



BLD WASHINGTON  
**BUKÁS-LOÓB SA DIYÓS**  
**COVENANT COMMUNITY**

SERVING THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

**Counsel**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Theme:** We proclaim the Kingdom of God when we share our belief in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

**Word:** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-56;  
2Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**Order:** *“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.”*  
(2 Cor 13:11)

(BLD Global Community reflection for June 2011)

**Reflection:**

The Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and our Christian life - the mystery of God's intimate life, the mystery of divine love. We believe in one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in Unity. We distinguish among the Persons - Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, but we do not divide the Substance. *“We do not confess to three Gods, but one God in three Persons, the ‘consubstantial Trinity.’ The divine Persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each one of them is God, whole and entire.”* (CCC253)

As we contemplate this mystery that can never be fully understood or defined, we find a God in the Book of Exodus who initiated a call for a deep

personal relationship with His people. He comes to Moses and reveals Himself as *“The Lord, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.”* (Ex 34:6) Moses comes to know Him more deeply and bows down in worship and supplication. He puts his trust in Him, who is not only a just God, who freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, but a compassionate One as well, as He continued to bless them and forgive their sins, iniquities, and infidelities.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus teaches us about the magnitude of God's love. So great is the Father's love that He sent His Son to save us. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* (Jn 3:16) It is Christ who reveals to us in all its fullness the inner workings of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. *“...No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him.”* (Mt 11:27) It is Jesus, who speaks of the coexistence of the Holy Spirit with the Father, and who sends Him to the Church to sanctify it until the end of time; and it is He who reveals to us the perfect oneness of life of the Three Divine Persons. *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...it remains with you and will be in you.”* (Jn 14:15-17)

The readings tell us that The Holy Trinity is a relational God, a mystery of community and of self-giving who gives and loves. If we are made in God's image, we must find our identity in

community and self-giving through love, not in power, for love gives but power dominates. Love is the secret to beautiful, free and gratifying relationships. The only way to living the kind of community that our Trinity models for us is through self-giving love that creates and sustains life, making us ready to die to self so that we can give to others as our Lord gave to us.

Our community teachings tell us that the greatest gift we can give to our children is an abundant, overflowing love. It is a gift that gives back, as a child who is raised in love becomes a loving spouse in return. After every Marriage Encounter, or Solo Parent Encounter, we see a rise in the children joining the Mark 10, Youth, Singles and Family Encounters, not because they are forced, but because the changes seen in the parents attract the children to look at the source.

In the second reading from the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us, “..Brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Cor 13:11) He reminds us that God is a God of love and peace, who calls us to live in harmony following the example of love, peace, and unity which is revealed in the Trinity. As Christ came not to condemn but to save, so should we. We have to look inward to find that child of God He deemed worthy of saving. Either by Grace alone or with the help of our Prayer Ministers or Directors, we need to recognize the movement of God in our lives, discarding our old selves along the way, so we can say, “...*I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me;.....*” (Gal: 2:19-20)

May we all continue to persevere to imitate that love, peace and unity in the Godhead and seek to live it among all of us and thus proclaim the Kingdom of God, here and now. May “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Cor 13:13)

### Direction:

- Be honest and open, acknowledge your sinfulness, affirm and love one another.
- Die to self.

### God's Promise for the Week

***"...everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."***  
(Jn 3:16b)

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### Life in the Spirit Seminar #11 June 10 -12, 2011

Pentecost Sunday fittingly marked BLD Washington's Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS #11). A total of 26 lambs opened themselves to the bidding of the Holy Spirit. Through intense shepherding sessions, talks, and intercessory prayer, one could not help but notice the visible transformation that occurred during the weekend. Each participant had a joyful experience to share with the community that further affirmed Christ's victory over the darkness in their lives. In addition, harmony reigned amongst the workers, sharers, auxies, and shepherds during the LSS #11 weekend. As always, God was firmly in charge of

the LSS and merely required the working team to be living examples of the joy in being of service to each other in deed and prayer.

Looking back it is clear that the LSS is not the end of a journey but the beginning of a lifelong voyage of eternal love and joy that can be found in Christ alone. The seeds of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness have been planted into our hearts through the LSS and an invitation to a heavenly banquet has been extended. Now, it is up to us to ask God for the spiritual nourishment we need to sustain our desire for the better part – the Triune God Himself. In this respect, one is urged to be united with the community in its Christian Development and Formation Program, weekly Praise and Worship, and celebration of the Holy Mass. *“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”.* *Matthew 18:20* The presence of each member in the community gives everyone more opportunities to encounter Christ. For it is through community that one can truly exercise their gifts from the Holy Spirit and become witnesses of Christ through words and actions.

To paraphrase one of Father Alves' messages, we are reminded that the LSS experience is unique for everyone since each receives the Holy Spirit in a different way. While some may instantly manifest the more tangible gifts of the Holy Spirit, others may have to wait on the Lord to reveal to them their own gifts in His time. *“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”* *1 Corinthians 12:4-7* There is no doubt that the Spirit of the Lord is living in each one of the LSS #11 participants and surely BLD Washington will be further blessed by the sharing of their spiritual gifts in building God's kingdom.

How generous and loving is our God! In His great mercy we can find hope! May the LSS #11 be a reminder for us to remain open to God's Spirit!

Our lives are in the palm of His Hand and He has a great plan for us. This is just the beginning... *How numerous, O LORD, my God, you have made your wondrous deeds! And in your plans for us there is none to equal you. Should I wish to declare or tell them, too many are they to recount.”* *Psalms 40:6*

The whole community rejoices with the LSS#11 graduates: Babu & Glenda Bastian, Louie & Grace Cunanan, Christian & Victoria Falmagne, Tony & Maribel Jose, Juan & Leticia Paz, Larry & Sheila Pinto, John & Nenita Richardson, Nel & Hilda Villanasco, Amie Allen, Terri Munsayac, Terry c-Perez, Nanay De Leon, Dot Rillera, Lucy Pascual, Vie Paschall, Maria Teehan, Melly Pring, Ven Luceriaga, and Loy Espinosa

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### June Calendar:

June 03 - First Friday Mass  
June 10 - Invocation Mass for LSS#11  
June 17 - Praise & Worship  
June 24 - Praise & Worship

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### Love Offering:

May 20	\$ 813.00
May 27	\$ 792.00
June 03	\$ 558.00
June 10	\$1,165.30

[Thank you for your generosity!](#)

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### Teaching Schedule:

**June 25 (Saturday)**  
**McCarrick Center basement**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**CMP2: FRATERNAL CORRECTION  
HANDLING CONFLICT**  
For LSS 9 graduates and older classes

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**CMP1: RENEWING THE MIND  
WALKING IN THE SPIRIT**  
For LSS 10 graduates and older classes

**Community Calendar:**

**July 9, Disciples Assembly**

Time - TBD  
McCarrick Center  
Silver Spring, MD

**August 14, Community Day**

Lake Fairfax Park  
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive  
Reston, Va. 20190

**August, Prayer Counseling**

Day, Time & Venue – TBD

**October 7-9, Singles Encounter No. 5**

Venue – TBD

**October, Washing of the Feet Retreat**

Day, Time & Venue – TBD

**November 11-13, Marriage Encounter No. 12**

Dulles, Hilton, Virginia

**December 16, Christmas Mass/Party**

Time and Venue – TBD

Please check our website for 2011 Schedule of Events at [www.bldwashington.com](http://www.bldwashington.com)

**Reminder:**

Please sign in and wear your BLD IDs during Praise & Worship and Community Functions.





