



Bukás Loób sa Diyós
(Open in Spirit to God)

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2025-04-01

April 3, 2025

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending April 4, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

BLD Toronto Activities for April 2025

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	7:30 PM	Disciples Meeting (OLA Hall)
Friday, April 4, 2025	8:00 PM	First Friday Mass and LSS Invocation Mass (OLA Parish)
Saturday, April 5, 2025	7:00 AM	Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend (OLA Parish)
Friday, April 11, 2025	8:00 PM	The Seven Last Words (OLA Parish)
Saturday, April 12, 2025	12:00 PM	Lectors Training (OLA Rm. 3)
Saturday, April 12, 2025	12:00 PM	Christian Discernment by Angelo & Ditas Reyes (Rm. 4)
Friday, April 18, 2025	-	GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 25, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, April 26, 2025	12:00 PM	Teaching (OLA Rm. 3)
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Saturday, April 26, 2025	9:00 AM	Singles Encounter Recollection (OLA Hall tba)

For the **5th Sunday of Lent**, our theme is – **We live a transformed life when we sincerely repent and turn back from our sinfulness.** True repentance leads a person to a transformed heart and mind. It is a process of awakening the heart to recognize the sinfulness that is harming one's life, to experience a significant change of inner self by abandoning sinful behavior and turning towards the righteous path. Believing that God, in His merciful grace, will not condemn us, we can confront our unfaithfulness towards Him and contritely confess our sins through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Then, we will experience the joy of a clean and free conscience, with a thankful heart for His mercy and forgiveness, assured of this promise, ***“Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.”*** (Ps 126:5). **[CSL Reflection]**

Week 1 (5th Sunday of Lent) – April 6, 2025

First Friday Mass – April 4, 2025

Theme: We live a transformed life when we sincerely repent and turn back from our sinfulness.

Promise: *“May those who sow in tears reap rejoicing.”* (Ps 126:5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

- BLD Toronto is celebrating 35 incredible years this coming September and we want YOU to help set the Theme for this event! Get creative and submit your best Theme to make this milestone truly unforgettable. Stay tuned for the Theme contest details/mechanics and how to submit your entry!
- To give way to the OLA Parish Station of the Cross this Lent, our Corporate Praise and Worship is back to our usual start at 8:00pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience it may have brought you and we thank you for your understanding and patience.

- 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 or scan the QR code below with your device.



FROM LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** Life in the Spirit Ministry is inviting all community members to attend the **LSS #41 Eucharistic Celebration** this coming **Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 1:35 pm at OLA Parish**. Let us welcome our LSS graduates and witness their Commissioning and Graduation Rites.

FROM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY:

- **FAMILY ENCOUNTER WEEKEND #24: AUGUST 23-24, 2025**

RECONNECT! REIGNITE! REUNITE!

The Family Encounter Weekend is a Spirit-Filled 2-Day Retreat that enriches family relationships through dialogue and fun family activities.

Catholic families are invited to join this retreat together with their children who are at least 9 years old. please register as soon as possible, as space is limited. Registration forms will be processed on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

To Register, please Contact:

Willie & Annette Guillermo (DLC, FLM): 647-994-2103 / aguillermo12463@gmail.com

Alex & Belinda Reyes (FE23 Family Shepherds): 647-686-9841/ Belindareyes@Rogers.Com

Jon & Rowena Bislig (FE23 Head Coordinators): 416-786-2358 / Rbislig71@Hotmail.Com

The Family Encounter is one of the most beautiful and enriching programs offered by BLD. please come and take this wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds of your family, and bring them closer to each other and to the Lord. ***Please see attached poster for more details.***

FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** There will be a Supplemental Teaching this month. Details to follow.
- **NEW!** Together, let's take a different approach to our daily decision-making by taking it up a notch. As practising Catholics, do we not want to include God's will and plans for our lives? Find out the clear and long-lasting benefits! Your present or daily situation may need **CHRISTIAN DISCERNMENT** - a teaching to be presented on **Saturday, April 12th at the Our Lady of the Assumption Room 4, beginning at 12 noon until 3:00 pm**. Don't forget your bible and notepad.

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 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.

FROM THE TREASURY MINISTRY:

- To set-up an Interac e-transfer for their love offerings, please see below information:

Email: 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:

- There will be a **second collection after the First Friday Mass on April 4, 2025** to support the **Winnipeg Prayer Group ME No. 2 on June 2025**. We thank you for your support.
- The **Breaking the Yoke of Poverty Ministry** is **distributing Lenten cards** as a fundraising campaign to support the BYOP Scholarship of Hope program for the needy children in our home country, the Philippines. This Lent, sacrificing a dollar a day appears insignificant for us but it is an opportunity for a bright future to someone. Fasting is a way to humble yourself in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21).

FROM THE SINGLES MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** The **Singles Encounter #25** is closely approaching. We invite any individuals, 19 years old this year or older and have never been married, to join us on **May 2-4, 2025 at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre in Ancaster** for a spiritual retreat to get away from the busyness of life and into peace of mind with the Lord.

Register by March 31, using the link: <https://bit.ly/SE-25>

You can also reach us at bldtorontosingles@gmail.com for any questions you may have. God bless!

In the love of Christ,

BLD Toronto Stewards