



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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY  
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2025-05-03

May 15, 2025

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending May 16, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## BLD Toronto Activities for May 2025

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, May 16, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Friday, May 23, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, May 24, 2025	12 PM	Solo Parents Assembly (OLA Rm. 3)
Saturday, May 24, 2025	12:00 PM	(Committed Disciples) Healing and Deliverance by Marilen Angeles/ (Make up teaching) Christian Faith by Loida Uchida (OLA Rm. 4)
Saturday, May 24, 2025	10 AM	LSS No. 41 Grand Reunion [TBA]
Friday, May 30, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)

For the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, our theme is – **We are shepherds in the likeness of Jesus when we witness His commandment to love one another.** A transformed life in Christ is marked by our relationship with God through the love that Jesus has given us. There has been no greater love expressed than the love of Jesus for His friends. Jesus says, ***“This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another,”*** (Jn 13:35). The mutual love among followers of Jesus is the defining mark of discipleship. Christian love is selfless, unconditional, complete, and unlimited, and it is based on a decision to love, not merely on emotion. Love is the heart of the Christian message, and it's a way to witness God's love to the world. This is the new commandment given to us by Jesus, and it is His promise that ***“... All will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.”*** (Jn 13:35). **[CSL Reflection]**

### Week 3 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) – May 18, 2025

**Theme:** We are shepherds in the likeness of Jesus when we witness to His commandment to love one another.

**Promise:** *“... everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (Jn 13:35)

**Order:** *“...make known to human beings your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.”*  
(Ps 145:12)

**Direction:** Let us be a witness of love, kindness and compassion to one another.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FROM THE DCS:

- **NEW!** Our community is always growing, and your voice matters. We've set up a new email for your suggestions to gather your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Whether it's a new idea, a comment on recent events, or a suggestion for improvement, we'd love to hear from you! You can choose to include your name or remain completely anonymous—whatever you're most comfortable with, but it would be best to include your name so we can follow up and discuss it with you. All suggestions will be treated as confidential. Please send your suggestions, etc. to [bldtorontosuggestionbox@gmail.com](mailto:bldtorontosuggestionbox@gmail.com) We will also retain our physical Suggestion Box located at the hall entrance for those who prefer the traditional way. Let us build a stronger, more connected community together!
- We are pleased to announce the formation of the BLD Toronto 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, led by Linda Fullante. This special committee includes dedicated members representing each Apostolate, working together to make this celebration truly unforgettable. Stay tuned for more exciting surprises and details to come!
- The CCRC is inviting everyone to attend their annual **Cradle of Hope Conference** on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and celebrate Pentecost. Pls. see the attached flyer for 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 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- **SAVE THE DATE – LSS No. 41 Grand Reunion on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm [Venue TBA].**

### 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](mailto:aguillermo12463@gmail.com)

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

**Jon & Rowena Bislig** (FE23 Head Coordinators): 416-786-2358 / [Rbislig71@Hotmail.Com](mailto: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 the attached poster for more details.**

#### FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

- Teachings for this month:
  - Saturday, May 24th (Rm. 4) – (Committed Disciples) Healing and Deliverance by Marilen Angeles and (Make up Teaching) Christian Faith by Loida Uchida.

#### 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.

#### **NEW!** FROM THE SINGLES MINISTRY:



With Grateful Hearts – A HUGE Thank You to everyone for the success of the SE #25 Weekend!

First and foremost, we praise and give thanks to the Lord, who faithfully provided for every need and carried us through every challenge. This past weekend was a beautiful testament that with God, and when we come together as one community, all things are truly possible. A heartfelt THANK YOU to the entire Working Team—our amazing Sponsoring Class and Auxies - for your dedication and tireless efforts. Special thanks as well to Fr. Michael Corpus, and to our DLCs, Tito Ricky and Tita Jo Corpus, for your steadfast leadership and support.



