

BLD SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2010			
Day	Time	Activity	Venue
2 Fri	8:00 PM	20th Anniversary Parade of Banners (Pastoral Apostolate)	OLA Church
2 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Eucharistic Celebration	OLA Church
4 Sun	1:30-4:30 pm	OLA Prayer Group	OLA Basement Hall
9 Fri	8:00-10:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church
9 Fri	10:00-11:00 pm	LSS #25 Post Shepherding (Growth)	OLA Church
10-11 Sat/Sun	10:00 am Sat - 11:00 am Sun	Mission Getaway	Sagrada Familia Retreat Centre
16 Fri	8:00-10:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church
16 Fri	10:00-11:00 pm	LSS #25 Post Shepherding (Transformation)	OLA Church
17 Sat		Community Picnic (Sponsored by ME Class #20)	Earl Bales Park
21Wed	8:00-11:00 pm	DLC Meeting	OLA Basement Hall
23 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church
23-25 Fri/Sun		Youth Encounter #12	MMI Retreat Centre
24 Sat	10:00am-4:00pm	LSS#25 Grand Reunion	OLA Basement Hall
27 Tue	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Good Shepherd Meal Service	Good Shepherd Centre
30 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July 2010

The Holy Father's general intention is: That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.

The Pope's missionary intention is: For the religious who work in mission territories, that they may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

(See also www.apostleshipofprayer.net)



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECTION:

This Sunday's readings are urgent calls to all disciples of Christ to tell the world that the kingdom of God is near, to repent, to rejoice and to hope in its fulfillment. But how are we to accomplish this tall order of the demands of discipleship? The bible says that it is not an easy task. It is nothing but dangerous and scary. The harvest is plentiful but there is a shortage of workers and we are enjoined to look for ways to ensure a good and great harvest of men. Jesus warned his disciples to be alert because resistance would be strong and that they would be "like lambs among wolves." They would be rejected and despised by their very own families and friends as they preached His teachings.

THEME:

The Lord's committed servants work for the conversion of others.

WORD:

Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

ORDER:

Never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But Jesus promised to help those who will be persecuted in his name. He will not allow his workers to be devoured by the enemy without a fight. He knows all about suffering, has endured them Himself, so He will equip His disciples with the tools to win His battles. He

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presents a simple battle plan – use the Word of God, imitate His life and His actions. Good witnessing in words and actions are said to be the most powerful weapons He gives every disciple to carry on His work of salvation.

As God's disciples, we are called to be a people of prayer. We need to acknowledge that we are unable to do the work of the Lord on our own. We are to call on the Lord to send more workers to join us in our work in His vineyard. We are to ask Jesus to give strength, hope and joy to those experiencing weariness and hopelessness in what they are doing in His name. We are to pray for our enemies likewise as they are the people we need to evangelize. We are to treat them with love and compassion and not with aggression.

We are to detach ourselves from the world and not seek any recognition or reward for what we do because everything we have and own is God's. Our possessions must be used in propagating God's love and compassion to people He brings to our care. They must not pose as hindrances to our service to the Lord. If we place our trust in God's providence, God will supply everything we need to get by.

The Gospel exhorts us not to "greet anyone on the way". We must not allow our personal relationships with our families and our friends to come between or delay our work for the Lord. We must keep on the move and not waste time on anyone or anything that will stop us from fulfilling our mission. We must keep our eyes focused on the cross of Jesus Christ and implore Jesus to help us crucify any temptation that will distract us from our commitments to do His work of mercy. The cross will help us renounce sin, live for Christ and bear witness for Him. The Cross will help us find joy, peace and relief even in the midst of trials, negativity, persecutions and resistance as we carry out His will.

God has given us gifts to bless, heal, preach the word of God - to inspire, draw others closer to Him and build up the Body of Christ. We must use our God given gifts and talents to do all He wants us to do. We have our faith in Christ Jesus to know that we have been saved by a God who loves us so much. He died to free us from our sins. The marks of Jesus enable us to suffer so the glory of God may be seen by the world. We have our church who gives us comfort and renewed strength through the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist to nourish our spiritual lives. We have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us - the Holy Spirit who has given us a new heart and a new spirit to bring God's reign into our world.

Let us thank Jesus for calling us and counting us worthy to join the twelve apostles and the seventy disciples in spreading the message of Christ. This is our most pleasing offering to a God who has done so much for the world. Knowing that He has written our names in heaven, despite our sinfulness and unfaithfulness, is enough inspiration to give our resounding "Yes" to the Lord's call.

DIRECTIONS:

- Come and see what God has done.
- Come and hear all you fear the Lord.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR #25, A SPIRIT-FILLED WEEKEND!!!!

In Psalm 147, it says:

"Alleluia! How good it is to sing to our God, how sweet and befitting to praise Him!"

