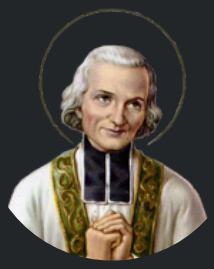

St. John Mary Vianney

Bulletin

St. John Bosco (Don Bosco)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

MARCH 16TH, 2025

Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja

ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY PARISH KUBWA

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.

Praying & Loving Family, Win Souls for God!

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 15:5-12:17-18)

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, "look, towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them," Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be". And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, "I am the Loco who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in two, and laid each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram; and behold, a dread and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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.**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me. Of you my heart has spoken, "Seek his face." **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

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

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 3:17-4: 1)

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so walk as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,

who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in this way in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord!

Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 9:28-36)

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep but kept awake, and they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men here parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"— not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord!

MONDAY

17th March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter (1 Peter 4:7-11)

Beloved: Keep sane and sober for your prayers. Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another. As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever

and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96

R. Tell among all the peoples the wonders of the Lord!

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. O sing to the Lord; bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Say to the nations, "The Lord is King," The world he made firm in its place; he will judge the peoples in fairness, **R.**

Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you become fishers of men. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 5:1-11)

At that time: While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; hence forth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord!

TUESDAY

18th March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 1:10.16-20

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50

R. To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.

"I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me. I do not take more bullocks from your farms, nor goats from among your herds." **R.**

"How can you recite my commandments, and take my covenant on your lips, you who despise correction, and cast my words behind you." **R.**

"You do this, and should I keep silence? Do you think that I am like you? I accuse you, lay the charge before you. A sacrifice of praise gives me honour, and to one whose way is blameless,I will show the salvation of God." **R.**

Acclamation

Ezekiel 18:31

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, says the Lord, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 23:1-12)

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but

not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord!

WEDNESDAY

19th March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the second Book of Samuel (2 Samuel 7:4-5.12-14. 16)

In those days: The word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. "'

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89

R. His descendants shall continue forever.

I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity. I have declared your mercy is established forever; your fidelity stands firm as the heavens. **R.**

"With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your descendants forever, and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**

"He will call out to me, 'You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation.' I will keep my faithful love for him always; with him my covenant shall last." **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Romans 4: 13.16-18.22)

Brethren: The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. That is why all depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants — not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness."

The word of the Lord!

Acclamation

Psalm 84:4

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord, ever singing your praise! **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 1:16.18—21.24)

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

The Gospel of the Lord!

THURSDAY

20th March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 17:5-10)

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm,

whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? “I the Lord search the mind and try the heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1

R. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Blessed indeed is the man Who follows not the counsel of the wicked, Nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

Acclamation

Luke 8:15

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Blessed are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 16:19-31)

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your life time received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."'

The Gospel of The Lord!

FRIDAY

21st March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 37:3-4.12-13a.17-28)

Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him afar off, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; cast him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him"- that he might rescue him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his

brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore, and they took him and cast him into a pit. The pit was empty, there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers heeded him. Then Midianite traders passed by; and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver; and they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of The Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105

R. Remember the wonders the Lord has done.

But he called down a famine on the land; he broke their staff of bread. He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, sold as a slave. **R.**

His feet were weighed down in chains, his neck was bound with iron, until what he said came to pass, and the word of the Lord proved him true. **R.**

Then the king sent orders and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He made him master of his house and ruler of all his possessions. **R.**

Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son; that whoever believes in him should have eternal life. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 21:33-43.45-46)

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterwards he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us

kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SATURDAY

22nd March, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah (Micah 7:14-15.18-20)

Shepherd your people, [O Lord,] with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt I will show them marvellous things. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in mercy. He will again have compassion upon us, he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

R. The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within

me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, Who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**

He will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger forever. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R.**

Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 15:1-3.11-32)

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me. ’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called

your son. ’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, forth is your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Announcement

ADULT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARCH 16TH, 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.

- May we stand for the prayer of our church building project.

- Those who collected the church building envelope should come forward for prayers and blessings.

- Those with their tithe please come forward for prayers and blessings.

- Collection for today is for the maintenance of our parish, May God bless your generosity.

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 PRIESTLY ORDINATION
2ND CALL

1.Anselm Odinaka Ali, St Jude's Parish Zuba.
2. Bilyaminu Yahaya Usman, St. Martin's Lugbe.
3. David Ikechukwu Egwim, St Andrew's Orozo.
4. Francis Nnaemeka Ogbonna, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Dabi.
5. Franklin Obinna Nwachukwu, St John's Parish Tungan Maje.
6. Godian Egwurugwu Chukwudumebi, St. Francis Parish Pegi.
7. Hilary Ugwuagbo, St Jude's Parish Zuba.
8. Jude Chukwuma Aniweteli, Sacred Heart Parish Gwagwalada.
9. Jude Torkuma Akendeh, St. Charles Apo.
10. Michael Amaechi Ajogu, 12 Apostles CBD Parish.
11. Pedro Chidubem Okpara, Mater Dei Parish Gwagwalada.
12. Paschal Okpanachi Yahaya, St. Luke's Parish Kubwa.

...If there are any reason why these Reverends would not he ordained as priest of the Holy Catholic Church like melchizedek of old, Please meet with parish priest and on time and Parishioners are to pray for them.

3- BANNS OF MARRIAGE
3RD CALL

Christopher Ogbonna Agu son of Christopher and Scholastica Agu from Egede - Udi Enugu State and Juliet Ukamaka Ugwu daughter of Gilbert and Agnes Ugwu from Alor - Agu, Enugu State.

If there are any reasons 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 advised to pray for them.

4- CMO & CYON will be having their monthly general meeting today Sunday 16th March 2025, old and new members are welcome.

5- This is to remind us that our stations of the cross are every Wednesday and Friday in the morning immediately after the morning mass and in the evening by 5.15pm parishioners are encouraged to participate.

6- St. Dominic Savio Youth Animation Center, which is the name of our Oratory will be open daily from 3:30pm to 6pm for young Oratorians, while at 6:30pm - 8pm will be for Adults who wish to exercise themselves with Sport. There will be no game activities during evening Masses.

Also, anyone who wishes to enroll to train in the Volleyball, Football, Badminton, and Basketball should please contact the Oratory store, Youth Ministry Office or the Youth Chaplain for more information. Thank you.

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