



Community News



Volume 19, Issue 5		6th Sunday of Easter		May 23, 2025	
This Sunday's Counsel		"The joy of Easter renews us to be shepherds in the likeness of Jesus."			
<p>THEME: <i>We are shepherds in the likeness of Jesus when we keep His word and share His peace to all.</i></p> <p>WORD: <i>The joy of Easter renews us to be shepherds in the likeness of Jesus.</i></p> <p>PROMISE: <i>"The Advocate, the Holy Spiritwill teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)</i></p> <p>ORIDER: <i>" Keep my word." (Jn 14:23)</i></p> <p>DIRECTION: <i>Don't stop praying and live the commandments.</i></p>		<div><div><p>Being a shepherd is one of our fundamental responsibilities in BLD, and it represents our goal as community members: to guide our brothers and sisters back to God. Is this task straightforward? Perhaps not. Based on my experiences, engaging in ungodly ways often seems more straightforward than striving to live a godly life</p><p>To enrich this mission, we are called to shepherd in the likeness of Jesus. But what does it truly mean to shepherd as Jesus did? When I examine my personality traits, I recognize that they starkly contrast with His example. Jesus demonstrated compassion, wisdom, and unwavering patience, qualities that I sometimes struggle to embody. Therefore, rather than imitating my approach, I must aspire to reflect His teachings and actions as a model for leading others back to faith and righteousness. This commitment to embodying Christ-like characteristics can transform our</p></div><div></div><div><p>mission and deepen our connection with God and one another.</p><p>Our theme for tonight is to focus on the Words of God to be a good shepherd. Embodying the Word of God. Imitate Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God</p><p>The primary source of the Word of God is the Bible. But do we read the Bible? How do we feel about it? Personally, my experience with reading the Bible has not been positive. Although I read many religious books, my Bible reading is inconsistent, and I often must force myself to do it. Seeing the Bible makes me feel like it will be dull - an inexplicable resistance to reading it. Sometimes, I find reading the Bible confusing and complicated. After reading several pages, I often realize I have fallen asleep and been snoring</p><p>Many people, including myself, have negative impressions of reading the Bible.</p><p><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p></div></div>			
COMMISSIONING RITES FOR BLD CAMDEN COMMITTED DISCIPLE - APRIL 25, 2025					

The commissioning and anointing rites for Aida Inoncillo, as a committed disciple, was led by Ruben and Emmy Maranan, Formation Apostolate Stewards, of Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD), Camden. Aida is also a graduate of LSS Class# 3 &17 and SPE Class# 3. BLD members who attended our community Praise and Worship, congratulated Aida and was joined by the newly committed disciples Margaret Fernandez D'Souza and Pancho Padolina. (See additional photos on page 3)

We pray that the Lord who sees all our good deeds and prayers, empower them with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they continue to fulfill the tasks ahead of them.

"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:27).

Source: BLD Camden



Teaching Calendar

May 30 Fri Supplemental Teaching on "The Lord's Prayer". All Members.

Jun 1 (Sun) 5pm Supplemental Teaching on Sacraments, Parts 1 and 2 via Zoom. All members.

Jun 7 Sat 1pm Christian Suffering by Trenton. All members.

Jun 21 Sat 1pm Shepherd's Training Workshop by Trenton. Covenanted members.

Jul 26/10 am Apologetics on The Divinity of Christ/The Holy Eucharist by Fr. Tito Ignacio. All members.

August - BBA (Date and Time TBA)

Venue: Meet at the HE Annex for all teachings.



Rosary Leaders

May 23 Margaret Fernandez	Jun 20 Judith Belonia
Jun 6 Youth Group	Jun 27 Perla Cruz
Jun 13 Pancho Padolina	

Prayer Warriors

May 23 L./T. Palmero	J. Gracia/E. Robin
Jun by Trenton 13 L. Palmero/R. Dizon	P. Cruz/E. Robin
Jun 20 D. Bridgeman/J. Maccherone	P. Padolina/M. Ayon
Jun 27 A. Innoncillo/E. Robin	N. deCastro/M. D'Souza

Intercessory Prayer

May 30 CORPORATE INTERCESSORY PRAYER SERVICE

Jun 6 Healing Mass **Jun 20** GRP 3 (L. Palmero)

Jun 13 GRP 2 (Perla Cruz) **Jun 27** GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)

COMMUNITY EVENT

June 6, Fri 2:30 - 5:30 pm Kitchen Cathedral Camden, 8 volunteers needed. Contact Lynette Palmero or Sylvia Angelia.

July 11 - 13, Fri - Sun John 6 Crossing Youth Encounter is CANCELLED.

July 5 - Joint Kick Off Meeting for SPE 4 and LSS #19

Aug 16, Sat Extrava-Dance-Za, Fundraising Event. Contact Mila Co or Mila Carandang for details.

Sep 19-21, Fri - Sun SOLO Parent Encounter #4.

