

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-01-01

January 1, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending January 2, 2026

BLD Toronto Activities for January 2026

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, January 9, 2026	8:00 PM	BLD Toronto Start of the Year Eucharistic Celebration/Family Mass (OLA Church)
Saturday, January 10, 2026	12:00 PM	Teaching on Growth in Prayer (pt. 1&2) (OLA Rm. 3 tba)
Saturday, January 10, 2026	12:00 PM	Teaching on Renewing the Mind, Walking in Spirit (OLA Rm. 4 tba)
Saturday, January 10, 2026	12:00 PM	Motivational Teaching (San Lorenzo Room tba)
Tuesday, January 13, 2026	7:00 PM	Prayer Leaders' Forum (OLA Hall tba)
Friday, January 16, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Friday, January 23, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, January 24, 2026	9:30 AM	SPE#21 Grand Reunion (OLA Hall tba)
Friday, January 30, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, January 31, 2026	10:00 AM	Worship Team Teaching by Sis. Mary Cruz (Filipino Center at 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough)

The **Solemnity of the Epiphany** celebrates Jesus Christ as the Light for all nations, recalling the Magi's faithful journey to encounter Him. Their example teaches that true discipleship leads to worship and self-offering. The Magi's gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbolize acknowledgment of Christ's kingship, divinity, and mission. Our theme - **We follow the light of Christ when we worship and offer Him our treasures**, invites us to reflect more deeply on what it truly means to follow the light of Christ. Christians are called to offer their own treasures—time, talents, resources, and even struggles—in service to God and others. This feast challenges us to live worship daily through generosity, faithfulness, and community building. Encountering Christ transforms us, leading to conversion and joy as we walk in His light.

Indeed, when we follow the light of Christ through sincere worship and self-giving, we experience the truth of the promise: **"Then you will see, and you will overflow, and your heart will be amazed..."** (Is 60:5). [CSL Reflection]

THEME & PROMISE

Week 1 (The Epiphany of the Lord) – January 4, 2026

Theme: We follow the light of Christ when we worship and offer Him our treasures.

Promise: "Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice..." (Is 60:5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

- ***GREETINGS!*** A New Year Message to All!

To Our Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we welcome the dawn of 2026, let us pause and give thanks for the countless blessings and graces the Lord has showered upon us throughout the past year. This new year is a fresh invitation to walk more closely with Him—renewing our commitment to live in faith, hope, and love.

The turning of the calendar is not just a change in date, but a call to transformation. Let us embrace this season with hearts open to God's will, ready to reconcile, serve, and share His goodness in our families, workplaces, and communities. May we remain steadfast in prayer, generous in charity, and joyful in proclaiming His Word.

As Scripture reminds us:

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 13:14)

On behalf of the leadership, we extend heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and service. You are living witnesses of God's saving work. May this New Year bring peace to your homes, strength to your spirit, and abundant blessings to all.

Happy New Year! Let us journey together in faith and love..

- We will resume on January 9, 2025 (Start of the Year Eucharistic Celebration/Family Mass) 8pm at OLA Church.

FROM THE PRAISE MINISTRY:

- ***TEACHING RESCHEDULED!***

The teaching on **How To Be An Effective Worship Team** by Sister Mary Cruz is moved to Saturday, January 31, 2026 at **10 am** at the **Filipino Centre at 4395 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough, ON M1S 1T8**.

We will be collecting love offering to help cover the cost of the teaching, food and venue. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. We thank you for your generosity and support!

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

The **Christmas Groceries Drive for the Youth Without Shelter (YWS)**, an emergency shelter for homeless youth, will still **continue until the end of January, 2026**. A table will be set up at the OLA basement hall to collect donations. You may contact any Mission Ministry member for pick up or drop off of your respective donations. Your generosity brings hope and joy to those in need!

- ***NEW!*** - **Kitchener Prayer Group** - Let us join their Praise and Worship on **Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 6pm** to be held at the **Parish Hall of St. Mark Catholic Parish at 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener, ON N2N 3A2**. You can come early at 4:00pm to assist in the setup and for praise practice. The regular monthly Praise and Worship is **every 4th Saturday of the month**.

FROM THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- ***NEW!*** - The **Life in the Spirit Seminar No. 42** is scheduled from **February 6 to March 8, 2026 (right after every Praise & Worship)** service at **OLA Hall**. To register, please contact Manny & Letty Buado and Merlo & Ellen Binoya or check our attached flyer and website for details.

FROM THE MARRIAGE LIFE MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** - **Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau – February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.**
As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage see also the flyer for more information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FROM THE INTERCESSORY MINISTRY:

- 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.

FROM THE SECRETARIAT MINISTRY:

- Please make sure to scan your ID before Praise and Worship every week or sign-in your attendance for safety and security purposes in case of emergency.
- Kindly advise the Secretariat by emailing bldtorontosecretariat01@gmail.com if you know of any member who does not receive the weekly DCS broadcasts. Help us to keep all members well informed of community events.

FROM THE TREASURY MINISTRY:

- 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.

In the love of Christ,
BLD Toronto Stewards