Bukás Loób sa Diyós
(Open in Spirit to God)
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO



MESSAGES FROM THE DCS

🌿 **SERVE LIKE JESUS RECOLLECTION**

Saturday, November 7, 2026 7am

Let us come together for a meaningful day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we renew our call to Serve Like Jesus!

📍 **Venue**: St. Peter Catholic Elementary School, 150 Westwood Road, Guelph, ON N1H 7G1

Important Reminders:

- **Arrival**: Please arrive early. Holy Mass begins at 7:30 AM.
- **Carpooling**: Strongly encouraged. Coordinate with your District Leaders if you need or can offer a ride.
- **Parking**: School parking lot (first choice); legal street parking along Westwood Road/Willow Road (second choice). Please observe all posted signs.
- **Attire**: Comfortable clothing and shoes.
- **Bring**: BLD badge, notebook, pen, refillable water bottle, and personal medications or necessities.

❤️ Come with an open heart and a willing spirit. Let us be inspired by Jesus and renewed in our commitment to serve one another as He did!

See you there! ***pls. see attached participant information package, for more details.***

SAVE THE DATE! - 2026 BLD Toronto Advent Celebration

Join us for the **2026 BLD Toronto Advent Celebration on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM**.

📍 North Thornhill Community Centre
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Thornhill, ON L4J 9B3

Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the future Broadcasts. We look forward to celebrating this joyful Advent season together! 🎄✨

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **First Friday Mass & Healing Service**
  Friday, November 6, 2026 8p at OLA Hall
- **Serve Like Jesus**
  Saturday, November 7, 2026 7am at St. Peter Catholic School, Guelph
- **Praise and Worship**
  Fridays, November 13, 20 & 27, 2026 8p at OLA Hall
- **2027 Planning Session**
  Saturday, November 14, 2026 8am [Venue TBA]

COMMUNITY WORD

We are called to a life of love and holiness as we hope for the coming of Christ our King.

THEME

We hope for the coming of Christ our King as we seek His wisdom with steadfast vigilance.

PROMISE

"...we who are alive...we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thes 4:17)
(Faithfulness/ Vigilance/ Prudence/ Wisdom/ Perseverance)

ORDER

[None for this week: First Friday and Healing Mass

DIRECTION

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CSL REFLECTION (ABRIDGED)

For the **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the theme is: We hope for the coming of Christ our King as we seek His wisdom with steadfast vigilance. The parable of the wise virgins teaches us that genuine readiness for the Lord is built upon a life of constant communion with Him. Vigilance is more than simply waiting; it is faithfully nurturing our relationship with God through prayer, His Word, the sacraments, and obedient living. Divine wisdom enables us to recognize His presence and to respond faithfully to His will in every season of life. We are called to remain spiritually awake by continually seeking God's guidance and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our decisions. Our lamps remain burning when our hearts are filled with faith, hope, and love. Rather than becoming distracted by the concerns of the world, let us persevere in living wisely so that we may joyfully welcome Christ whenever He comes. Our hope rests securely in His promise that ***"We who are alive...shall always be with the Lord."*** (1 Thes 4:17) *(see p6 for Sunday readings).*

Reflection Guide Questions:

1. What areas of my spiritual life need greater attention so that my lamp will remain burning as I await the Lord?
2. How can I help my BLD brothers and sisters remain faithful and vigilant in living our covenant commitment?

As the Church nears the end of the liturgical year, we are called to live faithfully each day, remaining watchful, serving others with love, and preparing for Christ's Kingdom through holiness and responsible stewardship. (CSL)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES

FORMATION

- From the **Discipling Ministry**

Teachings for November 2026

1. Thursday, November 5 via Zoom, 7:30p - Christian Faith/Christian Witness; Zoom ID: 830 1553 3762; Passcode: 2026357
2. Thursday, November 19 via Zoom, Time TBA - Handling Conflict/Repairing Wrongdoing
3. Saturday, November 21, Time & Rm. TBA - Christian Witness & Christian Discernment
4. Thursday, November 26, via Zoom, Time TBA - Christian Discernment/Spiritual Warware

The **Supplemental Teaching for November 2026 - BLD Academy**

To align our Supplemental Teaching to the monthly global Word, Theme & promises as discerned by the CSL, the BLD Academy is re-issuing an abridged version of the teaching video by Bogie Lorenzo, BLD Manila released last December 2021 (updated both English & Taglish versions).

