



# Bukás Loób sa Diyós (Open in Spirit to God)

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY  
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2025-02-03

February 20, 2025

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending February 21, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## BLD Toronto Activities for February 2025

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, February 21, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship/LSS Salubong (OLA Hall)
Saturday, February 22, 2025	12:00 PM	Teachings on Basic Commitment and Charismata/MGI (Rm. 3)
Saturday, February 22, 2025	12:00 PM	Teachings on Christian Speech/Handling Conflicts (Rm. 4)
Friday, February 28, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship/LSS God's Love (OLA Hall)

For the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our theme is – **We are purified to be holy when we are forgiving to those who have wronged us.** To forgive your enemies, those who have wronged you even if you have done nothing to deserve it, those who have needlessly wounded your feelings, those who do not deserve your sympathy – to love these people is the most difficult thing one is asked to do. But this is the definition of God's love and the ultimate measure of true love. Our greatest model in forgiving is Jesus. He prayed for those who had nailed him to the cross: **"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing,"** (Lk 23:34). As we end this month of love, we are invited by Jesus to **"be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,"** (Lk 6:36). And as we practice the virtue of forgiveness in our personal and community life, we are always assured of God's promise, **"He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion."** (Ps 103:2, 4). [CSL Reflection]

### THEMES AND PROMISES

#### Week 4 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) – February 23, 2025

**Theme:** We are purified to be holy when we are forgiving to those who have wronged us.

**Promise:** **"Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy."** (Ps 103:3, 4)

**Order:**

1. **"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."** (Luke 6:36)
2. **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..."** (Luke 6:27)

**Direction:**

1. Be ready to forgive others and reach out to those who are suffering.
2. Pray for those who curse and abuse you; and respond with Love.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FROM THE DCS:**

- **NEW!** A heartfelt thank you to the Pastoral Services Ministry headed by Cora Montilla for a successful Recollection held last Saturday and to Father Edison Tayag who braved the stormy weather just to make this event possible.
- **NEW!** With the start of LSS #41 this coming Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, our Corporate Praise and Worship will start at 7:30 pm instead of the regular 8:00 pm.

This special schedule will run through until March 28, 2025. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have brought you and we thank you for your understanding and patience.

- **NEW!** CCRC invites us for their upcoming events for March 2025:  
Save the dates and buy your tickets now for upcoming events starting March 14th! *See details on the flyers attached.*
- Lift Jesus Higher Rally:  
This is an invitation to attend **the Lift Jesus Higher Rally to be held on March 29, 2025 from 9:00-5:30 pm at Metro Toronto Convention Center.**  
There is a separate rally for Adults and Youths. Please check the attached flyers for more details.
- Members and interested individuals are advised to read our Broadcasts under the Broadcast Library, latest Events, Announcements and links to the BLD Global and other BLD Districts' official Facebook page at our official website at [www.bldtoronto.org](http://www.bldtoronto.org) or scan the QR code below with your device.



### **FROM THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:**

- The Application form for LSS No. 41 is now available at the LSS table and now available on our website. For more information, please contact the following, for more details, see attached poster:

Sammy and Joy Talattad - LSS41 Coordinators ([citalattad@yahoo.com](mailto:citalattad@yahoo.com))

Merlo and Ellen Binoya - LSM DLCs ([merlobinoya@gmail.com](mailto:merlobinoya@gmail.com))

Eric and Pat Lazaro; Francis and Rhodelia Tapia – LSM Members

### **FROM THE LITURGY MINISTRY:**

- Altar server training is postponed to March 2024. Check updates later.

### **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. Pls. see below for Zoom details note that we have new Passcode:

**Meeting ID: 812 7532 6147**

**Passcode: 2025308**

- Please write clearly on your petition forms especially names, so that the intercessors can read your handwriting.

#### FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

- **SAVE THE DATES:** There will be two teachings for the month of February:
  - **Basic Commitment and Charismata/MGI for (LSS graduates)** - at OLA Rm. 3 on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12p to 4pm; and
  - **Christian Speech/Handling Conflicts for (LSS graduates and Committed)** - at OLA Rm. 4 on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12p to 4pm *Pls. Contact: Paul & Arlene Tan for details.*

#### FROM THE SECRETARIAT MINISTRY:

- A reminder to all members that **starting January 2025**, to **please bring your BLD IDs with QR Code** every Praise and Worship and other BLD activities. Please don't forget to check-in (ID scan) for your attendance before Praise and Worship. Thank you and have a blessed New Year.

#### FROM THE TREASURY MINISTRY:

- The 2024 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up by our members at OLA Hall before and after Praise and Worship starting **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** and every Friday thereafter. Kindly look for **Freddie & Glo Carandang**. Uncollected tax receipts will be sent by mail before end of February.
- To set-up an Interac e-transfer for their love offerings, please see below information:

**Email:** [bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com](mailto:bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com)

**Security Question:** **who is my first teacher?**

**Answer/Password:** **Jesus1**

Once Jojie Abellanosa (Treasurer) received your e-transfer, expect a confirmation email coming from her (not from your bank), otherwise please email her at the above-noted email address.

#### FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

- The Mission Ministry is encouraging volunteers to serve meal to the homeless at the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. BLD's schedule is **on February 12 and every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00pm**. Let us enjoy the experience of feeding the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters. Please coordinate with **Tito & Dora Bacungan** for more details.

#### FROM THE KITCHENER PRAYER GROUP:

- The Kitchener Prayer Group is inviting everyone to attend their monthly **Praise and Worship on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 6pm** to be held at the **Parish Hall of St. Mark Catholic Parish at 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, ON N2N 3A2**. You can come early at 4:00pm to assist in the setup and for praise practice.

#### **\*NEW** FROM THE PASTORAL SERVICES MINISTRY:

- The Pastoral Services Ministry acknowledges with deep appreciation the presence of BLD members from Toronto, Mississauga, and Rochester who attended the Community Recollection held last February 15, 2025 at the St. Benedict Catholic Church Hall in Etobicoke.

The Recollection entitled, The Spirituality of the Covenant and presided by Father Edison Tayag, BLD Spiritual Director of Rochester and Elmira communities was nearly cancelled due to inclement weather and the threat of an approaching winter storm. In spite of these conditions, Father Edison's and his companions travelled to Toronto. His determination made it easy for us to respond and bravely face the challenges of a brewing storm. And so, 96 equally determined disciples came, eager to know more and better understand the spirituality of the covenant we entered into when we became Committed and Covenanted members of the BLD community. And we were not disappointed!

Fr. Edison's 4 talks centered on the spirituality of the covenant between God and Abram in Genesis, and between Jesus and Peter in the Fourth Gospel. Using these biblical narratives as a backdrop he unpacked the major events of the narratives and through questions invited the participants to reflect and share their own stories of their journey as Christ's disciples in the BLD. The reflection questions encouraged us to look inward and assess our understanding of our own covenant, how we responded to it, how we addressed our challenges, relationship issues, and the use of our gifts. Several great take away messages were the following: "covenant is very fragile", 'discipleship and covenant are tightly intertwined, and "know your gifts and use them" to serve God and others.

We thank the BLD leadership of Toronto, Mississauga and Rochester, the various ministries and their members who gave their generous support of time and resources toward the success of the Recollection. And to you, the RECOLLECTION PARTICIPANTS, we are grateful that you personified the message: CALLED and BLESSED FOR OTHERS.

#### **FROM THE SINGLES MINISTRY:**

- The Singles Ministry is inviting individuals, who are 19 years old this year or older and have never been married, to join us in the upcoming **Singles Encounter #25 on May 2-4, 2025 at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario.**

If you are interested or know someone who could benefit from this spiritual retreat, visit us at our table in the **OLA Basement every Friday, starting February 14**, and get a copy of the registration form or scan the QR code on the poster!

If you have any questions, you can reach us at [bldtorontosingles@gmail.com](mailto:bldtorontosingles@gmail.com)

In the love of Christ,

BLD Toronto Stewards