Let us all praise and thank the Lord for a very spirit-filled LSS #25 weekend. Our sincere gratitude to Fr. Tito Ignacio, for celebrating the Invocation Mass on Friday, June 25th and presiding over the LSS Proper at Cardinal Leger Catholic School on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th. We also give thanks to our BLD community leaders: the DSL and the DCS for their continuous guidance and support, to all the sharers: Freddie and Gloria Carandang (God's Love), Armin and Irene Patriocio (New Life) and Michaela Joven and Telly Ferrenbach (Transformation) for their boldness in sharing their personal testimonies to impart God's love and healing power; to all the Shepherds and Co-shepherds for their unselfish commitment to minister to their respective flocks; to all the Working Teams for their untiring dedication in performing the tasks they have been assigned; and to all our brothers and sisters who have contributed their time and resources to make this Seminar a success.

Finally, we give thanks to the Lord for sending us 54 lambs who answered **YES** to His invitation to establish a deeper personal relationship with Him. Brothers and sisters, let us all together congratulate and welcome our LSS # 25 Graduates:

*Alba, Didi * Alba, Xavier * Baldonasa, Grace * Baldonasa,
Melvin * Beltran, Grace * Buzon, Arlene * Buzon, Christopher *
Buzon, Leanne * Caburnay, Clive * Caburnay, Elaine * Canale, Godofredo *
Canale, Janet * Carluen, Heena * Carluen, Ramon * Chira, Jenny * Corillo, Emily *
Corillo, Julius * Costa, Mirasol * Dahlens, Virginia * Decena, Al * Decena, Vangie * Del
Castillo, Gerard * Del Castillo, Mary Joan * D'Mello, Ralph * D'Mello, Savitha * Fok, Kai
Ho * Fong-Ying, Maria * Ladines, Jean Cola * Lapak, Carlo * Lumilan, Christine * Mallari,
Nelson * Martinez, Crystal * Mendonca, Linette * Muyargas, Gerardo * Muyargas, Jessica
* Nardo, Virgilio * Palivan, Gabriela * Paunil, Alexander * Perono, Maricar * Perono, Rico
* Ponce, Alfredo * Ponce, Carole * Reyes, Alexis * Rone, Alma * Rone, Frank * Salayo,
Frances * Santos, Roma * Signo, Butz * Signo, Liza * Sobrevilla, Armando Jr. *
Trinidad, Margarita * Trinidad, Rufino * Zeppa,
Emilie * Zeppa, Steven*

There will be no Shepherding session tonight.

Post Shepherding sessions will resume at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on:

Friday, July 9, 2010 Topic: Growth

Friday, July 16, 2010 Topic: Transformation

Our LSS #25 Grand Reunion will be on July 24 at the Our Lady of the Assumption Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ANCOP WALK IS FAITH IN ACTION!

ANCOP Walk is an annual fundraising event that helps the poor in the Philippines and other third world countries by providing shelter, housing and child education programs for the poor living in slums and abject poverty. In partnership with ANCOP International (Canada) Inc., a Christian, registered non-profit charity, founded by the Couples for Christ, the Bukas Loob sa Diyos is again joining this annual fundraiser as an expression of our faith in God by helping the poor. In addition to providing shelter, the BLD focus this year is to provide good education to the needy children of the BLD Toronto Villages in Davao City and Lucena City. Let us be reminded of the word of Jesus in Matthew 25: 45, "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me".

August 29, 2010, Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Nathan Philips Square & Armoury Street, Toronto

Walk to transform communities and change lives!
Please walk with us to give needy children an education and build homes for the poor.

Register now and make a difference!

www.ancopwalk.ca

If for any reason you cannot join the WALK, you can help by soliciting funds from friends and relatives. Please obtain Solicitation Forms from Bernie/Belen Consul.

For more info, please contact:

Bernie/Belen Consul

Tel# 416-297-9420

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From the Youth Ministry

Dates to Remember:

July 9, 2010: 7:45 - 8:45 p.m. - If your child is participating in the YIDC in Long Island and is below 18 years of age, we will need a Letter of Consent if he/she is taking the bus with us. We have arranged for a lawyer to come on the 9th. Please bring with you 2 pieces of ID and a completed Letter of Consent. Please do not sign it before coming to OLA. You will have to sign it before the lawyer who will notarize it for a minimal fee.

July 9, 10 & 11, 2010: YE #2 Cincinnati - Please pray for our Toronto Youth Team who will facilitate the Youth Encounter #2 in Cincinnati.

July 23, 24 & 25, 2010: Youth Encounter #12, Mt. Mary Immaculate, Ancaster, Hamilton. Due to limited space, we are no longer accepting applications. For those who have registered, please pick up some information sheets about YE #12 from the Youth Ministry table.

Please remember in your prayers all the youths and adults participating in the youth activities.

GOD'S PROMISE:

"...Rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community

WORD, THEMES & PROMISES

FOR JULY 2010

READINGS:

July 4	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66: 1-7,16,20; Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20
July 11	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14,17,30 - 37; Col 1:15-20, Lk 10: 25-37
July 18	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10: 38-42
July 25	Gn: 18:20-32; Ps 138: 1-3,6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

WORD:

The Lord's power shall be upon his committed servants.

