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Corporate Worship Ross & Dina Manlapat

PASTORAL

Advent Recollection with Fr. Godwin Tatlonghari on December 2, Saturday, 1PM–5PM, 3F Two E-Com Bldg., SM Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City.

MANAGEMENT

10th Fr. Pascual Adorable Golf Tournament is on March 5, 2018 at the Ayala Greenfield Golf and Leisure Club in Calamba City, Laguna. Let us support this fundraising project for the first quarter of 2018.

TUNOG PASKO: BLD FAMILY DAY 2017 is on December 10, 8AM – 3PM, at the covered court of Bel-Air 3 Village, Makati City. Tunog Pasko is BLD Manila's annual Christmas gathering for BLD families and individual members. It's time to be one again and be grateful for God's blessings. Everyone is invited to join and make a joyful noise to the Lord and express the spirit of the holidays through sounds and melodies. Each Apostolate will be assigned a team color and musical instrument that they have to fabricate:

- Management – Orange + Tambourine
- Mission – Purple + Maracas
- Formation – Yellow + Drums
- Pastoral – Aqua + Bells
- Evangelization – Fuschia + Torotot

Please be extra creative in the fabrication of musical instruments using recycled materials only.

Apostolate presentations: Using the assigned instruments, each Apostolate should prepare a 5-minute entertainment number interpreting the family day's theme "Tunog Pasko".

Be counted! Please inform your ministry coordinators of your attendance and participation / family's participation. The Secretariat would need a headcount per Apostolate.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP FUND			
As of November 21, 2017		7,507,726.64	
TITHES & LOVE OFFERING			
Date	EC/CW	Secretariat	TOTAL
Nov. 8	59,233.25		59,233.25
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Please make all check donations payable to: <u>BLD MANILA</u>			

EVANGELIZATION

Nov. 29 CW	SDSA	CW / Healing Night
Dec. 6 CW	SDSA	Corporate Worship
Dec. 10 EC	Bel-Air Village, Makati City	EC / Christmas Family Day

We praise and thank the Lord for the successful **Marriage Encounter Weekend No. 291** held last November 10–12 at the Covenant House, Dasmarinas City, with 12 couples and a priest as candidates.

Schedule of Greeters for Corporate Worship

Assigned Greeters	Date
<i>Institution Services Ministry</i>	<i>Nov. 29, 2017</i>
<i>Intercessory Ministry</i>	<i>Dec. 6, 2017</i>

MISSION

Mission Outreach: All are invited, including non BLD members, to join Manila District missions:

SCHEDULE	OUTREACH
Nov. 25 (Saturday) 1:00PM–5:00PM	GK Villa Paraiso
Nov. 25 (Saturday) 1:30PM–4:30PM	Bagumbayan, Lower Bicutan
Nov. 26 (Sunday) 8:00AM–12:00NN	Medical/Dental Mission – Cayetano Sports Complex, Bagumbayan
Nov. 26 (Sunday) 2:00PM–5:00PM	Target Range, Paranaque
Nov. 26 (Sunday) 1:00PM–5:00PM	Tunasan, Muntinlupa
Nov. 26 (Sunday) 1:30PM–4:30PM	Euro Maralit
Dec. 2 (Saturday) 8:00 AM start	PAM's SOH Christmas Party
Dec. 4 (Monday) 12:30PM–3:30PM	CIW
Dec. 24 (Sunday) 8:00AM–1:00PM	PGH
Dec. 30 (Saturday) 1:00PM–5:00PM	Tunasan Christmas Party
Dec. 30 (Saturday) 2:00PM–5:00PM	Risen Christ Parish (Smokey Mountain)

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed free.” (Lk 4:18)

Word Sharing Circle (WSC) Reflection Guide

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (Cycle A, Year I)

November 26, 2017

Reflection:

The Solemnity of Christ the King closes our liturgical year, and by next week, we will already start the season of Advent. The gospel describes the time when the entire humanity will be gathered before Jesus as King and Judge, and everyone will be segregated into two groups – the faithful servants will be separated from the unfaithful ones. As far as we are concerned, pretentious believers will be segregated from true Christians who have the Holy Spirit in them. The latter will share in their “master’s joy.”

The gospel shows us how Jesus, the true and universal King, will judge us. While He is our caring and merciful Lord, He is also a just and righteous Judge. The basis of His judgement is how we have reacted and responded to the human needs of our brothers. We will be judged not on acquired talents and skills, nor on the prestige and fortune earned, but how we have extended help to others and lightened their burdens. Because, as Jesus explains, to help the insignificant, ordinary and nobody is to reach out to Christ. To ignore them is to ignore Christ.

In this scene of the Last Judgement, we are reminded to follow the light given to us, not just what we say but what we do. Have we cared for the least among us through corporal and spiritual works of mercy? It is our responsibility to care for one another in body, soul and spirit, and this is the truest measure of our loyalty to Christ. Finally, it is about the truth that we will be separated from God, not only for wrongdoing, but for doing nothing. **“Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me, (Mt 25:40). “What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me,”(Mt 25:45).** Jesus identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and the lonely. His standard of judging is the compassion and kindness we extend to Him in the many faces of the “least of my brothers.” This is so because Jesus cares so much about us as expressed in this week’s theme: **God exalts those who care for and minister to the poor and the needy.**

One day, we will face Jesus and hearing our response, may Jesus say to us: **“Come, you are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,”(Mt 25:34).** Jesus is a king who rules by love. He makes no speeches. His gentle words give peace. He does not come to be served, but invites us to serve on another, most especially the poor. He is not clothed in royalty, but comes as a humble and dutiful shepherd.

The word of God gives us assurances and promises which are being fulfilled in the daily lives of those who hear the voice of our King. To those who do not pay attention to His voice because of selfishness and indifference, the gospel’s word of condemnation must be recognized as a warning to transform their ways and to correct wrongdoings and sins of omission. The words in the gospel and other readings are both comforting and disturbing because they are

teaching us God’s standard of love. We are being taught that the proof of our true love for God is not found in religiosity, but in how we treat others around us. Are we Christ to others? An honest answer will reveal what we have done for others, the depth and genuineness of our faith and to which eternal destiny, heaven or hell, will we reach in the end. God’s promise this week will be realized when we act upon our response to Christ’s call to minister to the poor: **“The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal,” (Ez 34:16a).**

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, our precious King of glory, in Your second coming, may we be found waiting and longing for You. We, Your servants, pray that on this day, we may joyfully give account of the things we have done according to Your rule of love. Love is the measure of our faith and faith is the soul of love. Allow us to think of ourselves with humility, abounding in gentleness and compassion to all, imitating all that You do, that we may live in You until we come face to face before Your majesty and glory. Amen.

Reflection Guides:

1. What have you done to translate your love for God to your love for the last, the least and the lost among your neighbors? Do you see Jesus in them?
2. As Christ’s under-shepherds, how can you commit to be more caring to those who need help so that they may have joy in their lives?

THEMES AND PROMISES FOR NOVEMBER

Week#1 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Theme: God exalts those who serve others with humility.

Promise: **“... whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”** (Mt 23:12b)

Week#2 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Theme: God exalts those who remain vigilant in serving Him.

Promise: **“Whoever watches ... at dawn shall not be disappointed.”** (Wis 6:14)

Week#3 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Theme: God exalts those who use His gifts and blessings wisely.

Promise: **“... everyone who has more will be given and he will grow rich.”** (Mt 25:29a)

Week#4 (Solemnity of Christ the King)

Theme: God exalts those who care for and minister to the poor and the needy.

Promise: **“The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.”** (Ez 34:16a)