

BLD Toronto – Broadcast No. 2026-03-04

March 19, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending March 20, 2026

BLD Toronto Activities for March 2026

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, March 20, 2026	8:00 PM	Praise & Worship/LSS#42 Commissioning Rites (OLA Hall)
Saturday, March 21, 2026	8:30 AM	Lenten Reflection 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)
Friday, April 5, 2026	-	GOOD FRIDAY (NO PRAISE & WORSHIP)

For the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, our **theme** is – **We are transformed towards salvation as we believe that Jesus gives new life.** Believing in Jesus as the giver of new life invites us to trust that no situation is beyond His saving power. In raising Lazarus, Jesus reveals that He is Lord over sin, fear, and even death. He calls each of us, like Lazarus, to “come out” of whatever keeps us bound – discouragement, old wounds, or patterns of sin. When we place our faith in Him, He restores hope, renews our spirit, and leads us into a life made new by grace. True transformation begins when we allow Jesus to speak life into the places where we feel stuck or lifeless. His word brings freedom, healing, and the promise of resurrection. This is what the Lord has declared, **“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”** (Jn 11:25). [CSL Reflection].

Sa wikang Pilipino:

Para sa **Ikalimang Linggo ng Kuwaresma**, ang ating **tema** ay: **Tayo ay hinuhubog tungo sa kaligtasan sapagkat naniniwala tayo na si Jesus ang nagbibigay ng bagong buhay.** Ang pananalig kay Jesus bilang pinagmumulan ng bagong buhay ay isang paanyaya upang tayo ay magtiwala na walang anumang sitwasyon ang lampas sa Kanyang kapangyarihang magligtas. Sa pagbuhay Niya kay Lazaro, ipinahayag ni Jesus na Siya ang Panginoon ng kasalanan, takot, at maging ng kamatayan. Tinatawag Niya ang bawat isa sa atin—tulad ni Lazaro—na “lumabas” mula sa anumang bumibihag sa atin: panghihina ng loob, mga sugat ng nakaraan, o mga gawi ng kasalanan. Kapag iniaalay natin sa Kanya ang ating pananampalataya, ibinabalik Niya ang pag-asa, pinaninibago ang ating espiritu, at inaakay tayo tungo sa isang buhay na binabago ng Kanyang biyaya. Nagsisimula ang tunay na pagbabagong espirituwal kapag hinahayaan natin si Jesus na magbigay-buhay sa mga bahagi ng ating pagkatao na tila natitigilan o nawawalan ng sigla. Ang Kanyang salita ay nagdudulot ng kalayaan, kagalingan, at ng pangakong pagkabuhay na muli. Ito ang ipinahayag ng Panginoon: **“Ako ang muling pagkabuhay at ang buhay; ang sumasampalataya sa akin, kahit siya’y mamatay, ay mabubuhay.”** (Juan 11:25)

THEME & PROMISE

Week#4 (5th Sunday of Lent) March 22, 2026

Theme: We are transformed towards salvation as we believe that Jesus gives us new life.

Promise: *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live..."* (Jn 11:25)

Order:

1. *"...put my spirit within you, and you shall live..."* (Ez 37:14)
2. *"...hear my voice! ...be attentive..."* (Ps 130:2)
3. *"...Take away the stone...see the glory of God?"* (Jn 11:38,40)

Direction:

1. Be receptive to the spirit who renews and restores.
2. Listen, believe and obey God's word.
3. Trust in Christ's power over sin and death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DCS:

- **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!

- **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:

- **Life in the Spirit Seminar #42** – The Commissioning and graduation of LSS#42 lambs will be this coming Friday, March 20, 2026 after our Corporate Praise and Worship. Let's join together to welcome and congratulate our LSS#42 graduates.

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 MISSION MINISTRY:

- ***NEW!*** - The **Winnipeg Prayer Group** is inviting everyone to attend their **Praise and Worship** on Sunday, **March 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.
- 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 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