



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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY  
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2025-08-03

August 14, 2025

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending August 15, 2025

**BLD Toronto Activities for August 2025**

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, August 15, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (St. Benedict Catholic Church, 2194 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke)
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	7:30 PM	DLC Meeting (via Zoom)
Friday, August 22, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday & Sunday, August 23 & 24, 2025	2 days	Family Encounter No. 24 (Valley of Mother of God, Mono ON)
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	7:30 PM	Disciples Meeting (OLA Hall, TBA)
Friday, August 29, 2025	7:30 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)

For 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, our theme is: **We store up heavenly treasures when we have courage to avoid sin and embrace the righteousness of Christ.** Hebrews 12:2 exhorts us to *“keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”* Sin weighs us down, but Jesus’ obedience and sacrifice have won us forgiveness and renewed life. He invites us to turn away from pride and self-righteousness and embrace a life of humility and trust. As we share in His sufferings, we also share in His righteousness. The Psalmist proclaims, *“The Lord heard my cry...He made firm my steps”* (Ps 40:3a, 3c), assuring us of God’s faithfulness in our trials). **[CSL Reflection]**

**Week 3 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) - August 17, 2025**

**Theme:** We store up heavenly treasures when we have courage to avoid sin and embrace the righteousness of Christ.

**Promise:** *“The Lord heard my cry...making my steps secure.”* (Ps 40:3a, 3c)

**Order:**

1. *“...lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely...”* (Heb 12:1)
2. *“...run with perseverance the race that is set before us...”* (Heb 12:1)

**Direction:**

1. Resist temptation by soaking ourselves in prayer and reflecting the word of God.
2. Look to Jesus as the author and perfecter of our faith.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FROM THE DCS:**

- **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Praise & Worship** will be held at St. Benedict Catholic Church at 2194 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke, ON M9W 4K9. OLA Hall will be used by the Parish in celebration of their Feast of the Assumption.
- **SAVE THE DATES! – A DLC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> via Zoom** (Zoom details to follow) at **7:30p** to discuss our plans for the **Disciples meeting**, which will be held on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at OLA Hall** and open to all committed and covenanted members of our community.
- **Remote Access to Weekly Praise & Worship (via Zoom)** - In our commitment to inclusivity and pastoral care, we are pleased to offer remote access to our weekly Praise and Worship meetings for the following **BLD Toronto members, mainly: the elderly, persons with disabilities, and primary caregivers of a sick loved one at home** who are unable to attend in person.

This initiative allows our brothers and sisters to remain spiritually nourished and united with our community despite physical limitations. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please see attached Application Form and Policy, to see if you qualify for access.

- **\*NEW!** - From the **35th Anniversary Committee - Reminders from the 35th Anniversary Committee:**

The BLD 35th Anniversary celebration is coming up soon, and we want to ensure everyone has a spot. Please book your tickets on this link [BLD 35th Anniversary Form](#). Please send payments via e-transfer to [bld35th@gmail.com](mailto:bld35th@gmail.com) Contact any member of the Anniversary Committee for assistance.

Don't miss out on putting your advertisement to the 35th Anniversary souvenir program. Deadline for submission is extended to August 20, 2025. We still have a few ad spaces remaining, including full-page, half-page and quarter page options. Please submit your ad by email to Toni Velez at [tonipacisvelez@rogers.com](mailto:tonipacisvelez@rogers.com)

And as part of our 35th Anniversary program, we're bringing you a special event to celebrate the incredible creativity across BLD, the BLD's Got Talent . This is your time to shine — whether you sing, dance, do stand-up, play an instrument, perform magic, or have a totally unique hidden talent, we want to see it! Please email your video to Jing Pabalinas at [jmaap17@gmail.com](mailto:jmaap17@gmail.com)

We are still waiting for more entries from all BLD artists and budding artists to submit an entry to be used as the cover of our BLD 35th Anniversary souvenir program. Submission for entry is extended to August 20, 2025.

**Anniversary t-shirts are still on sale for \$15.00 each. Please pre-order your t-shirts** as we have limited sizes available.

**Please approach any of the Committee members to get a copy of the solicitation letters** and for the t-shirts. Thank you and God bless.

Please reach out to any Anniversary Committee team member: Felix & Linda Fullante, Nestor & Cielo Naluz, Toni Pacis, Jing Pabalinas and J-al & Susan Valledor if you need help.

