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(Open in Spirit to God)
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO



MESSAGES FROM THE DCS

Serve Like Jesus - Recollection

The District Council of Servants (DCS) of OSG (BLD) Guelph and the BLD Academy warmly invite you to an Inter-District Recollection, **"Serve Like Jesus,"** on **Saturday, November 7, 2026, at St. Peter Catholic School, 150 Westwood Road, Guelph.** ***(pls. see Flyer attached for more details).***

Serve Like Jesus is a one-day interactive recollection hosted by the BLD Academy for our global community. It hopes to bring back the fire of service by reaching out to the last, the least and the lost, with Jesus as our model. It follows from the Way of the Servant - walking in His footsteps, relearning service as love and humility.

While we desire to make the recollection accessible to everyone without registration fees, we need your assistance in covering the overhead cost of the activity, and so we kindly invite **each participant to make a $30 love offering to defray the retreat costs**.

Tickets are selling quickly and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email vivsaguil@gmail.com or ereyes@ovc.uoguelph.ca to reserve your tickets and indicate the number you require.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will move you to attend (as well, invite friends and family to join) this Day of Recollection.

Love in Christ,

Willie & Viv Saguil; Ed & Susan Reyes; Larry & Myrna Nieva; Cluster 7 Shepherds; DCS Formation OSG/BLD Guelph and the BLD Academy

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Praise and Worship**
  Fridays, September 25, 2026 at 8p in OLA Hall
- **BLD Toronto 36th Year Anniversary & Family Life Ministry Raffle Draw (in-person & via Zoom)**
  Friday, September 18, 2026 at 8p in OLA Church/Hall
- **First Friday Mass**
  October 2, 2026 at OLA Church 8pm

COMMUNITY WORD

God's love calls us to a life of continuous conversion.

THEME

Our conversion allows us to trust in God's wisdom and generosity. *(Surrendering to God's Providence Together/ Trust or Faith)*

PROMISE

"The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." (Ps 145:9)

ORDER

1. ***"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;..."*** (Is 55:6)
2. ***"Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ."*** (Phil 1:27)
3. ***"Take what belongs to you and go; ... choose to give ... as I give to you."*** (Mt 20:14)

DIRECTION

1. Pursue God with all your heart and turn to Him in prayer.

2. Let us be humble and grateful to God's gift.

3. Be true disciples of Christ by imitating His generosity.

CSL REFLECTION (ABRIDGED)

Our conversion brings us to trust in God's wisdom and generosity. This is the **theme for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Continuous conversion teaches us to rely less on our own understanding and more on God's wisdom. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reminds us that His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts surpass our own. The Gospel reveals the generosity of God, who blesses according to His mercy rather than human standards. His love invites us to trust Him even when we do not fully understand His plans. We are called to surrender to God's providence and encourage one another to remain steadfast in faith. The virtue of trust allows us to let go of comparison, anxiety, and self-reliance, replacing them with confidence in God's goodness. Through conversion, we learn to rejoice in God's blessings and to recognize His loving hand at work in every circumstance. As we place our trust in His wisdom and generosity, we are strengthened by His promise: ***"The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works"*** (Ps 145:9) *(see p6 for Sunday readings).*

Reflection Guide Questions:

1. What area of my life am I still trying to control instead of surrendering to God's wisdom and loving providence?
2. How is my conversion leading me to trust God's ways more deeply and become a generous channel of His goodness to my family, community, and others?

This month, the Lord lovingly invites us to turn away from attitudes, habits, and ways of thinking that separate us from Him and from one another. Conversion is not a one-time event but an ongoing journey of responding to God's grace with an open and willing heart. (CSL)

2 (English & Taglish).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES

DISCIPLING

Supplemental Teaching for September 2026 is now available.

LIFE IN CHRIST - Catechism of the Catholic Church (Part 3) - Part 1 and 2 (English & Taglish).

