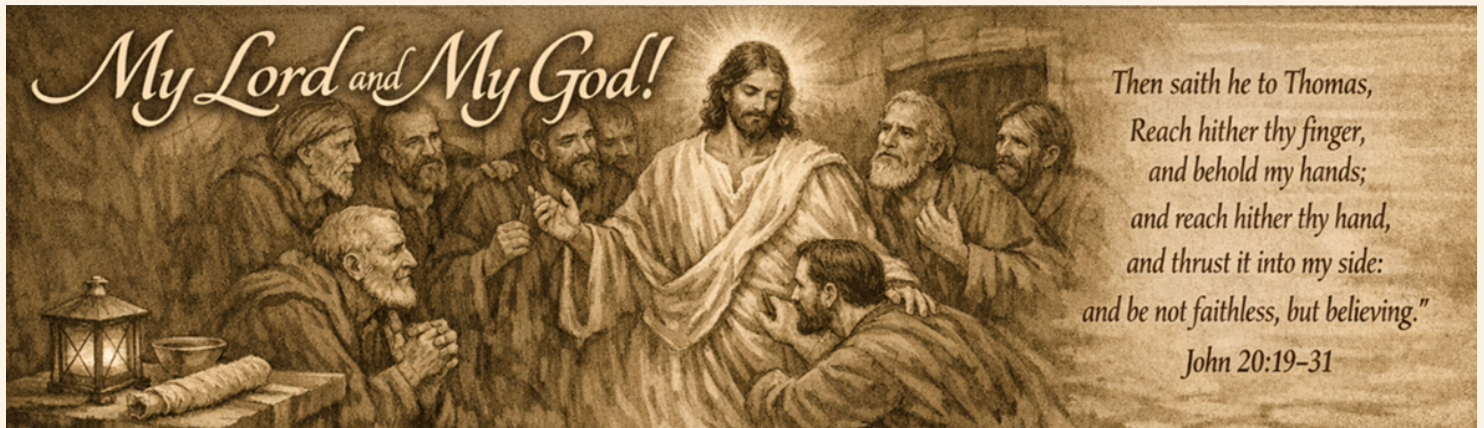




Bukás Loób sa Diyós **(Open in Spirit to God)**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO



MESSAGES FROM THE DCS

Greetings from Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto:

- The Archbishop urges the faithful to uphold the dignity of human life by supporting Bill C-218, advocating against the expansion of MAiD for mental illness, and praying for compassionate care, responsible legislation, and those who suffer from mental illness. *(See his detailed message on our website).*

An invitation from Bishop Kasun, Vicar for Lay Organization, Archdiocese of Toronto

- The Archdiocese invites all Lay Associations to the "A Day With Mary" spiritual event on May 30, 2026 at Marylake Shrine, with full details provided in the related documents on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Praise & Worship**
Fridays, April 10, April 17 & April 24 at OLA Hall
- **Game Night by Singles Ministry**
Friday, April 10, 8p at OLA Rm. 4
- **Teaching: Intro. to the Word & Understanding Corp. Worship**
Saturday, April 11 at 12:00 PM
- **Teaching: Orientation to Spiritual Warfare**
Saturday, April 11 at 12:00 PM
- **Teachers Development Program (TDP)**
Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19 8am at St. Joseph in Guelph
- **LSS#42 Grand Reunion**
Saturday, April 25 at 10a at OLA Hall
- **Teaching: Basic Commitment and Charismata/Motivational Gifts Inventory**
Saturday, April 25 at 12:00 PM OLA Rm. 3
- **Teaching: Fraternal Correction & Repairing Wrongdoing**
Saturday, April 25 at 12:00 PM OLA Rm. 4

COMMUNITY WORD

We rejoice in the Risen Christ, our Living Hope, who leads us to eternal life.

THEME

We rejoice in the Risen Christ who shapes us into a community of faith and mercy.

PROMISE

“Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures forever.”