THE BLD COMMUNITARIAN VALUE centers on SERVANTHOOD.

The components of the Servanthood can be grouped into three:
a. GROUP RESPONSIBILITY
b. GROUP UNDERSTANDING
c. GROUP SOLIDARITY

Watch the full version on YouTube:
https://youtu.be/bAM0Dh2-Hzw



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRIES *cont'd.*

MISSION

- The **Mission Ministry** would like to thank the Solo Parents Ministry for volunteering to serve meals to the homeless at the Good Shepherd Ministries on **November 11, 2026**. Thank you for your support.

MARRIAGE LIFE/KITCHENER DIP

- Greetings with the Peace of Christ!

With joyful hearts, we warmly invite you to the ME #49 Toronto & ME #2 Kitchener Grand Reunion. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, renew friendships, share fellowship, and celebrate the beautiful bonds formed through our Marriage Encounter journey.

- **Date**: Saturday, November 21, 2026
- **Time**: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Venue**: To be announced

To help us prepare enough food for everyone, kindly RSVP by Friday, November 13 by replying to julaindb@gmail.com.

For our Ministry Heads, please RSVP with the number of attendees from your ministry. We also kindly ask the coordinators of ME #48 to provide the number of attendees from your class.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any brothers and sisters who served during the ME weekends and may have been inadvertently missed from the email distribution.

We look forward to a joyful day of reunion, fellowship, laughter, and thanksgiving together.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Love in Christ,
Douglas & Marivic Apolinar - ME#49 Toronto
Louie & Donna De Belen - ME#2 Kitchener

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*

November 8, 2026 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

FIRST READING (Wis 6:12-16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

PSALM 63

R: My soul thrist for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land whre there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R**.

I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. **R**.

SECOND READING (1 Thes 4:13-18)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

GOSPEL (Mt 25:1-13)

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lambs and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps,

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’

But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day or nor the hour.

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CSL WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

November 8, 2026 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reflection

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church reminds us to look beyond our present concerns and fix our hearts on the coming of Christ our King. The theme, “We hope for the coming of Christ our King as we seek His wisdom with steadfast vigilance,” invites us to examine how we are preparing ourselves to meet the Lord. Our Christian life is not simply about waiting for His return, but about living each day in faith, love, and holiness.

In the Gospel, Jesus clearly reminds us: “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” The oil in the lamps of the ten virgins reminds us that spiritual readiness cannot be borrowed from others or prepared at the last minute. Each of us must personally nurture our relationship with God. It is through daily prayer, reflection on His Word, participation in the sacraments, and faithful obedience to His teachings that we keep the light of Christ burning in our hearts. These spiritual practices are not merely religious obligations; they strengthen our faith and help us remain steadfast, especially when we face difficulties, uncertainties, and distractions.

The first reading from Wisdom tells us that wisdom is readily found by those who sincerely seek her. God's wisdom teaches us to discern what truly matters and to make choices that lead us closer to Him. In a world that often values material success, comfort, and immediate gratification, we need the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to keep our priorities right and our hearts focused on eternal life.

As members of BLD, we are called to be wise and faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. Our covenant commitment challenges us to remain vigilant in our personal holiness, loving relationships, and service to the community. We must not allow routine, complacency, or worldly concerns to weaken our faith. Instead, let us encourage one another to persevere, serve with love, and become living witnesses of Christ's presence.

Our hope in Christ is not a passive expectation but a confident trust in His promise. Whatever challenges we encounter, we can face the future with courage because our ultimate destiny is to be with Him. Let us therefore keep our lamps burning through a life of prayer, faith, and loving service, always ready to welcome our Lord and King. As St. Paul assures us, “We who are alive…shall always be with the Lord.” (1 Thes 4:17).

Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant us the wisdom to recognize Your presence and the grace to remain faithful and vigilant as we await the coming of Your Son. Keep our hearts burning with faith, hope, and love. May we never become complacent or distracted by the things of this world, but persevere in prayer, holiness, and loving service. Strengthen us as a community to encourage one another and to live as faithful witnesses of Christ. May we always be ready to welcome Him, trusting in Your promise of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.