Core message:
This section of the CCC (Part 3) details how believers, based on the new dignity they received through Jesus Christ, are called:

- to ACT,
- to DECIDE &
- to LOVE

That is to be in His image and likeness.
Watch the teaching in video by clicking or copy/paste this link: **https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GdH2_tck4fprODLOixdmH089pOVrRAOe/view?usp=drive_web**

PRAISE

Our **BLD Toronto Praise Team** is incredibly honored to be part of **THE POWER HOUSE: A MISSION CONCERT** with Bo Sanchez and the Kerygma Preachers! Please come and support this amazing cause, and cheer on our praise team! Get ready for an unforgettable evening of praise, music, and pure inspiration! Let's lift our voices together!
Please contact **Belinda Reyes** for tickets or any of our Praise Team members. ***(pls. see attached flyer for details)***

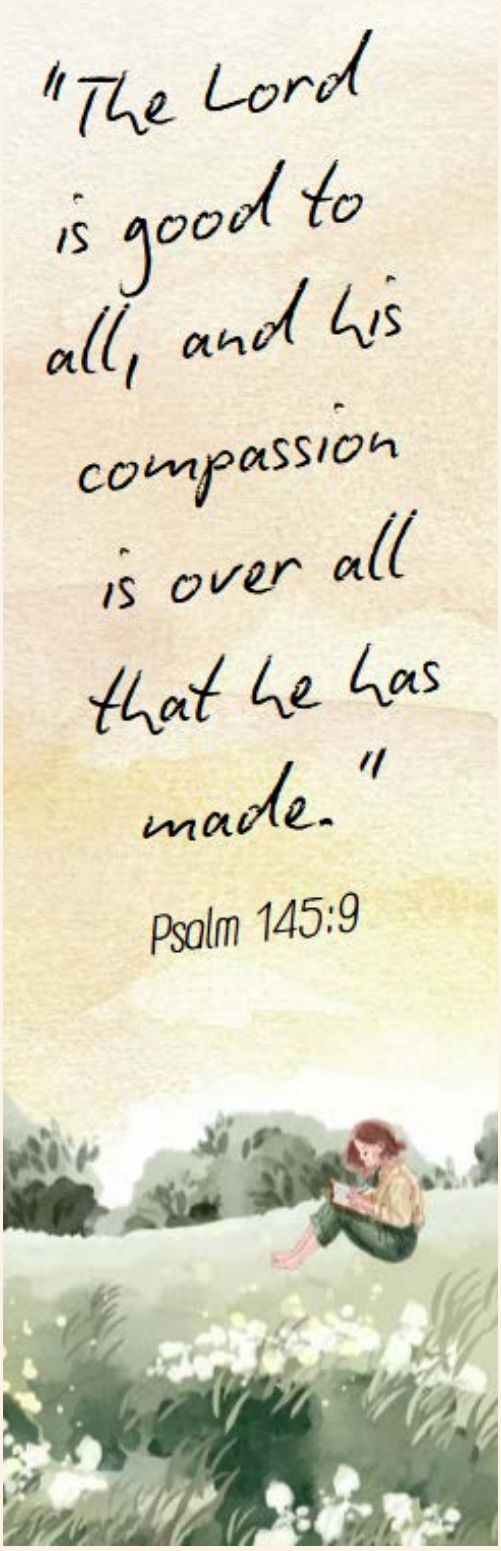
Event Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026, 6PM (Doors Open at 5PM)
Venue: 12Fifty Auditorium, 1250 Markham Road, Scarborough

A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets already! Your support means a lot to us. A portion of our ticket sales will fund new praise equipment.

MISSION

- The Kitchener Prayer Group is coordinating with Fr Roque Concepcion in the preparation of this Saturday September 19, 2026 'Kasalan ng Bayan' to be held at the St Mark Catholic parish. Let us pray for one of our recent LSS graduates who will be married during the ceremony.

  All are invited to attend their Praise and Worship on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 6pm to be held at the Parish Hall of St. Mark Catholic Parish at **55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, ON N2N 3A2**. Please come early at 3:00pm to assist in the setup, praise practice and teaching on 'Growth in Prayer'. The regular monthly Praise and Worship is every 4th Saturday of the month.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES *cont'd.*

- The Winnipeg Prayer Group will have a live-out ME No. 3 weekend on Sept 26 & 27, 2026. They are inviting candidates. Please invite your relatives and friends in Winnipeg to join the Marriage Encounter. The Bingo Fundraising Event in support of the ME weekend was a success. Thank you for your generosity. For more ME weekend information, contact Pat & Rose Canlas.
- The Mission Ministry is experiencing an encouraging increase in the number of volunteers to serve meals to the homeless at the Good Shepherd Ministries. For volunteers to adjust their personal schedule to be able to serve, we have assigned the Solo Parent members to serve on September 9 and November 11, 2026. To volunteer for October 14 and December 9, 2026, please coordinate with Sam & Joy Talattad or with Tito & Dora Bacungan

MARRIAGE LIFE

🙏 We are humbly appealing to our community to help recruit and encourage couples to join the BLD **ME No. 49 on October 24 to 25, 2026** at the Valley of the Mother of God.

