

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-03-03

March 12, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending March 13, 2026

BLD Toronto Activities for March 2026

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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	Praise & Worship/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 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, our **theme** is – **We are transformed towards salvation as we allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness.** Jesus’ healing of the man born blind powerfully illustrates the difference between seeing with our eyes and seeing with the heart. Physical blindness may limit one’s vision, but spiritual blindness prevents us from recognizing God’s work, discerning His will, or acknowledging our own sin. Christ, the Light of the world, does not merely open our physical eyes; He enlightens our inner being. He helps us see truth, goodness, and His loving presence in all things. Transformation becomes possible when we allow His light to expose the darkness in our hearts, our pride, fears, prejudices, and indifference, and awaken us to new life. When we rise from spiritual blindness and walk in His light, we receive clarity, direction, and renewed purpose in our discipleship. St. Paul gives us this assurance, **“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.”** (Eph 5:8a). **[CSL Reflection].**

Sa wikang Pilipino:

Para sa **Ika-apat na Linggo ng Kuwaresma**, ang ating **tema** ay ito: **Tayo ay hinuhubog tungo sa kaligtasan kapag hinahayaan nating pagalingin ni Jesus ang ating espirituwal na pagkabulag.** Ang pagpapagaling ni Jesus sa lalaking ipinanganak na bulag ay nagbibigay ng makapangyarihang halimbawa ng pagkakaiba sa pagitan ng pagtingin gamit ang ating mga mata at pagtingin gamit ang ating puso. Bagama’t maaaring limitahan ng pisikal na pagkabulag ang ating paningin, ang espirituwal na pagkabulag naman ay naghahadlang sa atin na makilala ang mga gawa ng Diyos, makita ang Kanyang kalooban, o aminin ang ating mga pagkakasala.

Si Cristo, ang Liwanag ng sanlibutan, ay hindi lamang nagbubukas ng ating mga panlabas na mata; binibigyang-liwanag Niya ang ating kalooban at buong katauhan. Tinutulungan Niya tayong makita ang katotohanan, kabutihan, at ang Kanyang mapagmahal na presensya sa lahat ng bagay. Nagiging ganap ang pagbabago kapag pinahihintulutan nating ilantad ng Kanyang liwanag ang kadiliman sa ating puso—ang ating pagmamataas, takot, pagkiling, at kawalang-pakialam—upang tayo ay gisingin tungo sa isang bagong buhay. Kapag umaahon tayo mula sa espirituwal na pagkabulag at lumalakad sa Kanyang liwanag, nagkakaroon tayo ng malinaw na direksyon, wastong paggabay, at panibagong layunin sa ating paglalakbay bilang mga alagad. Ibinibigay sa atin ni San Pablo ang katiyakang ito: ***“Kayo noon ay nasa kadiliman, ngunit ngayo’y liwanag na sa Panginoon.”*** (Eph 5:8a)

THEME & PROMISE

Week#3 (4th Sunday of Lent) March 15, 2026

Theme: We are transformed towards salvation as we allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness.

Promise: *“Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.”* (Eph 5:8a)

Order: 1) *“Sleeper, awake!...Christ will shine on you.”* (Eph 5:14)
2) *“Live as children of light.”* (Eph 5:8)

Direction: 1) Let Jesus reveal the truth and respond to Him in faith.
2) Grow in humility to see God’s blessing in our lives

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

- ***NEW!* - An invitation from Bishop Kasun, Vicar for Lay Organizations, Archdiocese of Toronto:**

Dear Leaders of the Lay Associations and Movements in the Archdiocese,

You and the members of your Lay Association in the Archdiocese of Toronto are cordially invited to join the upcoming spiritual event called “A Day With Mary” to take place on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Villanova College on the property of the Marylake Shrine in King City, Ontario.

Kindly see the three attachments accompanying this letter. The attachments will provide much information about the day and the logistics of it. Also included is the email address of one of the organizing team in case you have questions not addressed in the attachments.

I look forward to seeing many of you on this festive day!

- ***NEW!* - CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!**

Let us warmly welcome and give a big applause to the graduates of LSS Class No. 42—may the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and deepen your walk with Christ. Our heartfelt thanks to all organizers, volunteers, and supporters whose dedication and prayers made this spirit-filled weekend a true blessing, and may the Lord abundantly reward your service and lead our community to even greater fruitfulness in the days ahead.

FROM THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MINISTRY:

- ***NEW!* - Life in the Spirit Seminar #42** – The Commissioning and graduation of LSS#42 lambs will be this coming Friday, March 13, 2026 after our Corporate Praise and Worship. Let join together to welcome and congratulate our LSS#42 graduates.

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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.
- 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:

- 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 bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com
Can't make it? No worries! Any unclaimed tax receipts will be mailed out.

- 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