Sept 27, Sat 12 - 6pm Community Day

Oct 17 - 19, Fri - Sun LSS# 19

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Lectors

May 23 P. Cruz	N. de Castro	J. Belonia
Jun 6 S. Bobila	D. Bridgeman	T. Briones
Jun 13 A. Innoncillo	E. Robin	M. D'Souza
Jun 20 L. Palmero	R. Dizon	A. Supan
Jun 27 P. Padolina	J. Gracia	L. Padolina

Lord's Provisions

Apr 25	Praise & Worship	\$307.00
May 2	HEALING MASS	\$660.00
May 2	MISSION (Second Collection)	\$70.00
May 9	Praise & Worship	\$248.00
May 16	Praise & Worship	\$183.00

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I am more interested in earthly activities than in spirituality. I enjoy watching TV, surfing the internet for the latest trends, and chatting about trivial topics. These activities appeal to my senses far more than reading the Bible. I realize that my lack of love and care for God is at the root of this; if I truly loved God, He would be a priority in my life.

Is it easy to live a godly life? Certainly not, as humans naturally seek out worldly pleasures and distractions. Our daily struggles often pull us away from spiritual pursuits and towards immediate gratification. However, amidst these challenges, God provides us with hope and guidance, offering the strength we need to aspire to higher ideals and live in alignment with our faith. This hope encourages us to strive for a deeper connection with the divine, reminding us that, despite our imperfections, we are never truly alone in our journey toward holiness.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Philip Supan	10 Sarah Paterson	26 Karen Santos
2 Les Angelia	11 Maylin Cruzat	26 Sonia Tagle
2 Cecilia Rameriz	16 Bert Jaico	27 Romy Silao
4 Antonio Ramirez	18 Chuck Reyes	28 Tina Aquino
8 Rose Dizon	19 Anne Belonia	31 Georges Gines
8 Mila Co	22 Linda Juliano	

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

4 Nap and Perla Cruz	13 Ted and Nora Garrido
8 Chuck and Tess Reyes	22 Leo and Bessie Urbiztondo
10 EJ and Tara Juliano	26 Karen and Alex Santos

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As promised, **"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."** (Jn 14:26) In every endeavor that we dedicate to God, we find comfort in the assurance that He will always be by our side, guiding us along the way. Engaging in activities such as shepherding—emulating the compassionate and selfless nature of Jesus—requires us to adhere to His teachings and actively share His message of peace and love with others. This profound calling is challenging, demanding patience, resilience, and unwavering faith. Yet, with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we are empowered to overcome any obstacles and realize that with divine support, everything becomes achievable.

We find great assurance in the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, nurtured through heartfelt prayers and devoted practices. By actively participating in the sacraments, such as reconciliation, where we seek forgiveness and healing, and the Eucharist, which nourishes our spiritual lives, we open ourselves up to a deeper relationship with God. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to guide and transform our lives, allowing divine grace to lead us in every decision and action we take. We are reassured that the Holy Spirit will be within us through sincere prayers and devotion, as well as by observing sacraments like reconciliation and the Eucharist. Let the Holy Spirit take over our lives.

Source: BLD Camden

COMMISSIONING RITES FOR ADELAIDA "AIDA" INONCILLO

BLD CAMDEN COMMITTED DISCIPLE - APRIL 25, 2025



**MISSION MINISTRY
BLD CAMDEN CATHEDRAL SERVICE - FIRST SERVICE**

On May 2, 2025, our BLD Camden volunteers served hot meals, and liquids to the elderly, the poor and the needy at the Camden Cathedral Kitchen, located at 1514, Federal St., Camden NJ, 08105. This was our first service due to covid, although BLD Camden had been volunteering since Sept 2015. We will faithfully continue the scheduled service from 2:30pm - 5:30pm in spite of weather conditions and other circumstances and serve an average of 400 recipients per visit.

Tables, meals, liquid and "take home" food are prepared and cleaned up after the recipients leave. Those who volunteered on May 2nd are Les/Sylvia Angelia, Chito/Martha Ayon, Emmy Maranan, Anne Belonia, Elsie Robin, Rose Dizon, Margaret D'Souza, and Ton/Lynette Palmero We praise, glorify and thank the Lord for giving our BLD volunteers the gift of service.

Our next scheduled volunteer service follows:

June 6, 2025 - need 8 volunteers, July 25 - need 12 volunteers and August 29 - need 12 volunteers.

If interested to volunteer please contact Lynette Palmero, the Poverty/Institutional Ministry Coordinator, via email at mlynettepalmero01@gmail.com or Sylvia Angelia, the Mission Apostolate Steward at langelia@comcast.net. See photos below.

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. Blessed indeed will you be because of the inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Lk 14: 10-14)

Source: BLD Camden



May, Month of Mother Mary. Flowers for Our Lady

Flower offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in May. It is an act of blessing and dedication to Mary and a devotion for her intercession and gratitude.

On May 2nd, our BLD Camden Youth Ministry and children held their Flower Offering to Mother Mary, followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Philip/Dorie Bridgeman and Nuska de Castro, Youth and John 6, Mark 10, Ministry Coordinators along with Aster and Cynthia Guanzon, Pastoral Apostolate Stewards led this activity. Photo shows the participants in no particular order: Dayle Nulud, Kael de Castro, Faith Cardente, Liam Whitcraft and Max Whitcraft. (see photos below)

"Let the children come to me..." Mark 10:14

Source: bldcamden

