time and parishioners are to pray for them.

- 3- Friends of Dominic Savio group resumes their meeting today at 4 pm and closes at 6pm. Parents, please encourage your children to participate and take note. They will begin the Novena to St. Dominic Savio today during the Benediction. Thank you.
- 4- Youth Animators are having their monthly meeting today at 5:15 pm with the Benediction. Members, please take note, and new members are welcome.
- 5- Samuel Vocation Group will begin with a new set next month, on the second Sunday. We begin with Benediction at 5:15 pm in the main Church and then move to the chapel to conclude with the reflection. Interested Young people should please contact the Youth Chaplain, and they must be between 18 years to 30 years old. Those who have registered with the Youth Chaplain, take note
- 6- From the Youth Ministry Office, we wish to beg parishioners to stop sitting on the Table tennis board. It is advisable to use the chairs around, not the Table tennis board. Thank you.

Those for Thanksgiving should please move to the aisle of the church and come forward.