



Bukàs Loòb sa Diyòs **(Open in Spirit to God)**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY

DISTRICT OF TORONTO

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2024-09-001

August 29, 2024

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending August 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

BLD Toronto Activities for September 2024

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, August 30	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Friday, September 6	8:00 PM	First Friday Mass/Anointing and Installation of remaining DLCs, LSS Coordinators (OLA Church)
Friday, September 13	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship - <i>TBD</i> (OLA Hall)
Saturday, September 14	12:00PM	Teaching on Basic Bible Studies (OLA Rm. 3)
Saturday, September 14	12:00PM	Teaching on Christian Love and Christian Faith (OLA Rm. 4)
Friday, September 20	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship/ Supplemental Teaching – <i>details to follow</i> (OLA Hall)
Friday, September 27	7:30 PM	BLD Toronto 34 th Anniversary Mass (OLA Church)
Saturday, September 28	12:00 PM	Teaching on New Creation Reality (OLA Rm. 3)
Saturday, September 28	12:30PM	Teaching on Renewing the Mind & Walking in the Spirit (OLA Rm. 4)

Reflection for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B, Year II) – September 1, 2024

For the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, our theme is - **We open our hearts to God's holy presence when our desires are pure and undefiled.** God's will is above human traditions and precepts and His law takes precedence over our traditions, practices and rites. The latter are not substitutes for following the ways of God and for obeying what God wants from us. God cannot be reduced to mere performance of rituals, or observance of rules and regulations. God is honored by living His commandments. He is praised by our good works, and glorified by doing what He desires of us.

What matters is the condition of the heart. Jesus puts greater emphasis on sincere care and concern, not on mere obedience of rules and regulations. We please God more by being genuinely compassionate and concerned, able to understand and uplift the intolerable conditions of our underprivileged brothers and sisters. We can only be close to God by loving Him in His people. And love should be the motivating factor of all our words and actions. Traditions should lead us to love, rather than to finding excuses and justifications for feeling superior to others. God will surely measure us on the basis of how much we love, and the quality of our service.

Worthiness lies in a transformed life. To be a true and faithful disciple of Christ is to have a contrite heart and to live an honest and holy life. Jesus, in today's gospel, demands purity of heart. If our hearts are pure, then we can speak and share true and inspiring words with others. If our hearts are clean, then we can love, forgive, and be forgiven. For where there is purity of heart, there will be love and faithfulness.

Jesus does not criticize traditions as such, because He himself kept many of them. What the Lord opposes are traditions that are cut off from the faith that gives them life. Traditions do not automatically make a person holy. Holiness and also sin are within the heart and soul of a person. They are ways of either sustaining or distracting our commitment to Christ and our Catholic identity. Traditions should express, renew and deepen, but not replace faith. Following the Lord is not easy in today's world, but the Church, liturgy, music, teachings, prayers...these should enable us to express and maintain our faith in Christ. Through them, as St. Paul says in today's second reading, we can welcome the Word, Jesus Christ, in our homes and into our lives. The condition of our heart speaks the truth of what we do. If we obey God's commandments, then our actions should manifest our sincerest intention of following God's will. Then we will be able to claim the Lord's promise for this week: "Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart ... shall never be disturbed." (Ps 15:2). **[Reflections from CSL]**

Order:

1. ***"Keep the commandments of the Lord your God...observe them diligently."*** (Dt 4:6)
2. ***"...welcome with meekness the implanted word."*** (Jas 1:21)
3. ***"Be doers of the word, not merely hearers."*** (Jas 1:22)

Direction:

1. **Let us worship the Lord with our hearts and not just with our lips.**
2. **Let us not be influenced by human pleasures and evil desires.**
3. **Let the word of God be reflected in our daily actions, words and decisions.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*NEW FROM THE SECRETARIAT MINISTRY:

- To ensure that all members are able to receive our BLD Broadcasts, we encourage everyone to update the Secretariat Ministry for any changes to your email address at bldbroadcast@gmail.com. If you already have sent your email to us but still do not receive any email from us, kindly check your spam folder and give permission to send it to your inbox.

*NEW FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

- **SAVE THE DATES:** There will be four Teachings for the month of September:
 - **Basic Bible Studies**, to be held at **OLA Rm. 3** on **Saturday, September 14th** from **12p to 4pm**;
 - **Christian Love and Christian Faith** at **OLA Rm. 4** on **Saturday, September 14th** from **12p to 4pm**;
 - **New Creation Reality** to be held at **OLA Rm. 3** on **Saturday, September 28th** from **12p to 4p**; and
 - **Renewing the Mind and Walking in the Spirit**, to be held at **OLA Rm. 4** on **Saturday, September 28th** from **12p to 4pm**.

These invitations are for Graduates of LSS # 40 and previous LSS graduates who want a refresher or those who missed the teachings. *Contact: Paul & Arlene Tan for details.*

*NEW FROM THE SOLO PARENTS MINISTRY:

- The Solo Parents Encounter Weekend #20 will be held on October 4-6, 2024 at The Valley of the Mother of God (VMOG), 953376 – 7th Line EHS Mono, ON. Prospective participants are individuals who are widowed, separated, divorced, single parent and mature single. We request the community to assist in disseminating this information to their family and friends and inviting them to attend the activity. Please submit the names of your prospective candidates even if you are not sure they will attend. We will pray for them during our nightly Call to Prayer. *See attached flyer for details.*

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

- The Winnipeg LSS# 1 is scheduled on October 5 and 6 and is fast approaching. The Mission Apostolate is requesting for volunteers who are willing to contribute their time, talent and treasure to serve in the LSS as prayer partners and as working team members. We are also looking for donors who can help us with the financial needs of the mission activity. You may indicate in your love offering envelope 'for Winnipeg LSS'. *Please contact Richie & Agnes of the Mission Apostolate.*

FROM THE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MINISTRY:

- The Class of ME#46 is doing a fundraising to support the upcoming ME#47 weekend on Oct 26-27. Please pass by the ME table on your way out to buy raffle tickets or contact *Nestor and Ceilo Naluz and Ray and Lisette Evidente*. ME application forms are also available at the ME table.

FROM THE INTERCESSORY MINISTRY:

- Everyone is invited to our Community Intercession every Monday evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom, except on the 1st Monday of the month and on holidays.

Please check our BLD Toronto Website at www.bldtoronto.org to see our Broadcasts and Announcements under the Broadcast Library and for other updates.

In the love of Christ,

BLD Toronto Stewards