The ME#49 sponsors are now accepting registrants. Contact Willie & Annette Guillermo and Felix & Linda Fullante for details. See also our website and attached ME flyer and Registration Form. Thank you for helping build strong, Christ-centered marriages.

FAMILY LIFE

🎟 **RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!** 🎟

There's still time to enter for a chance to win! Purchase your raffle tickets and support our fundraising efforts. Raffle draw will be on September 18, 2026 BLD 36th Anniversary here at Our Lady of Assumption..

Thank you for your generosity and support. Every ticket makes a difference!

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.

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 remember to scan your ID before Praise and Worship each week or sign in on the attendance sheet. This helps ensure the safety and security of all members and provides important records in case of an emergency, we kindly ask that all guests register at the entrance hall using the attendance sheet provided upon arrival.

If you know of any member who is not receiving the weekly DCS broadcasts, please notify the Secretariat by emailing bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com.

Your assistance helps us keep all members informed about community events and important announcements.

TREASURY

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*

September 20, 2026 (Cycle A) – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Isaiah 55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked person forsake theirway, and the unrighteous person their thoughts; let that person return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 145

R: The Lord is near to all who call on Him.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearcheable. **R.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lords is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING (Philippians 1:20-24; 27)

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL (Matthew 20:1-16)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: “The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

“Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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CSL WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

September 20, 2026 (Cycle A) – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

A genuine encounter with Jesus is more than a powerful experience in prayer or an emotional moment with God. When we truly encounter Him, our lives begin to change. He transforms the way we see ourselves, others, our circumstances, and the purpose of our lives. Conversion becomes a turning point from living mainly for ourselves to living for God and for others.

As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, conversion teaches us to trust not only in God's love but also in His wisdom and generosity. We begin to realize that God's ways are often different from our ways. The world measures success according to achievement, status, possessions, influence, and personal gain. We may even measure blessings according to what we receive and compare ourselves with others when things do not happen according to our expectations. Yet God's wisdom leads us to a different way – the way of humility, service, compassion, and love.

God does not give according to our limited human standards of fairness or merit. His generosity flows from His goodness, and His plans unfold according to His loving providence. What may seem delayed, insufficient, or even unfair to us may be part of a greater purpose that we cannot yet see. Conversion calls us to move from insisting on our own plans to asking, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" It invites us to surrender our expectations and trust that God knows what is best for us.

Before our encounter with Christ, we may have measured our worth by our accomplishments, possessions, position, or the approval of others. But conversion helps us discover that our worth is already secure because we are loved by God. We no longer need to prove ourselves or compete with others. Instead, we are free to faithfully fulfill our responsibilities with God, for God, and for His Kingdom.

Trusting God's providence does not mean that we will never experience difficulties, disappointments, or uncertainty. It means believing that God remains faithful even when we do not understand His ways. He is with us in our joys and struggles, our strengths and weaknesses, and even in moments when our faith is tested. As we surrender what we cannot control, fear gradually gives way to peace, discouragement to hope, and uncertainty to courage.

As community members, we are also called to journey together in trusting God's providence. We do not walk alone. Through our covenant relationships, we encourage one another to remain faithful, surrender our fears, and trust that God is continually at work in our lives, families, and community.

Let us hold firmly to His promise: ***"The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works."*** May our conversion deepen our trust in God's wisdom, open our hearts to His generosity, and move us to become channels of His goodness to others.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your unfailing goodness and compassion. We surrender to You our plans, fears, and uncertainties. Teach us to trust in Your wisdom and generosity, especially when we do not understand Your ways. Deepen our faith, give us peace in times of uncertainty, and renew our hope when we are discouraged. May we remain faithful to You and become channels of Your compassion and generosity to our families, our community, and wherever You send us. In Jesus' name, and through the intercession of Mama Mary, we pray. Amen.