(Ps 118:4)

ORDER

1. ***“...believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy...”***
(1 Pt 1:8)
2. ***“...love him...for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*** (1 Pt 1:8-9)

DIRECTION

1. Trust and believe in God’s overflowing mercy and grace.
2. Glorify God by remaining faithful and obedient to him.



CSL REFLECTION

The **Second Sunday of Easter** is also Divine Mercy Sunday, and our theme is: **We rejoice in the Risen Christ who shapes us into a community of faith and mercy.** Jesus reveals Himself as the source of mercy who forms His disciples into a faith-filled community. He dispels fear and restores hearts wounded by failure and doubt with these words, **“Peace be with you.”** He invites His disciples to believe, even when faith is tested, and shows that mercy triumphs over weakness. In breathing the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus entrusts to the community the grace of forgiveness, calling them to become instruments of His compassion in the world. As His disciples, we welcome Christ’s peace, believe in His mercy, and extend forgiveness, trusting in this promise, ***“Let those who fear the Lord say, His mercy endures forever.”*** (Ps 118:4)



The Resurrection of the Lord: May this month be defined by the hope, new life, and victory we have through the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES

SINGLES

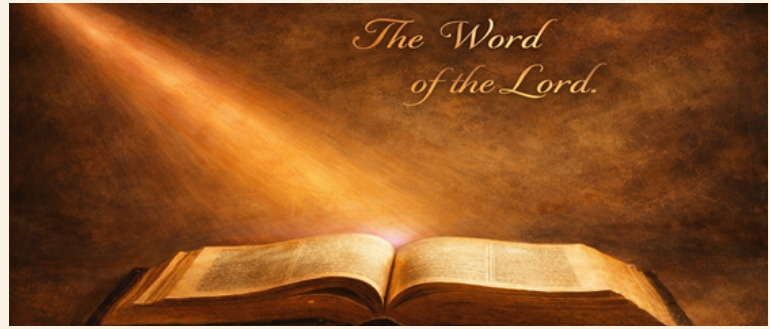
On **Friday, April 10** the **Singles Ministry** is hosting a **Game Night** for potential candidates of SEW#26. This will be a fun and relaxed opportunity for them to fellowship, connect, and get to know the Singles Ministry. For more information you can reach out to the Singles Core: Jean Caniedo, Nine Campomanes or Roxanne Maranan (*see flyer on our website for details*).

TEACHING

“Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more.” (Proverbs 9:9)

The first Inter-District Teachers Development Program (TDP) will be held on April 18 and 19, 2026 at St. Joseph School in Guelph. This event will be attended by teachers in process (TIP) and current teachers willing to upskill from BLD Toronto, BLD Guelph, BLD Rochester and BLD Mississauga.

This is a collaborative effort of the BLD Academy and the Teaching Team of BLD Toronto and BLD Mississauga. Please pray for a spirit-filled, joy-filled and fruitful TDP.



COMMUNITY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You said that all will know we are Your disciples by our love for one another. You prayed that your disciples may all be one, just as You and the Father are one.

We ask, Lord, to grant us that same unity of heart and mind so that, in You, we may also be one with the Father.

Lord, we have a covenant with You to follow Your commandments, especially loving one another and living in unity. Let your Holy Spirit flow freely into our hearts and minds, so that we may share in that mutual love between You and the Father.

Let harmony reign in our community life and activities, and may we always accept one another, forgive each other, and see each other with Your eyes, Lord Jesus. Then, we will truly experience the fruits of unity and merit in our midst, Your amazing presence.

Help us to be holy as You are holy, to sincerely love one another as You have loved us. Remind us always to lift our hearts in prayer. Nourish us by Your word and strengthen us through the Sacraments. Make us one, Lord Jesus, for it is good and pleasant when we dwell as one, and there You will lavish blessings upon us. In Your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in your love. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us.

FROM THE MINISTRIES *(cont'd.)* MISSION

- The Mission Ministry collected grocery donations for **The Youth Without Shelter (YWS)**, an emergency shelter for homeless youth. The first drop off at the YWS was last January 20 and the second drop off was last March 19. Thank you for all your support. *(pls. see the thank you letters from YWS on our website).*
- **The Breaking the Yoke of Poverty (BYOP) Ministry** has started collecting Lenten card donations to support the BYOP Scholarship of Hope program for the needy children in our home country, the Philippines. You can remit your donation via etransfer. Indicate 'Lenten Cards donation'.
Email: bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com
Security Question: who is my first teacher?
Answer/Password: Jesus1
- The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their Praise and Worship on **Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 6pm** via Zoom (Meeting ID: 810 6914 3467 Passcode: 2026357). The regular Praise and Worship is every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter of thanks from the Malolos Family:

...Our family would like to extend our profound and heartfelt gratitude for the enormous outpouring of love and support following the death of Philip/Dad/Grandpa/Kuya/Uncle. *(Pls. see the full copy of the Thank You letter attached to the email).*