*Left to Right: Jing Pabalinas, Terrence Halupe, Reiena Legaspina, Ritz Nable, Lucille Salvador, John Kho, Joe Ajoy, Clara Angeles, Emmanuel Alocious, Jomya George, Ayen Gelacio, Daniel Tejada Aguilar, MJ Valera, Ryan Padua, JJ Gavia, Jhog Ramos, Liz Tubog, Giselle Ferrenbach*

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the broader community whose contributions made this weekend such a grace-filled experience. Thank you to:

- **SE #24 Sponsoring Class**, led by their shepherds Tito Louie & Tita Donna De Belen and Christian Lapid, who tirelessly worked together to make this past SE an unforgettable one
- Our **Pastoral DCS**, Tito Gil & Tita Dolly Valencia, for their support especially in helping take photos and bringing our last graduate on Saturday
- **Intercessory Ministry** for covering the entire weekend in prayer; and especially for the couples who came and helped out on Saturday
- **Service Ministry** for faithfully providing all the needed equipment
- **Witness and Coach Development Ministry** for equipping all our sharers with guidance and encouragement
- **Mission Ministry**, with a special shoutout to **BLD Kitchener**, for reaching out and helping bring in some of our newest graduates
- **Treasury Ministry** for ensuring a smooth process regarding our finances
- **BLD Guelph** for their openness to learning, serving, and working together as one team
- All those who generously sponsored anyone in need of financial assistance, those who brought the delicious food throughout the weekend, and offered donations in love and faith

No role was too small; every act of service mattered. Together, we witnessed the power of faith, unity, and love in action.

To our new graduates of SE #25: Congratulations and welcome to the BLD family! We are overjoyed to intentionally walk with you on your spiritual journey and we can't wait to see how the Lord will continue to move in your lives. **Please see some of the new graduates' testimonials at the end of the Broadcast.**

To God be the glory, now and always!

With love and gratitude,

**Lucille Salvador & Jing Pabalinas**

SE #25 Co-Shepherds

#### **FROM THE MISSION APOSTOLATE:**

- The Mission Ministry is encouraging volunteers to serve meals to the homeless at the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. BLD's schedule is **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.
- The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **monthly Praise and Worship on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 6pm via Zoom** (Meeting ID: 810 6914 3467 Passcode: 2025308). The regular monthly Praise and Worship is every **2nd and 4th Sunday of the month**.

We also ask your prayers for a successful **BLD Winnipeg Prayer Group ME No. 2** to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8th, 2025**. To make this beautiful event possible, we are also humbly reaching out to our community for financial support. Your generous contributions will help cover the costs of accommodations, meals, materials, and other logistical needs to ensure that all couples regardless of financial circumstance can participate. Donations can be sent through [BLD love offering envelopes](#), kindly indicate "[Love Offering for Winnipeg](#)". Please see attached poster for details.

In the love of Christ,  
BLD Toronto Stewards

## **SE #25 Graduate Testimonials:**

*“My experience at the Singles Encounter was truly a blessing. It was a weekend filled with learning, reflection, and spiritual growth. I gained a deeper understanding of God’s love and forgiveness, which really touched my heart. The talks by Fr. Michael was powerful and inspiring, and every testimony shared was moving and relatable. At one point I felt a deep sense of peace and a soothing calm afterward. I was able to open up my heart and write freely, expressing everything I had been carrying within. The community made me feel so welcomed and loved, from the warm smiles to the thoughtful organization of every detail. I’m truly grateful for this unforgettable experience.” - Jomya George*

*“The SE #25 was nothing short of an amazing experience. After being away from the BLD community, it was refreshing to reignite my connection with God and reconnect with familiar faces. I didn’t expect much from the weekend beyond growing closer to God but through the powerful talks, the support of the facilitators, and God’s constant presence, I experienced something much deeper. I was able to heal from pains I didn’t even realize I had been holding onto. The weekend was a renewing experience filled with enlightenment and healing. I’m truly grateful I attended, and I’m excited for this new chapter with the Singles Ministry.” - JJ Gavia*

