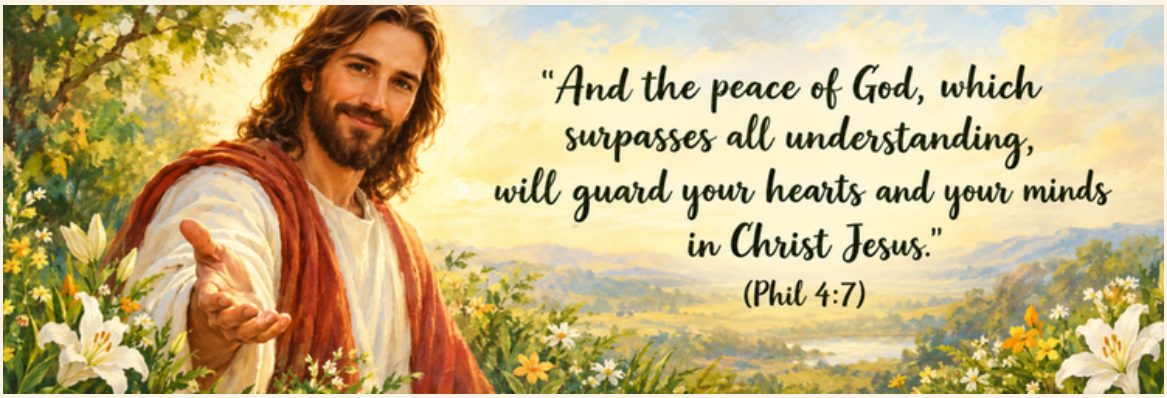
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MESSAGES FROM THE DCS

Serve Like Jesus - Inter-District Recollection

BLD (OSG) 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 Head, the BLD Academy, respectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Praise and Worship**
  Fridays, October 9, 16 & 23, 2026 at 8p in OLA Hall
- **Teachings**
  Saturday, October 17, 12p to 4pm OLA Rm.3
  (Christian Communion/Body & Blood of Christ)

  Saturday, October 17, 12p to 4pm OLA Rm.4
  (Christian Service/Christian Discipline)

  Saturday, October 31, 12p to 4pm OLA Rm.4
  (Shepherds Training)
- **Marriage Encounter No. 49**
  Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, 2026
  Valley of the Mother of God Retreat Centre
- **Community Intercession**
  Friday, October 31, 2026 at 8p in OLA Hall

COMMUNITY WORD

God calls us to surrender to His will, bear witness to His love and live fruitful lives for His glory.

THEME

We are invited to become worthy partakers of God's heavenly banquet.

PROMISE

"My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19) (Gratitude • Communion / Humility • Gratitude • Generosity)

ORDER

1. ***"Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find..."*** (Matt 22:9)
2. ***"... know what it is to have little, and ...know what it is to have plenty."*** (Phil 4:12)
3. ***"...prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."*** (Ps 23:5)

DIRECTION

1. Reach out to everyone to attend our weekly Praise and Worship.
2. Be content with what we have.
3. Rejoice and be glad in God's gift of salvation.

CSL REFLECTION (ABRIDGED)

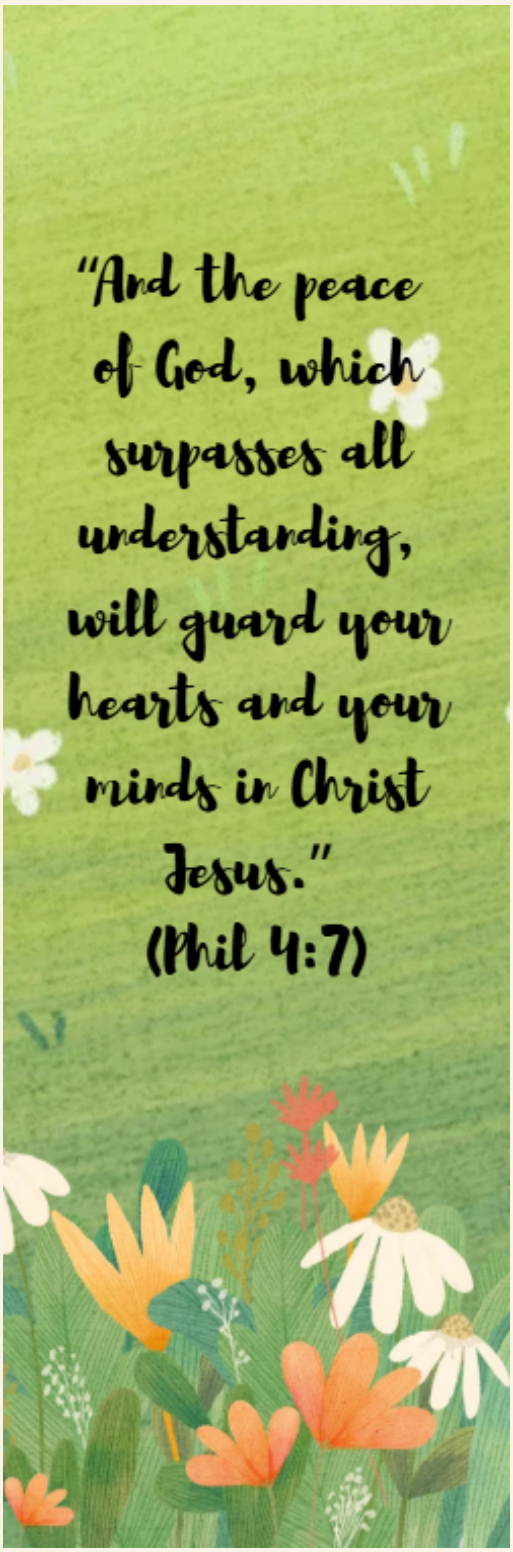
During the second week (Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time), **we are invited to become worthy partakers of God's heavenly banquet.** God's invitation is freely offered to all, yet it calls for a sincere response of conversion and faithful discipleship. We prepare ourselves through repentance, holiness, and a life clothed with Christ, symbolized by the wedding garment in the Gospel. By faithfully participating in the Eucharist, community life, and the Church's mission, we joyfully accept His invitation and become instruments who invite others into communion with Him. Trusting in God's loving providence, we rejoice in His promise: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). *(see p6 for Sunday readings).*