GENERAL INFORMATION

DCS

- In response to the request raised in response to the request raised at the last Disciples meeting, we have prepared the attached summary of free and confidential support available to help our members navigate the practical, legal, and emotional challenges that can follow the loss of a loved one. This brief guide highlights no-cost or low-cost services in Toronto that BLD members can refer to on for both (1) clear steps to take after the passing of a spouse—including estate administration and access to brief legal advice—and (2) counselling and grief-support options. A quick ‘how to use’ notes and direct source links are included to make it easy for anyone to find the help they need. This information will be uploaded on our website for easy access.
- Our community continues to grow, and your voice matters. We’ve created a new email where you can share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback:
bldtorontosuggestionbox@gmail.com You may include your name or remain anonymous –though adding your name helps us follow up when needed. All submissions will be kept confidential. For those who prefer the traditional method, our physical Suggestion Box remains at the hall entrance. Let’s work together to build a stronger, more connected community.

INTERCESSORY

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: 2026357

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

SECRETARIAT

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 if you know of any member who does not receive the weekly DCS broadcasts. Help us to keep all members well informed of community events.

TREASURY

All 2025 tax receipts have been mailed out. To set up an Interac e-transfer for their love offerings, please see the information below:
Email: 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.

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SUNDAY READINGS

April 12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (Cycle A, Year II)

1st Reading - Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the Apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in various houses and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 118

R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." **R.**

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: a birth into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel - John 20:19-31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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CSL WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

April 12, 2026 (Cycle A, Year II) – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

GOD'S MERCY ENDURES FOREVER!

Reflection:

The Second Sunday of Easter, celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, invites us to contemplate the Risen Christ as the source of mercy who gathers His disciples and forms them into a community of faith. After His Resurrection, Jesus appears to His disciples who were filled with fear, uncertainty, and guilt. Instead of reproach or condemnation, He greets them with the gift of peace: ***“Peace be with you.”*** This greeting reveals the heart of Jesus; His mercy restores, heals, and renews. Through His presence, fear is replaced with faith, and wounded hearts are transformed by compassion.

Our theme tells us: We rejoice in the Risen Christ who shapes us into a community of faith and mercy. The Resurrection is not only a personal experience of renewal for us, but also a call to live together in faith and mission. Jesus gathers His disciples and forms them into a faith-filled community entrusted with the mission of mercy. By breathing the Holy Spirit upon them, He empowers them with the ministry of reconciliation: “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.” This moment establishes the Church as a community where God’s mercy continues to be experienced, shared, and proclaimed.

The Risen Lord’s mercy is especially evident in His encounter with Thomas. Though Thomas doubted, Jesus did not reject him. Instead, He invited him to touch His wounds and believe. In this act, Jesus demonstrates that mercy triumphs over weakness and doubt. He meets Thomas where he is and leads him to a deeper faith. This same mercy is extended to us today. We may experience moments of doubt, failure, or spiritual dryness, yet the Risen Christ continues to invite us to believe and trust in His love. His words, ***“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed,”*** call us to live by faith and to remain steadfast in our discipleship.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to become instruments of this mercy. The Risen Christ shapes us into a community that reflects His compassion through concrete acts of love. We live this out in simple but meaningful ways, offering forgiveness to those who have hurt us, showing patience to those who struggle, extending help to those in need, and fostering unity within our families and community. These acts of mercy become signs that Christ is alive among us.

Divine Mercy Sunday also invites us to trust in the inexhaustible mercy of God. The devotion to the Divine Mercy reminds us that no sin is greater than His love. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we encounter the healing mercy of Christ, who restores us and strengthens us to begin again. As we receive His forgiveness, we are called to extend the same mercy to others. In doing so, we become a true community of faith and compassion, living witnesses that God’s mercy endures forever.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us open our hearts to the peace of the Risen Lord. May His mercy renew us, strengthen our faith, and move us to become channels of His compassion. Rejoicing in the Risen Christ, we are shaped into a community where forgiveness is practiced, love is shared, and mercy is lived each day. Truly, we proclaim with confidence: ***“Let those who fear the Lord say, His mercy endures forever.”***

Prayer:

The Three o’clock Prayer

“You died, Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O fountain of life, immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O blood and water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world (3 times). Jesus, King of mercy, I trust in You!”

Reflection Guide Questions:

1. How have I personally experienced the mercy of God, and how did this transform my faith and relationship with others?
2. In what concrete ways can I extend Christ’s mercy through forgiveness, compassion, and understanding within my family and community?