*"Attending the singles encounter was a life-changing experience! It reignited my faith, provided a sense of community, and allowed me to connect with like-minded individuals. The powerful sessions, meaningful conversations, and supportive atmosphere helped me deepen my relationship with God and gain clarity on my life's purpose. I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow spiritually and meet others who share similar values and passions." - Jhog Ramos*

*“This experience has impacted me greatly. Both physically and emotionally. I’ve carried many wounds like Jesus did when they scourged him. I thought they were small wounds but they had gotten bigger over the span of 15 years. From me as a teenager to my young adult. They turned into a heavy cross like Jesus had and I couldn’t carry it alone. But finishing the weekend, I felt the cross I carried was held by everyone at BLD; my fellow candidates, the leaders, and the sponsors. Thank you.” - MJ Valera*

*“I really enjoyed SE25. I made new friends and had important moments of reflection. I liked that the team was well-organized and always very friendly. Overall, I’m glad I attended.” - Daniel Tajeda Aguilar*

*“This past weekend wasn’t what I expected at all. At first, I didn’t seem very interested but once I got there, I was very grateful for the chance to slow down and reflect. It made me face something I’d been avoiding for a long time. I’ve always said ‘I love you’ to my friends, family, and even to God without really understanding the meaning behind it. I’ve struggled with the difference between love and lust and how I truly feel when I say those words. This experience pushed me to open up to both myself and Jesus. It’s a small step, but it helped me start figuring out what real love means to me. I also got a fresh perspective on prayer. I used to pray as if I were talking to someone far away, like God on a throne, while I kept my distance. After some great advice, I now see prayer as a way to connect with Jesus up close. It feels like I’m not just reciting words anymore but building a closer, more personal relationship with Him.” - Terrance Halupe*

*“Saying ‘yes’ to God’s call and joining the Bukas Loob Sa Diyos Singles Encounter is something I will never regret. It was one of the most meaningful moments in my life. During the weekend, I felt God’s love through the prayers, songs, sharing, and quiet time with Him. It was a time of healing, renewal, and a fresh beginning for my heart and faith. I’m very thankful to all the coordinators, members, and facilitators of BLD. They were truly God’s instruments for guiding us with love and helping us feel His presence in a special way.” - Clara Angeles*

*“What. A. Weekend. First off—huge shoutout to Jesus! Thank You for giving me the nudge and a lot of grace to say ‘yes’ to SE25. Honestly, I had no idea what I was getting into, but I walked out with a full heart, a clearer mind, a whole bunch of awesome new friends... and some very sore muscles from those action songs. SE25 helped me understand the beauty of my individuality—how I see myself, my relationship with God, and how I listen to that little voice inside, which definitely got louder... in the best way! Everyone was so open and kind—it felt like family from the start. The highlights: Graduation – I felt like a holy rockstar; Action Songs – cardio for the soul; and the Food – blessed and highly favored. Amen! Huge love and thanks to the BLD community for welcoming us with such full hearts (and full plates). I’m so grateful for this experience and excited to continue walking this journey, with God and all of you amazing people beside me.” - Emmanuel Alocious*

*“My experience at the BLD Singles Encounter Weekend was deeply meaningful—a time of connection and personal reconnection to my faith. Surrounded by unfamiliar faces who quickly became companions on a shared journey, I found joy in learning more about God, myself, and the beauty of building relationships rooted in faith and openness. It was a powerful reminder that growth happens when we step outside our comfort zone and open our hearts.” - Giselle Ferrenbach*

*“Before the retreat, I was feeling anxious because it had been a long time since I had been active in the Church. I was truly grateful that my aunts encouraged me to join, and even more thankful that I didn’t back out at the last minute. I was deeply moved by one of the testimonials, which reminded me that each of us carries burdens in our lives. The retreat helped me reconnect with my faith, reflect on my role in society, and remember the importance of community. I was thankful to have met new friends, become part of a community, and had the chance to dance and sing praise and worship songs. After the retreat, I couldn’t help but think of my friends and wish they could have experienced the same kind of clarity and peace of mind.” - Reiena Legaspina*

