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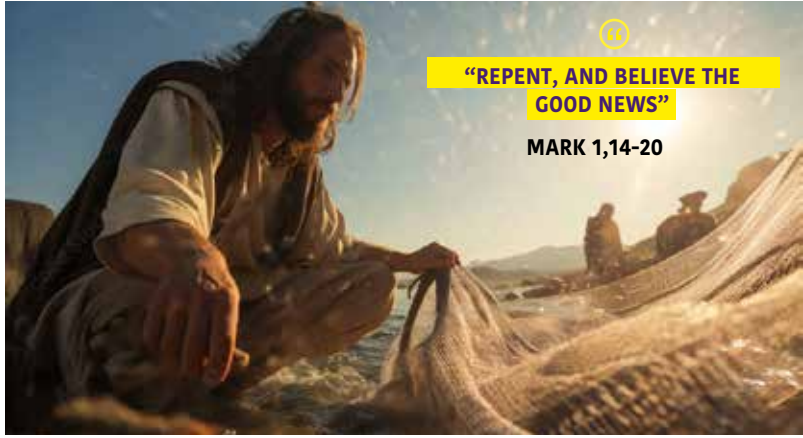
# “YES TO GOD...”

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“And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth” (Jonah 3:5). This Word of God shows us the quick and positive response that the people of Nineveh gave to the message of God. We celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God today and see how powerful this Word of God was in the life of the Ninevites and is in our lives. Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria and this nation was one of the greatest enemies of Israel. The greatness of this city is shown in the first reading. Although the Ninevites were not Israelites, in His love and concern for all people, God does not wish Nineveh to perish. This is the God who calls all people to repentance so that they may live. He does not consider the language, nationality or social status but He wants all to live, that is, to attain salvation. Indeed, the Apostle teaches us that, “God who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1Timothy 2:4).

The Gospel gives us the wonderful response of the first followers of Jesus Christ. By following Jesus Christ immediately, they gave their “yes” to God. These men left their nets, the boats, the lake, James and John left even their father so as to follow Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ starts His public ministry with the words, “The sacred time has come and the Kingdom of God is near! Repent and believe the Good News” (Mark 1:15) and He calls the people who will continue to proclaim the message of salvation by calling people to repentance. Indeed, a text tells us

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“REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS”  
 MARK 1,14-20

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jonah 3:1-5.10

*“The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.”*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul 7:29-31 to the Corinthians

*“The world as we know it is passing away.”*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

*“Repent, and believe the Good News”*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## ESSOMOI

*“Abantu ab’e Ninive baaleka ekkubo lyabwe ebbi.”*

**Bye tusoma mu kitabo kya Yona Omulanzi. (3, 1-5. 10).**

Mu nnaku ezo, Omukama n’ajja eri

Yona ogwokubiri n’agamba, nti: Situka, ogende e Ninivi, ekibuga ekyo ekikulu, obalangirire nze bye nja okukugamba. Yona ne yeebagala n’alaga e Ninivi ng’Omukama bwe yamugamba. Nini vi kyali kibuga kikulu: Okukitambula ng’omala ennaku ssatu okukiyitamu, Yona n’atandika okuyingira mu kibuga, n’atambulako olugendo lwa luna ku lumu, n’aleekaana, nti: Esigadde ennaku ana Ninivi kizikirire! Abantu b’e Ninivi ne bakkiriza Omukama, ne balangirira ekisiibo, ne bambala ebisuna okuva ku w’ekitiibwa ennyo okutuuka ku asembayo. Katonda n’alaba kye bakoze, nga beekomyeko ku ngeri zaabwe embi, Omukama Katonda waffe n’asaasira atyo abantu be. Omukama kwe kuleka obubi bwe yali alangiridde okubakolera n’atabubakolera. *Ebyo Omukama y’abyogera.*

## OLWOKWEBUULIRIRA:

**EKIDD: Ayi Mukama ndaga amakubo go.**

## ESSOMO II

*“Ebbanga liyita mangu.”*

**Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa emberyebere Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab’e Korinti. (7,29-31)**

Ab’oluganda, mulabe kye njamba: ebbanga liyita mangu: abalina abakazi, babe kyenkana ng’abatolina; abakaaba babe ng’abatatakaaba; abasanyuka babe ng’abatasanyuka;

abagula, babe ng’a-batalina kantu kaabwe ku bwabwe. Abali mu by’ensi eno, bireme kubamirira ddala; eby’ensi, kirindizo: biyita kkuutwe. *Ebyo Omukama y’abyogera.*

## EVANJIRI

*“Mubonerere era mukkirize Evanjiri.”*

**Ebigambo by’Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Marko. (1, 14-20).**

Yoanna bwe yamala okusibwa, Yezu n’agenda mu Galilaaya n’alangirira Amawulire agasanyusa agava ewa Katonda, ng’agamba nti: Obudde butuuse; Obwakabaka bwa Katonda busembedde; mubonerere, mukkirize Amawulire agasanyusa.