- **Invitation from the OLA Parish** – Please mark your calendar and join OLA Parish for their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's Upcoming Events. For details, please check the OLA Parish website <https://olassumptionto.archtoronto.org/> (***We encourage our Community members to join these milestone celebrations of our beloved OLA Parish, our home for so many years and show our support and let us wear our 35th Anniversary t-shirts at these events.***)

### Feast of Our Lady of Assumption

- August 6 to 14 – Novena Prayers (6:30p)/Holy Mass (7pm)
- August 15 (Friday, 7pm) – Thanksgiving Mass
- August 16 (Saturday, 11am) – Kasalang Bayan

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

- August 31 (Sunday, 12 noon) – **Thanksgiving Mass by His Eminence Cardinal Francis Leo and Blessing of new statue of Our Lady of the Assumption.**
- September 6 (Saturday, 8pm) – **Hymns for Mary (Alay Kay Maria)** Thanksgiving Concert.
- **Carpooling invitation for Friday Praise and Worship** – We are inviting our community members who are willing and able to participate in carpooling arrangements for our Friday Praise and Worship. This initiative aims to support those in need of transportation and to foster greater fellowship among our members. Your contacts and areas will be announced in our upcoming broadcast to help match riders with drivers. If you are interested in joining this effort either as a driver or a passenger, please send your name, contact details, and location to [bldtorontosuggestionbox@gmail.com](mailto:bldtorontosuggestionbox@gmail.com) Thank you for your generosity and support in strengthening our community through service!
- 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!
- 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 FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY:

- **\*NEW!** - Please see attached Thank You! Message from the Class of FE#23.
- **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 MARRIAGE LIFE MINISTRY:**

- From **ME Class No. 47** – To our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are inviting you to be part of a beautiful mission — to help strengthen marriages in our community. Marriage Encounter Weekend No. 48 will be held on September 13 and 14, 2025 at the Valley of the Mother of God in 953376 7 Line E, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z2. This weekend is a special time for couples to reconnect, grow in love, and deepen their relationship with God and each other. If you know any couples — family, friends, or fellow community members — who would benefit from this life-giving experience, we encourage you to invite them or share their names with us. Let's continue to be instruments of God's love in our church and in the world, one marriage at a time. For more information, please approach any members of ME Class No. 47 or contact: 416-856-7788. See our website and attached poster for details.

#### **FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY:**

- There will be no teachings scheduled for the month of July and August. All teachings will resume in September. Enjoy the Summer season everyone!

#### **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:**

- May we request our members **not to reply or send email to the [bldbroadcast@gmail.com](mailto:bldbroadcast@gmail.com)** it is only for BLD official broadcast but if you have any concerns with the Secretariat, email it to [bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com](mailto:bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com) We launched an "email address update for all members" drive. Please make sure to print legibly your updated email address before Praise and Worship at the Secretariat table. Thank you.
- Please make sure to scan your ID before Praise and Worship every week or sign-in your attendance for safety and security purposes in case of emergency.
- Kindly advise the Secretariat by emailing [bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com](mailto:bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com) if you have changed your email address and know of any member who does not receive the weekly DCS broadcasts, also **please double check your spam folder** to ensure that our Broadcast is not there. Help us to keep all members well informed of community events.

#### **FROM THE TREASURY MINISTRY:**

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

**Email: [bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com](mailto:bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com) Security Question: **who is my first teacher?** Answer/Password: **Jesus1****

Once Jojie Abellanosa (Treasurer) receives 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 APOSTOLATE:**

- from **The Breaking the Yoke of Poverty (BYOP) Ministry** - The BYOP is supporting the **2025 ANCOP WALK** scheduled on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Park in Etobicoke, Ontario. You can help as an individual or you can

join the BLD team headed by Al & Sol Crisostomo. Click on the link to support the team and to donate. For further information, kindly contact any member of the BYOP Ministry.

<https://ancopcanada.donordrive.com/teams/5806>

Together, let us make a difference in the lives of the poor!

- The **Mission Ministry** in response to the **invitation of Frank Cardinal Leo** will join the **Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine on August 24, 2025**. Attached is the event poster from Archdiocese of Toronto website. The celebration will start with a mass at 11:00am officiated by Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

We are encouraging our community to join in the celebration of Jubilee 2025. We are hiring an air-conditioned bus and arranging pick-up points at Scarborough and Mississauga. Pickup time will be from 7:00-8:00am. Please **register early with Dora Bacungan or Agnes Evangelista** at the Registration table. Seating is limited (54 persons capacity), see attached poster for details.

- The Mission Ministry will serve dinner to the **Youth Without Shelter (YWS)** residents on **September 13, 2025**. YWS supports youths throughout their journeys out of homelessness. As they transition to independent living, YWS is with them every step of the way to prevent them from falling back into the cycle of homelessness. You may donate to the YWS through the BLD.
- The **Kitchener Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their in-person **Praise and Worship on Saturday, August 23rd at 6pm to be held at the Parish Hall of St. Mark Catholic Parish at 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, ON N2N 3A2**. Please come at 4:00pm to help us with the venue setup and for praise practice.
- 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** will not have Praise & Worship (P&W) via Zoom the whole month of August. P&W resumes in September.

#### **FROM THE SOLO PARENTS MINISTRY:**

- 2025 is an auspicious year not only for BLD but also for the **Solo Parents as we celebrate our 25th year** of inception. The Solo Parents Ministry has reached this milestone event by God's grace and the support of the whole community. We are grateful for this achievement and would like to invite you to join our celebratory event. It will be a wonderful time to reconnect, renew and rejoice in fellowship for the blessings the Lord has bestowed on our community through the years. We hope to see you and together let us celebrate God's wonderful gift of community. Please attached flyer for details.

In the love of Christ,  
BLD Toronto Stewards