

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-03-01

February 26, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending February 27, 2026

**BLD Toronto Activities for February/March 2026**

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Thursday, February 26, 2026	7:30 PM	Disciples Meeting (2025 4 <sup>th</sup> 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)
Friday, March 6, 2026	8:00 PM	First Friday/LSS Invocation Mass (OLA Church)
Saturday, March 7, 2026	8:00 AM	Life in the Spirit (LSS) No. 42 (Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School, 185 Glenmount Ave., Toronto)
Friday, March 13, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Friday, March 20, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship (OLA Hall)
Saturday, March 21, 2026	8:30 AM	Lenten Recollection with Rev. Fr. Michael Corpus (St. Benedict Catholic Church)
Friday, March 27, 2026	8:00 PM	Seven Last Words (OLA Church)

The **Second Sunday of Lent**, our theme reminds us that **we are transformed towards salvation as we listen to Jesus and follow God’s call**. Abraham responds to God’s call with trust despite having no explanation, becoming a channel of blessing, while the disciples witness Jesus’ Transfiguration and are commanded by the Father to “listen to Him.” For us as a covenant community, transformation is a lifelong work of grace rooted in our identity as God’s chosen and loved people, prompting changes in our decisions, priorities, and relationships. Listening to Jesus becomes concrete through Scripture, prayer, openness to correction, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, especially in ordinary moments that call for forgiveness, patience, and service. Each sincere act of obedience shapes us into Christ’s likeness, strengthens our covenant, and gradually turns obedience into a loving response to God’s grace. As we follow Jesus, we become instruments through whom others encounter God, just as Abraham was blessed so that he might be a blessing. When we remain attentive to Jesus and faithful to His call, we experience the fulfillment of His promise: **“I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing.”** (Gen 12:2). **[CSL Reflection (Abridged)]**.

## THEME & PROMISE

### Week#1 (2nd Sunday of Lent) March 1, 2026

**Theme:** We are transformed towards salvation as we listen to Jesus and follow God's call.

**Promise:** "I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing." (Gen 12:2)

**Order:**

1. "...join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God...not according to our works..." (2 Tim 1:8-9)
2. "Get up and do not be afraid." (Mat 17:7)

**Direction:**

1. Share your faith with others through courage and perseverance and have faith in the Holy Spirit.
2. Grow in the virtue of fortitude and trust in Jesus' saving power.

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## **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.
- **NEW!** – The **Disciples Meeting** is on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> via Zoom (ID: ID: 384 973 5786; PC: 2026357)**. This meeting is for all Committed and Covenanted members of our Community. Pls. see attached Agenda.

### FROM THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- **Life in the Spirit Seminar #42 (LSS #42) Registration to LSS #42 is now closed.** For inquiries, 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.

### FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

- 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.
- **NEW!** - The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship on Sunday, March 8, 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.
- **NEW!** - We encourage volunteers to serve meals to the homeless at the **Good Shepherd Ministries on March 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

- 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 DCS:**

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](mailto: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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