Bwe yali atambula ku lubalama lw’enyanya ey’e Galilaaya, n’alaba Simoni ne Andrea muganda we nga basuula obutimba mu nyanja: kubanga baali bavubi. Yezu n’abagamba nti: Mungoberere; nja kubafuula abavubi b’abantu! Amangu ago, ne baleka obutimba bwabwe, ne bamugoberera. Bwe yava awo n’atambulako akabanga, n’alaba Yakobo omwana wa Zebedayo, ne Yoanna muganda we, nga basanirira obutimba mu lyato; nabo n’abayita amangu ago. Bo ne baleka kitaabwe Zebedayo mu lyato wamu n’abakozi be, ne bamugoberera. *Ebigambo by’Evanjiri eno bikomye awo.*

## READINGS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

22 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY	23 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	25 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	26 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	27 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
St. Vincent	St. Emerentiana	St. Francis de Sales	Conversion St Paul	Sts. Timothy & Titus - Bishops	St. Angella Maria-Virgin
2Samuel 5:1-7,10	2Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19	2Samuel 7:4-17	Acts 22:3-16	2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17	2Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17
Mark 3:22-30	Mark 3:31-35	Mark 4:1-20	Mark 16:15-18	Psalms 51:3-4,	Mark 4:35-41

that, “Peter said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Him” (Acts 2:38-39). By receiving the message of God and accepting to repent, we too give our “yes” to God. In our times, there are some people who say “YES TO GOD. NO TO THE CHURCH.” This is a grave mistake because The Church they reject was divinely instituted by Jesus

Christ in the calling of the first apostles and later on in the formation of the apostolic college (Mark 3:13-19). Jesus Christ Himself said, “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the underworld will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven” (Matthew 16:18-19).

God sends Jonah an Israelite to the Ninevites who are non-Israelites. The

Ninevites received the message of God without first considering the nationality or the background of the one proclaiming the message. God will send us various messengers and ministers. We may like or not like how they look like, where they come from. Perhaps, even they will not be of our mother languages and so they will not speak our languages with the same ease and eloquence as we do but we should learn from the people of Nineveh. They gave a positive “YES TO GOD” because of the message that was brought to them by the prophet Jonah.



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By; Fr. Sunday Augustine Masereka

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



February 11th is World Day of the Sick. An observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

It is an important opportunity to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. Also, let us ponder about those who are sick but do not have carers.

We are reminded of our responsibility

to follow Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. Let us allow ourselves as believers in the One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church to be used actively in caring for the sick in our homes, our neighbourhoods, our communities far and wide regardless of race, religious affiliations, background and

medical history.

Providing basic needs such as food, medical care, showing love and compassion, sympathy and empathy, offering prayers, avoiding stigma especially for infectious or chronic diseases, can all go a long way in helping a sick person get better.

Remember, charity begins at home.

Mary Most Holy, health of the sick, pray for us.

## ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024



The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [WPCU]** is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18-25 in the World). Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly-organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship.

The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: ***“You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.”***

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbour with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered “neighbour”. In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

### PRAYER

God of life, You have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness. May we recognize in our brothers and sisters their desire for eternal life. As we follow Jesus’ way with determination, may we lead others to you. We pray in his name. Amen.

Join the Ecumenical Team of St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda and St. Luke’s C.O.U Ntinda in the week of prayer for Christian Unity by praying the above prayer or the one being given out in the Church.

- We have celebrated the 3rd Sunday of ordinary time year B. Thanks for your active participation at Mass. Today is our parish Good Samaritan Sunday. We are reminded to honor our pledges in the Golden Hearted book and also put your contribution in the boxes inserted in church the walls, or take your donation to the office.
- Our children on the holiday program, and Oratorio, under the Teaching commission will have their thanksgiving Mass today at 1:00pm.
- Registration of catechism classes (First Holy Communion, Confirmation & Solemn commitment) is ongoing at the tent.
- Next Sunday 28th Jan, 2024, we shall have a meeting with parents of children registered for catechism classes at 3:00pm. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend in person.
- We shall have our Adult Catechesis on Tuesday 30th Jan 2024 from 6:00 PM. Our topic will be "Balancing money economy with religion on our journey to heaven," with Fr. Kiibi as our facilitator. Kindly inform other members.
- All catechumens are reminded of your classes every Saturday at 3pm
- The Marriage and Family ministry together with the St. Joseph's; will celebrate their days on Saturday 23rd July 2024. They therefore invite all marrieds and well-wishers for a lauch on Sunday 28th Jan, 2024 at the church premises at 2:00pm. Please come and support this noble cause.
- The Youth Apostolate invite all youth for their monthly Youth Coffee @ Church scheduled on 26th Jan 2024 starting at 6pm at Wave Fitness Facility in Kigoowa. For more information please contact the Ssabavubuka or Nnabavubuka.
- We shall celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the Lent period on 14th Feb 2024. We therefore ask you to bring the old palms to enable us prepare Ashes in time.



WEEKLY FINANCES

MON 8 -SUN 14/01/2024	AMOUNT	
Tithe	8,845,000	\$ 100
Sunday Offertory	11,295,200	\$ 10
Week Day Offertory	2,894,900	
Kalooli Lwanga Tower	4,050,000	
Marriage Stole Fees	760,000	
Baptism Stole Fees	130,000	
Catechism Stole Fees	2,050,000	
Thanksgiving	2,449,000	
Donations	1,560,000	
Christmas Gift	510,000	
Scroll Sales	200,000	
Liturgy Booklets	10,000	
Choirs	400,000	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	20,000	
St. Matia Mulumba	10,000	
Women's Guild	1,538,000	
Good Samaritan	110,000	
Family and Marriage	200,000	
Seminarians Tuition Support	1,200,000	
SAAFU	100,000	
Procure Items	5,211,500	

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