Bukàs Loòb sa Diyòs
(Open in Spirit to God)
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

January 4, 2024

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Subject: Broadcast for the week ending January 5, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

BLD Toronto Activities for January 2024

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Monday, January 1	N/A	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Friday, January 5	8:00 PM	Family Day Mass/Fellowship (OLA Church/Hall)
Friday, January 12	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship/WSC (OLA Hall)
Saturday, January 13	12 Noon	CDFP Teaching on New Creation Realities (OLA Room 4)
Friday, January 19	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship/ Supplemental Teaching (OLA Hall)
Saturday, January 20	12 Noon	Discipling Session 1 (OLA Hall)
Friday, January 26	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship/WSC (OLA Hall)
Saturday, January 27	12 Noon	CDFP Teaching on Growth in Prayer (OLA Room 4)

Reflection for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle B, Year II) – January 7, 2024

From the moment of Jesus' birth, His light came and God's glory shone over the darkness of the world. Jesus is not only the Savior for Israel, but the Savior of all mankind. There was too much chaos and suffering during the past year that left many in despair and hopelessness. But for us Christians, we begin the New Year with a sense of renewed hope and a brighter future. The celebration of the birth of Jesus always reminds us that He is truly the Emmanuel – God with us. Life on earth will never be perfect and fair as we want it to be. But Jesus came to save us and restored our rights as co-heirs of heaven. The mystery of God's grace has been revealed to us in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Good News of our salvation. Thus, as the order of the month tells us, let us ***"rise up in splendor, your light has come, the glory of the Lord***

shines upon you," (Is 60:1). Truly, **Jesus is the Star that lights our path to God's kingdom.** The Lord tells us to walk in the radiance of His light and to have faith in Him who is our Light of Hope.

Let us reflect on the Star who is our light and hope in the days ahead.

For the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, our theme is – **Jesus lights our path when we recognize that we are all co-heirs in Christ.** Like the magi from the east, we should be relentless in seeking and pursuing our Lord. In our faith journey, even how difficult it may be, we can only look at our Guiding Star, Jesus, who lights our path towards Him. When we are in the Lord's presence, there is joy in our heart and we just want to worship Him and offer Him our life in service and as a living sacrifice. Because of His birth, we have become His co-heir of God's kingdom and we are given this promise, ***"…you shall see and be radiant… the wealth of the nations shall come to you."*** (Is 60:5).

(Reflection from CSL)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) FAMILY DAY MASS INVITE:

We invite you and your family to join us in person for our **Family Day Mass** on Friday, **January 5, 2024 at 8:00 PM** in The Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church.

2) FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF STEWARDS (DCS):

- Please see attached flyer on the **Celebration of Marriage Sunday** to be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2024** by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

- Everyone is invited for Community Intercession every Monday evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom, except on the 1st Monday of the month and holidays. The first Community Intercession this year will be on Monday, January 8, 2024.

3) FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

This is an invitation to the recent graduates of ME 46 and LSS 39, as well as previous Encounters and LSS graduates who have not taken the following teachings:

January 13, 2024 – New Creation Realities
January 27, 2024 – Growth in Prayer

All BLD members who want to take these refresher teachings are most welcome to attend.

The first Discipling Session will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 12 noon to 3 PM. Invitees are the Aspirants, Disciplers and Co-Disciplers invited to the Discipling Program.

4) FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

This is an open invitation to all members to serve at the Good Shepherd Mission on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 2 PM to 4 PM. If interested, please contact Fran and Baby Pulumbarit or any member of the Mission Ministry.

5) FROM THE PASTORAL SERVICES MINISTRY:

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, February 3, 2024** for a **Recollection entitled "Walk with God"**. All members are invited. Details will follow.

In the love of Christ,

BLD Toronto Stewards