

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-02-04

February 19, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending February 20, 2026

BLD Toronto Activities for February 2026

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, February 20, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Thursday, February 26, 2026	7:30 PM	Disciples Meeting (2025 4 th Qtr.) (via Zoom)
Friday, February 27, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, February 28, 2026	12:00 PM	Teaching – Growth in Prayer (pt2)/Basic Bible Study (OLA Rm. 3)
Saturday, February 28, 2026	12:00 PM	Teaching – Christian Discipline/Christian Speech (OLA Rm. 4)

The **First Sunday of Lent**, our theme reminds us that **we are renewed in God’s righteousness when we overcome temptation through His Word and sanctifying grace**. It marks the beginning of our journey with Christ into the desert, where He triumphed over temptation through fidelity to God’s Word. The renewal in God’s righteousness comes not by our own strength, but by clinging to Scripture and relying on sanctifying grace. Temptation, when surrendered to God, becomes not a trap but an opportunity for growth in holiness and a deeper experience of His saving power. Jesus shows us that victory over the enemy – who tempts us with comfort, power, and pride – comes through faith, obedience, and steadfast trust in God’s promises. Lent, therefore, is a season of renewal: through prayer, fasting, and repentance, we reclaim the divine life within us. Every triumph over temptation restores our dignity as children of God and strengthens us to be a source of life for others. As St. Paul affirms, **“through the obedience of the one man...the many will be made righteous”** (Rom 5:19b). **[CSL Reflection]**.

Sa Wikang Pilipino:

Ang **Unang Linggo ng Kuwaresma** ay nagpapaalala sa atin na binabago tayong muli ng Diyos at ginagawang matuwid kapag napagtatagumpayan natin ang tukso sa tulong ng Kanyang Salita at biyayang nagbibigay-banal. Nagsisimula rito ang ating paglalakbay kasama si Jesus sa ilang, kung saan tinalo Niya ang tukso sa pamamagitan ng katapatan sa Salita ng Diyos. Ang tunay na pagbabago ay hindi galing sa sarili nating lakas, kundi sa pagkapit natin sa Banal na Kasulatan at pag-asa sa biyaya ng Diyos. Kapag isinuko natin ang tukso sa Kanya, nagiging pagkakataon ito para tayo ay lumago sa kabanalan at mas maranasan ang Kanyang kapangyarihang nagliligtas. Ipinapakita ni Jesus na ang tagumpay laban sa kaaway—na tumutukso sa atin gamit ang kaginhawaan, kapangyarihan, at pagmamataas—ay nagmumula sa pananampalataya, pagsunod, at pagtitiwala sa mga pangako ng Diyos. Kaya ang Kuwaresma ay panahon ng pagbabagong-loob: sa pamamagitan ng panalangin, pag-aayuno, at pagsisisi, muling lumalakas ang buhay-Diyos sa atin. Bawat pagtanggap sa tukso ay muling nagpapaalala na tayo ay tunay na mga anak ng Diyos at tinatawag na maging biyaya para sa iba. Gaya ng sinabi ni San Pablo, **“sa pagsunod ng isang tao... marami ang ginagawang matuwid.”** (Rom 5:19b)

THEME & PROMISE

Week#4 (1st Sunday of Lent) February 22, 2026

Theme: We are renewed in God's righteousness when we overcome temptation through His Word and sanctifying grace.

Promise: "...so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." (Rom 5:19b)

Order: "...Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." (Matt 4:10)

Direction: Spend time in prayer, reflection and fasting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

THROUGH THE TREASURY MINISTRY:

- Tax Receipts Are Ready! 😊 Good news! Tax receipts are now ready for pick-up at the OLA Hall starting Friday, February 13. Just drop by the entrance and look for Edwin & Jojie Abellanosa or Ariel & Ethel Ang—they'll be happy to help you.

Can't make it? No worries! Any unclaimed tax receipts will be mailed out.

- The DLC meeting is moved to Thursday, February 19th and the Disciples Meeting is moved to Thursday, February 26th via Zoom.

FROM THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** – **Life in the Spirit Seminar #42** (LSS #42) has started last Friday, Feb. 6, 2026. **Registration to LSS #42 is now closed.** For details, please contact Manny and Letty Buado, LSS Coordinators and Merlo and Ellen Binoya, LSM Coordinators.

The new updated schedule of the LSS #42 is now available. Please secure a copy from LSS#42 coordinators.

The LSS #42 is scheduled from **February 6 to March 8, 2026 (right after every Praise & Worship service)** at OLA Hall. To register, please see contact details above and our website.

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** – The **Kitchener Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship on Saturday, February 28, 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.
- The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 810 6914 3467 Passcode: 2026357)**. The regular Praise and Worship is every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- We encourage volunteers to serve meals to the homeless at the **Good Shepherd Ministries on February 11, 2026**. BLD's schedule is **every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00pm**. Let us enjoy the experience of feeding the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters.
- The **Breaking the Yoke of Poverty Ministry** will be distributing **Lenten cards** as a fundraising campaign to support the **BYOP Scholarship of Hope** program for the needy children in our home country, the

Philippines. This Lent, sacrificing a dollar a day appears insignificant for us, but it is an opportunity for a bright future to someone. Fasting is a way to humble yourself in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21).

- The Mission Ministry together with the Solo Parent Ministry will be collecting grocery donations for **The Youth Without Shelter (YWS)**, an emergency shelter for homeless youth. The first drop off at the YWS was last January 20th. A second drop off will be early next month. Please contact any Mission Ministry member for pickup of your respective donations. A table will be set up at the OLA basement hall to collect donations.

FROM THE PASTORAL SERVICES MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** – Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are familiar words...but often ignored, shallowly-lived, or rinsed and repeated. This retreat reintroduces the three Lenten practices with clarity and creativity, exploring their roots, their purpose, and fresh, faithful ways to live them. It's an invitation to move beyond routine into real spiritual renewal.

We hope to see you on **Saturday, March 21, 2026 BLD Toronto Recollection** from **8:30am – 3:00pm** (please refer to the Recollection flyer for more details). Together let us re-discover our age-old Lenten practices and appreciate how we can live Lent to the fullest this year.

FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY:

- **SAVE THE DATE: April 18 & 19, 2026 BLD Toronto, BLD Guelph and BLD Mississauga** will jointly host the **2026 the Inter-District Teachers Development Program (TDP)**. Further details will follow in the next few weeks.

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