ORDER:

"Come and see the works of God, His tremendous deeds among the children of Adam." (Ps 66:5)

PROPHECIES:

- Have no anxiety at all, trust in Me, your God, who will equip, strengthen and empower you.
- Continue to proclaim My name, My mercy, My love amidst all these problems and opposition. Remain focused on me.

DIRECTIONS:

- Be a living witness of God's love and power in the way you live and speak.
- Intensify your Mission programs in the parishes, community outreaches and institutions

THEMES AND PROMISES

Week#2 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Compassion]

Theme: The Lord's committed servants carry out works of mercy.

Promise: *"For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it." (Ps 69:37)*

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Week #3 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Prayerfulness and Service]

Theme: The Lord's committed servants find joy in prayer and service.

Promise "One who does these things shall never be disturbed." (Ps 15:5)

Week #4 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Intercession]

Theme: The Lord's committed servants persist in praying for the needs of others.

Promise: "For everyone who asks, receives and the one who seeks, finds and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk 11:10)

Reflection for July 2010

Who are the Lord's committed servants? The various themes for the month of July illustrate how committed servants are empowered to do God's work among His people.

2nd week Theme: **The Lord's committed servants perform works of mercy. (Compassion)**

The second week features one of our Lord's best known parables, that of the Good Samaritan. The key question asked by the scholar of the law is, *who is my neighbor?* Jesus directs his attention to what/who is a good neighbor. The unlikely hero in this parable is a Samaritan who acts from sheer love and generosity rather than a sense of duty, and who opens his heart and recognizes his neighbor even in a despised Jew.

Neighborliness is a matter of being ready to come to the assistance of those in need, even a perfect stranger. We are not to choose or limit the scope of our giving. No child of God is excluded from a claim on our help. The story is easily understood but painfully difficult to practice. It forces us to think and reflect on the quantity and quality of our works of mercy. Are we doing what Jesus would want us to do in His name? Do we not let opportunities to do good pass us by? Our spark of compassion is easily snuffed out when we look the other way. The world is crying out for mercy at our very doorstep. Be sensitive therefore, to recognize in those we meet the needy, the poor, the outcast, the wounded by sin, the hungry for love and attention, the crushed by disappointments and failure, even our enemies.

The Good Samaritan is symbolic of Jesus Christ reaching out in love, who came to the rescue of sinful human race in its pitiful condition and healed our wounds by dying on the cross for us. As His disciples, He expects us to stop and help to those in need even if it too, costs us our time, talent and treasures. We cannot love God without loving of our neighbor, especially those in distress. To be a good Samaritan to others as Jesus is to us, we must recognize Christ in the stranger, family member, community brethren, the friend, the colleagues at work, even in competitors, rivals and enemies. For Jesus' commands us to "*go and do likewise.*"

3rd week Theme: **The Lord's committed servants find joy in both prayer and service. (Prayerfulness and Service)**

The story of the Good Samaritan urges us to take risks being involved with others as a true neighbor. The 3rd week tells the story of Martha and Mary, another "*how-to*" lesson in Christian neighborliness. Most of us at one time or another have experienced arguments or a clash of temperaments at home. **Who has the better part?** Martha is the perfect host, the perfect disciple. She prepares the house and the food for Jesus and his disciples; she is ready to serve everyone. She has no idea that Jesus came not to be served but to serve. Mary chooses the better part as the disciple who sits at the Lord's feet and takes the time to listen to Him. She seems to know that there is need for only one thing: to listen to the Good News that He brings.

Are you so busy doing things for Jesus that you fail to spend time with Him? Don't let your service become self-serving. It is important to know whom you are serving. We forget the Lord of work, who is the motivation for our acts of Christian charity. There is danger if we do not take time to listen to the word of God and to pray. We become slaves of our duties. As disciples of Christ, we are expected to have both qualities of prayerfulness and service to the Lord.

4th week Theme: **The Lord's committed servants persist in praying for one's needs and for those of others. (Intercession)**

The Gospel of St. Luke encourages us to persevere in our prayers and never to give up hope. It is almost as if God cannot tell us enough that He loves us, that He will not deceive us, that He wants us to keep asking for what we think we need.

God is ready to give us our daily bread, and more besides: forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's what Jesus taught us. The Lord's Prayer is a complete prayer. In it He reveals His relationship with the Father, His follower's relationship with the Father, and what they are to ask of Him. As we say the Lord's Prayer, we pray not only for ourselves but also for all humanity, for all creation. God waits for us in prayer. He will not hold back from giving anything, all we need to do is ask and believe. We should pray as if the answer depends in our prayer and the answer depends on God

We need that same kind of confidence in our daily prayer as Abraham did. For many of us, prayer is a continual struggle to persevere in the face of what may seem like a losing battle or an impossible situation. What effect does our prayer have? While it may seem ineffective much of the time, we should all be praying every day for peace and justice for our country, for the leaders of the nation, for the church and for our community. All of us should be praying for some way to deal with what is going on around us, for the eradication of such dreadful deceases as AIDS, HIV and all kinds of cancer in our world, even the solution to climate change. We must continue to argue with God so that all of these situations can be healed and made whole.