



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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO



MESSAGES FROM THE DCS

- Join us on Friday, April 24th for WSC after our Praise & Worship. Don't forget to bring your Living with Christ. The Sunday Readings and the full CSL Reflections & Guide Questions are included in the broadcast.
- Please be advised that the church side door will be closed at 8:00 PM for security reasons. After this time, the door can only be opened from the inside. If you are locked out, kindly contact someone inside the hall to let you in.

Help Not Harm Bill update from Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto:

- Thank you to parishes and communities supporting the Help Not Harm campaign and Bill C-218. With the vote delayed, please continue encouraging messages to MPs via HelpNotHarmCanada.ca through end of April. (see our Broadcast for full announcement.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Praise & Worship & WSC**
Friday, April 24th 8PM at OLA Hall
- **LSS#42 Grand Reunion**
Saturday, April 25 at 10 AM 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
- **First Friday Mass for May/Anointing**
Friday, May 1st at 8 PM OLA Parish

COMMUNITY WORD

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

THEME

We rejoice in the Risen Christ, our Shepherd, who leads us to fullness of life.

PROMISE

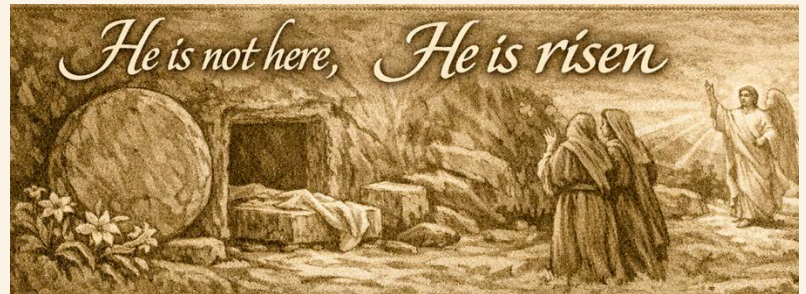
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ORDER

1. ***“Repent, and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ...and...receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”*** (Acts 2:38)
2. ***“...Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”*** (Acts 2:40)
3. ***“...enter the sheepfold by the gate...hear his voice...follow him...”*** (Jn 10:1,3,4)

DIRECTION

1. Accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and personal Saviour.
2. Let us intensify prayers for one another, our family and community.
3. Remain faithful, humble, and obedient to God’s word.



CSL REFLECTION (ABRIDGED)

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, the theme is: **We rejoice in the Risen Christ, our Shepherd, who leads us to fullness of life.** Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd who lovingly cares for His flock. He knows His people by name, guards them from harm, and leads them with steadfast love through every trial and uncertainty. Having laid down His life and taken it up again, the Shepherd now guides His people with the authority of victory and the tenderness of mercy. To belong to Christ’s flock is to live in trustful obedience, listening attentively to His voice and following the path He sets before us. We are called to remain close to the Shepherd, allowing His word to shape our choices and His example to form our way of life. Even when the way is difficult, we walk with confidence, knowing that the Risen Lord leads us toward true freedom and lasting peace. Anchored in this faith, we cling to His promise: ***“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”*** (Jn 10:10). (see p7 for full version.)

Reflection Guide Questions:

1. In what ways am I called to be a shepherd – to my family, my workplace, and my community? Do my actions reflect the compassion and selflessness of Christ?
2. How do I respond to those in authority over me? Do I support and cooperate with them in building unity and fostering life-giving relationships?



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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

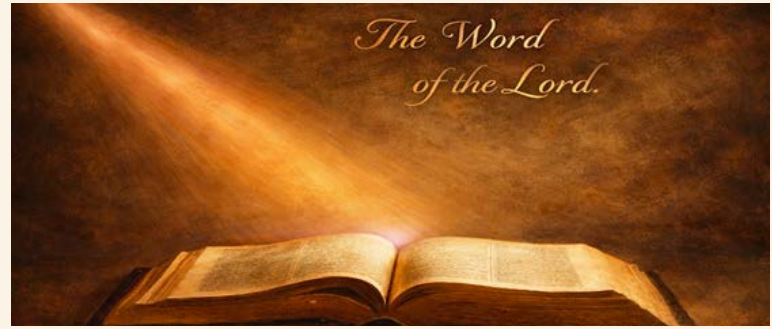
The **LSS#42 Grand Reunion** is this **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. Let us all include in our prayers the LSS#42 graduates on their journey to continue walking in the Spirit.

Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am at OLA church**. Our Spiritual Director, Msgr. Pan will be the presider.

For more details please contact Manny and Letty Buado, LSSC or Merlo and Ellen Binoya, LSM for logistics purposes.

MISSION

- **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 **Kitchener Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship** on **Saturday, April 25, 2026** 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. The regular monthly Praise and Worship is every **4th Saturday of the month**.
- The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship** on **Sunday, April 26, 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.



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.)*

TEACHING

"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Give thanks to him, bless his name; good indeed is the Lord." (Psalm 100:2, 5)

We praise and thank the Lord for a successful and grace-filled inter-district **Teachers Development Program (TDP)** last April 18-19, 2026.

The Holy Spirit has truly guided this endeavor from its inception, and we really felt His holy presence during the weekend.

We thank everyone who contributed their time, talent and great effort for its success. Thank you to the Cluster Shepherds of BLD Toronto and BLD Mississauga for initiating this project; and the BLD Academy, led by Larry & Myrna Nieva for their dedication and patience in carefully planning and organizing this multi-district teaching collaboration.

