

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-03-02

March 5, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending March 6, 2026

BLD Toronto Activities for March 2026

| DAY/DATE | TIME | ACTIVITIES |
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| 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) |
| Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Teaching: Intro to Service Ministry / Introduction to Discipleship / Intro to Ministries & Apostolate of the Community (Rm. 3) |
| Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Teaching: Handling Conflict & Christian Suffering (Rm. 4) |
| 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) |
| Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Teaching: New Creation Realities and Prayer Leadership (Rm. 3) |
| Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Teaching: Christian Giving / Christian Witnessing (Rm. 4) |

For the **Third Sunday of Lent**, our theme is – **We are transformed towards salvation as we open our hearts to Jesus to purify and renew our spirit.** The Samaritan woman came to the well with an empty jar, symbolic of her inner emptiness – her sin, her loneliness, her longing for acceptance. Jesus offered her the living water of God’s mercy and truth, and her life was forever changed. This encounter teaches that true transformation flows from believing in Jesus as the source of living water. His grace cleanses, restores, and satisfies the deepest thirst of our hearts. In Him, we no longer rely on the world for fulfillment; instead, we receive an internal wellspring of spiritual life that leads us to eternal salvation. When we believe in Him with an open heart, our lives, like the woman’s, become a testimony that draws others to faith. Because as Jesus testifies, **“...the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** (Jn 4:14a). [CSL Reflection].

Sa wikang Pilipino:

Para sa **Ikatlong Linggo ng Kuwaresma**, ang ating tema ay: **Tayo ay nahuhubog tungo sa kaligtasan kapag ibinubukas natin ang ating mga puso kay Jesus upang linisin at baguhin ang ating espiritu.** Dumating ang Samaritana sa balon na may dalang walang lamang banga, simbolo ng kanyang panloob na kawalan—ang kanyang kasalanan, kalungkutan, at pagnanais na matanggap. Inalok siya ni Jesus ng tubig-buhay ng awa at katotohanan ng Diyos, at lubos na nabago ang kanyang buhay. Ipinapakita ng tagpong ito na ang tunay na pagbabago ay nagmumula sa paniniwala kay Jesus bilang pinagmumulan ng tubig-buhay. Ang Kanyang biyaya ang naglilinis, muling nagbabangon, at nagbibigay-kaganapan sa pinakamalalim na pagkauhaw ng ating mga puso. Sa Kanya, hindi na tayo umaasa sa mga bagay ng mundo para sa kasiyahan; sa halip, tumatanggap tayo ng bukal ng buhay-espirituwal na umaakay sa atin tungo sa walang hanggang kaligtasan. Kapag naniniwala tayo sa Kanya nang may bukas na puso, ang ating buhay—tulad ng buhay ng babae sa balon—ay nagiging patotoo na umaakay din sa iba sa pananampalataya. Sapagkat ayon kay Jesus: **“...ang tubig na ibibigay ko ay magiging bukal sa loob niya, at patuloy na bubukal tungo sa buhay na walang hanggan.”** (Jn 4:14a)

THEME & PROMISE

Week#1 (3rd Sunday of Lent) March 8, 2026

(First Friday Mass)

Theme: We are transformed towards salvation as we open our hearts to Jesus to purify and renew our spirit.

Promise: *“...the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”* (Jn 4:14a)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

NEW! – In response to the request raised at the last Disciples meeting, we have prepared the attached summary of free and confidential support available to help our members navigate the practical, legal, and emotional challenges that can follow the loss of a loved one. This brief guide highlights no-cost or low-cost services in Toronto that BLD members can refer to on for both (1) clear steps to take after the passing of a spouse—including estate administration and access to brief legal advice—and (2) counselling and grief-support options. A quick ‘how to use’ notes and direct source links are included to make it easy for anyone to find the help they need. (see attached information after the Announcements). This information will be uploaded on our website too for easy access.

THROUGH THE TREASURY MINISTRY:

- **NEW!** – 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.

If you wish to receive your tax receipt via email, please send an email to bltdorontotreasury@yahoo.com
Can’t make it? No worries! Any unclaimed tax receipts will be mailed out.

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 **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.
- 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 20th. A second drop off will be this 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 **March 21, 2026** (please refer to the Recollection flyer). Together let us re-discover our age-old Lenten practices and appreciate how we can live Lent to the fullest this year.

NOTE: We will collect \$5 for lunch. Love offering for the Recollection is much appreciated.

FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY:

- **BLD Toronto, BLD Guelph** and **BLD Mississauga** will jointly host the **2026 the Inter-District Teachers Development Program (TDP)** at St. Joseph School in Guelph. 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

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 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