Reflection Guide Questions:

1. How sincerely have I responded to God's invitation? What attitudes or priorities in my life prevent me from fully following Christ?
2. How can I clothe myself with Christ through repentance, holiness, and loving service, and help others accept God's invitation?

This month, The Lord invites us to deepen our covenant commitment by letting His love guide our hearts and actions. As we live our faith through obedience, service, forgiveness, generosity, and evangelization, we reflect Christ's compassion, bear lasting spiritual fruit, glorify God, and draw others closer to Him. (CSL)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES



DISCIPLING

Teaching schedule for October [Venue awaiting approval]:

Saturday, October 17, 12p at OLA:
Room 3: Christian Community including Body and Blood of Christ
Room 4: Christian Discipline and Christian Service

Saturday, October 31, 12p at OLA:
Room 3: TBD
Room 4: Shepherd's Training

MISSION

- The **Winnipeg Prayer Group - Heartfelt Thanks**

  To all the graduates of Winnipeg Prayer Group ME #3, congratulations on completing this blessed journey. May the lessons, friendships, and graces you have received continue to strengthen your faith and enrich your married life.

  Our sincere gratitude also goes to all the volunteers, working team, and the Pastoral Team who generously shared their time, talent, and treasure to make the ME #3 Weekend a meaningful and successful experience. Your dedication, sacrifices, prayers, and loving service were truly a reflection of God's presence among us.

  Thank you for being instruments of His love and for helping build a stronger and faith-filled community. May God abundantly bless each one of you and your families.

- The **Kitchener Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship on Saturday, October 24, 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 and praise practice. The regular monthly Praise and Worship is every 4th Saturday of the month.

- The **Mission Ministry** is experiencing an encouraging increase in the number of volunteers to serve meal to the homeless at the **Good Shepherd Ministries**. There are enough volunteers for the remaining months of the year. If you are interested to volunteer, please coordinate with Sam & Joy Talattad or with Tito & Dora Bacungan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES *cont'd.*

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.

SCAN ME FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

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

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- 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*

October 11, 2026 (Cycle A) – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Isaiah 25.6-10a)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

PSALM 23

R: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 be-fore 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**.

SECOND READING (Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20)

Brothers and sisters: I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL (Matthew 22.1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

"Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: "Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

"Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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CSL WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

October 11, 2026 (Cycle A) – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

God's invitation to His heavenly banquet is an invitation to share in His love, experience His abundant grace, and enter into eternal communion with Him. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. Although the guests are invited, many refuse to come. The king then opens the invitation to everyone, both good and bad. This reminds us that God's invitation is freely given to all, regardless of their past or present circumstances. Yet accepting this invitation requires more than simply saying yes; it calls for a genuine change of heart and a life that reflects our commitment to Him.

As members of God's covenant community, we, too, have been invited to His banquet. Through the Eucharist, we encounter Christ, who nourishes us with His Body and Blood. Through our community life, we grow in faith, fellowship, and service. However, we must ask ourselves: Are we truly living as people who have accepted God's invitation? Or have we allowed worldly concerns, personal ambitions, resentment, and complacency to take precedence over our relationship with Him?

The wedding garment in the Gospel reminds us that our response must be reflected in how we live. We are called to clothe ourselves with Christ through repentance, humility, holiness, and love. Our covenant commitment must go beyond worship and fellowship; it must be evident in our relationships, our service, and our willingness to forgive and reconcile. God does not expect perfection, but He desires hearts that are sincerely open to conversion and willing to follow Him.

Our journey toward God's banquet is not without difficulties. We may experience trials, disappointments, and uncertainty. Yet St. Paul reminds us that we can face every circumstance with faith because God sustains us. His promise in Philippians 4:19 assures us that He will provide whatever we need according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. His provision may not always be what we expect, but His grace gives us the strength to persevere and remain faithful.

Let us, therefore, respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation. Let us put on the garment of Christ through lives of holiness, obedience, and loving service. Having received His abundant grace, may we also become instruments who invite others to experience His love and share in His heavenly banquet.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting us to share in Your heavenly banquet. Forgive us for the times we have allowed worldly concerns and selfish desires to take priority over You. Clothe us with the righteousness of Christ and transform our hearts through Your grace. Strengthen our faith in times of difficulty and teach us to trust in Your loving providence. May our lives reflect our sincere response to Your invitation, and may we bring others closer to You through our love and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.