Thank you, TDP Team for lighting the spark of curiosity of the learners that will surely guide them for a long time. Each lesson taught reflected not just a piece of your heart, but your commitment and hard work. You don't just teach; you inspire. Thank you for the growth experience - not just in knowledge but in spirit.

To our gracious hosts, BLD Guelph led by Ed & Susan Reyes, we are deeply touched and grateful for your care and generosity. Thank you for providing the venue, and huge thanks to the lovely and lively Service Team who served tirelessly with a smile the whole weekend!

We feel the great power coming from the heavens enveloping the learners/ teachers-in- process (TIPs), and this spiritual formation is just the beginning of their exciting journey as future teachers in their respective BLD communities - Toronto, Mississauga, Guelph and Rochester.

We give honor and glory to God from whom all these wonderful blessings flow! Amen!

SINGLES

The **Singles Encounter #26** is closely approaching. We invite individuals, 19 years old this year or older and have never been married, to join us on **June 12-14, 2026**, at **The Valley of the Mother of God** in Orangeville for a spiritual retreat to get away from the busyness of life and into peace of mind with the Lord. Register using the link: <https://bit.ly/SEW-26> or scan the QR Code on the attached flyers. You can also reach us at bldtorontosingles@gmail.com for any questions you may have.

For SE#26 Registration inquiries, please visit the recruitment table every Friday, starting on Friday April 24, 2026 at OLA Hall.

The Singles Ministry is planning a **fundraising event for Mother's day** to raise money for the upcoming SE#26. We will be selling roses on **Friday May 9, 2026** to celebrate Mother's day.

FAMILY LIFE

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Families are warmly invited to a **Family Encounter Weekend** at the beautiful and peaceful **Valley of the Mother of God** on **July 25 to 26, 2026**. Rooted in Scripture and guided by prayer, this weekend invites families to renew their commitment to serving the Lord together, to cherish children as God's precious gift (Psalm 127:3), to honor one another across generations (Exodus 20:12), and to love one another deeply in Christ (1 Peter 4:8).

Join us for a grace-filled weekend of faith, reflection, and meaningful family encounters. All families are welcome.

For details, please contact Willie & Annette Guillermo.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DCS

- In response to the request raised at the last Disciples meeting, we have prepared a 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 is uploaded on our website for 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 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - The Good Shepherd (Cycle A, Year II)

1st Reading - Acts 2:14a, 36b-41

When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other Apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day were added about three thousand souls.

Psalm 23

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the Cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel - John 10:1-10

Jesus said: “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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CSL WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

April 26, 2026 (Cycle A, Year II) – 4th Sunday of Easter

JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Reflection:

Our theme this week reminds us that we rejoice in the Risen Christ, our Shepherd, who leads us to fullness of life. The readings invite us not only to contemplate Jesus as the Good Shepherd, but also to examine our calling as His undershepherds, entrusted to care, guide, and serve others in His name.

We live in a world marked by uncertainty and struggle. Many families are burdened by separation, miscommunication, and lack of meaningful time together. Within communities, division and disunity can arise. On a global scale, conflicts driven by power and failed negotiations continue to disrupt lives and economies. Even within the Church and our nation, we encounter misunderstanding, injustice, corruption, and indifference, especially toward the poor and vulnerable.

Faced with these realities, we are drawn to turn to Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He is our model of compassion, selfless love, and unwavering commitment to His people. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts Himself with those who act out of selfish motives – those who “steal, slaughter, and destroy.” Such leadership seeks personal gain rather than the good of others. In contrast, Jesus comes to give life, abundant, meaningful, and life-giving.

A true shepherd protects, nourishes, and leads the flock to safe and verdant pastures. Jesus demonstrates this perfectly by laying down His life for our salvation. His love is not conditional or self-serving; it is sacrificial and transformative. As His disciples, we are called to mirror this same love in our own spheres of influence.

To be a shepherd after the heart of Christ means to be present to others in their struggles and fears. It calls us to listen with empathy, to accompany with patience, and to respond with compassion. It challenges us to see others through the eyes of Christ, affirming their dignity, making them feel welcomed, and assuring them of their value. It also demands courage: to stand for what is right, even when it is uncomfortable or unpopular.

Our families, society and communities deeply need shepherds formed in the likeness of Christ. Parents, leaders, teachers, and all entrusted with responsibility are called to reflect the Good Shepherd’s heart, one that serves rather than dominates, unites rather than divides, and gives rather than takes.

This mission is not optional. As disciples, we are sent to be instruments of care, healing, and hope in a wounded world. While Jesus does not promise a life free from difficulties, He assures us of fullness of life when we follow Him. When we choose to live as He lived, our families grow stronger, our communities become more united, and peace becomes possible even in the midst of trials.

The message of Good Shepherd Sunday is both simple and demanding: we are called to receive the abundant life that Jesus offers and to become channels of that same life for others. True joy and fulfillment flow from a life shaped and guided by the Good Shepherd, who assures us: ***“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”***

Prayer:

Loving Jesus, our Good Shepherd, guide our thoughts, words, and actions according to Your heart. Teach us to serve with humility, to give without counting the cost, and to love with compassion and courage. Form us to become shepherds after Your own heart, instruments of healing, unity, and hope to those entrusted to us. Keep us close to You, that we may always follow Your voice and lead others toward the fullness of life You promise.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in Your love and mercy. Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, pray for us. Amen.