



## "SO YOU THINK BLD CAN DANCE"

Are you up to the challenge?  
 It's a night out. A time to have loads of fun.  
 Come and enjoy the Dinner Dance  
 on **October 24, 2009 @ Humberwood Community Centre.**  
 Put your dancing shoes on and dance the night away with our invited DIs.

You are reminded to please pay for your tickets to the Dinner/Dance if you still haven't done so. If you still have remaining tickets, please ensure that you return them **TONIGHT**; otherwise they will be considered as **SOLD**.

Likewise, for those who pledged for an ad in the souvenir program, the submission of your final ad layout and payment are due **TONIGHT** as well.

There will be a seating arrangement prepared before the dance. You will be given your table number as you register. We would like to ask everyone to please stay at your assigned seats especially during dinner time. If you want to be seated with your friends at the same table, please submit your request accompanied by your group's ticket numbers (seats 10 per table) either by phone (905 890-4929) or email ([vcayroso@rogers.com](mailto:vcayroso@rogers.com)). Otherwise, seats will be randomly assigned.

If you are attending with kid(s) (ages 6-12), we ask that you pre-register them (so we can determine the number of babysitters to arrange for) and pay the \$7.00 fee per kid to cover food, entertainment and babysitting services.

**If you still haven't purchased your tickets,  
 please don't wait until the last minute. Tickets are limited!!**

We thank you for your support and we look forward to spending a fun and enjoyable evening with all of you.

## Toronto Teaching Schedule

Date	Time	Topic	Venue	Attendees
Oct 24	8:30—4:00	Advanced Christian Maturity (CMP II) Part 2	Hall	LSS 21 & 22
Oct 26		Advanced Intercession Part 1	Hall	LSS 21 & 22



# Living Water



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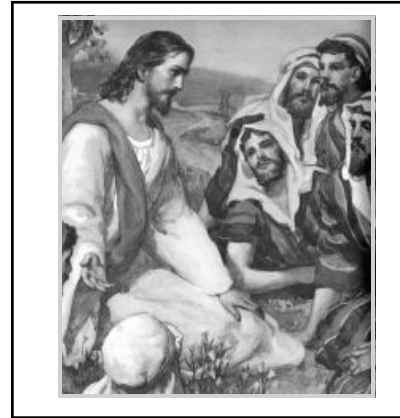


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**October 16, 2009**

**BUKÁS-LOÓB SA DIYÓS • OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD**  
**Toronto District**

**Counsel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



and find grace in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

### REFLECTION:

This Sunday's Gospel reading is one of those passages we believe we understand, we think we understand and we hope all Christians can fulfill—especially our Christian neighbor should be able to do!

Our response to the recent cataclysmic events in the Philippines is the one appropriate context to reflect on our Lord's command that if people desire to be great, they must be servants of the Gentiles and furthermore, if they desire to be first leaders, they must be SLAVES for all because the Son of Man came to serve and not to be served.

The recent events in the community also point to the meaning of this Gospel reading—the assignment of ministry coordinators and the assignment of covenanted members to ministries.

### THEME:

We are faithful to Christ when we render unselfish service to community.

### WORD:

Is 53:10-11, Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45

### ORDER:

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy

In short, we cannot be greater than Christ; we only have to be like Him – *ALILA, ATSOY, BOY*. Actually, Our Lord Jesus was more graphic and did not mince words, if we have to be disciples, servant leaders; we have to be like slaves.

What do slaves and servants have in common? They are lowest of the low. They are expected to obey, not to complain and wait upon the Master. Also, they do not need publicity or commendation.

In the hustle and bustle of preparing boxes for sending relief goods in boxes to be loaded into container vans; there are Catholic Christians calling in to complain that the method selected in sending the relief goods is not efficient. These are persons who never appeared in Church to lend a hand. They want to serve as “consultants” to the hard work of packing for the victims of typhoons.

On the other hand, there are leaders of some organizations who come in, without much fan fare and put on the gloves or handle the taping of the boxes, days, nights and on weekends. Some of these great souls “tolerate” the coming and goings of the TV news crew. There are still Christians who desperately want to serve God, but as His consultants.

In our community, we still hear the echoes of words violating every significant discipleship BLD items of Covenant, in spirit if not in deeds. “I don’t believe the discernment of the choice of this leader. I can’t understand why the better person has not been chosen”.

As followers of the Word, Scripture has ample examples of what greatness and faithfulness is. We have the obedience of Abraham, the servanthood of Joseph, son of Israel. In our community, as well as in Scripture, we experience the freedom to obey as well as the freedom to disobey.

As the Coat of Arms of the late Cardinal Jaime Sin says, “*Serviam*” – I will serve. Or we may follow the “motto” of Satan, “*non serviam*” –I will not serve (if my conditions are not met in my community!)

In effect, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom because when we obey, we are made free from the Law as St. Paul says. We cannot give our lives as ransom under duress as the Gospel reading suggests. The most beautiful thing is to give just as our Lord gave everything for our salvation. To give our possessions, especially our psychological and mental possession of who we are, what we think we are, what we expect ourselves to be. Brothers and sisters, without Christ, indeed we are nothing!

What we need is that radical servanthood of Christ.

In his book, *Coloring Outside the Lines*, John Westfal told a story of an event in a church he served once. There was a member of the church, a single parent, who had severe financial problems. A small group of men in the church got together. They went and bought several bags of groceries and put some cash in an envelope. These men then drove to her home, put bandanas around their faces like bad guys in the old movies. They put the groceries and money on the doorstep, rang the bell, and sped away. One of her children opened the door, saw the food, and then saw the men. “Who are you?” he asked. “We’re desperados!” one of the men called out as they sped away.

That is radical servanthood. That is greatness in the kingdom of God. It was not organized by a committee, had no name of leader who was in charge. It was simply selfless, Godly service.

### **DIRECTION:**

Always wait on the Lord, He is our help and shield and the source of grace in developing in us a servant heart.

### **GOD’S PROMISE:**

“If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.” (Is 53:10)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PARENTS INFORMATION NIGHT**

We are inviting all the parents of Mark 10 to join us on Friday, October 23, 2009 for Mark 10 Parent’s Information Night at 8:30 p.m. which will be held in the Chapel Basement of OLA.

We would like to present to you Mark 10’s Mission Statement, Objectives, and Overview of our regular Friday’s Activities and Plans for the remainder of 2009 and 2010.

Please contact the Mark 10 Ministry coordinator or any of its members to confirm your attendance.

Mark 10 Ministry