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March 26, 2026

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Re: Broadcast for the week ending March 27, 2026

**BLD Toronto Activities for March 2026**

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
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 3, 2026	-	GOOD FRIDAY <b>(NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS)</b>

Finally, for **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, the **theme** is – **We are transformed towards salvation as we share in the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus**. Christ's entry into Jerusalem begins the final stage of His mission – His suffering, death, and ultimate triumph. The path of salvation passes through humility, obedience, and sacrificial love. Transformation is not complete without the Cross. To follow Jesus is to embrace a life that chooses self-giving over self-interest, forgiveness over resentment, and obedience to God over comfort. As Christ humbled Himself, so are we called to humility. As He offered His life for us, we too are invited to offer our lives in love and service. The Lord promises, ***"He humbled himself... because of this, God greatly exalted him..."*** (Phil 2:8a, 9a). The promise of exaltation affirms that suffering in Christ is never wasted; it leads to deeper holiness and eternal reward. **[CSL Reflection]**.

*Sa wikang Pilipino:*

Sa wakas, para sa **Linggo ng Palaspas ng Pagpapakasakit ng Panginoon**, ang **tema** ay ito — **Tayo ay nahuhubog tungo sa kaligtasan habang tayo'y nakikibahagi sa handog-buhay na pag-ibig ni Kristo Hesus**. Ang pagpasok ni Kristo sa Jerusalem ay hudyat ng huling yugto ng Kanyang misyon — ang Kanyang pagdurusa, kamatayan, at ganap na tagumpay. Ang landas ng kaligtasan ay dumaraan sa pagpapakumbaba, pagsunod, at sakripisyong pag-ibig. Hindi ganap ang pagbabagong-ano kung walang Krus. Ang pagsunod kay Hesus ay pagtanggap sa isang buhay na pumipili ng pag-aalay ng sarili kaysa pansariling interes, pagpapatawad kaysa poot, at pagsunod sa Diyos kaysa kaginhawahan. Kung paanong Siya'y nagpakumbaba, tayo rin ay tinatawag sa pagpapakumbaba. Kung paanong inialay Niya ang Kanyang buhay para sa atin, tayo rin ay inaanyayahang ialay ang ating buhay sa pag-ibig at paglilingkod. Ipinangako ng Panginoon, ***"Siya'y nagpakumbaba... dahil dito, siya'y lubos na itinampok ng Diyos..."*** (Fil 2:8a, 9a). Pinagtitiyap ng pangakong ito na ang pagtitiis para kay Kristo ay hindi kailanman nasasayang; ito'y nagbubunga ng higit na kabanalan at walang hanggang gantimpala.

**THEME & PROMISE**

**Week#5 (Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion) Seven Last Words - March 29, 2026**

**Theme:** We are transformed towards salvation as we share in the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus.

**Promise:** *"...He humbled Himself...Therefore God highly exalted Him"* (Phil 2:8A, 9A)

**Order:**

1. *“Take, eat; this is my Body...Drink... my Blood... for the forgiveness of sins.”* (Mat 26:26,27)
2. *“Stay awake and pray that you may not come into temptation...”* (Mat 26:41)
3. *“Commit your cause to the Lord...”* (Ps 22:8)

**Direction:**

1. Receive the Eucharist, the source of grace and unity with Christ.
2. Be spiritually alert and abide in the Word of God especially in times of trial.
3. Follow God’s will even if it leads to sacrifice.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FROM THE DCS:**

- **NEW! - Seven Last Words – Friday, March 27, 2026.** Please note that the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on Friday, March 27, 2026, will **not** be livestreamed via Zoom. We warmly invite everyone to join us in person for this once-a-year sacred gathering.

To respect the privacy of those sharing their personal testimonies, video recording, photo-taking, and audio recording **will not be permitted** during the reflections. Taking photos will only be allowed at the end of the sacred commemoration, as announced from the podium.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we honor the solemnity of this Lenten observance.

- **NEW! - Friday, April 3, 2026.** Please be advised that there will be **no First Friday Mass on Good Friday, April 3, 2026**, in observance of the solemnity of the Lord’s Passion and Death.
- **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 SINGLES MINISTRY:**

- **NEW! - On Friday, April 10 the Singles Ministry** is hosting a **Game Night** for potential candidates of SEW #26. This will be a fun and relaxed opportunity for them to fellowship, connect, and get to know the Singles Ministry.

For more information you can reach out to the Singles Core: Jean Caniedo, Nine Campomanes or Roxanne Maranan (see attached flyer for details).

### **FROM THE PASTORAL SERVICES MINISTRY:**

- **NEW!** - We acknowledge and appreciate the awesome support given by the community to the recently concluded "Not Your Usual Lent - Radical Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving" last March 21, 2026. The community's bayanihan spirit was very much alive. We were blessed with donations of baked goods, dishes, fruits, candies and even a love offering (discount) from the caterer, Kirb's Kitchenette. We are grateful to the DCS, DLCs and members from various ministries who extended helping hands to ensure the smooth conduct of the day's activities.

Fr. Michael Corpus' talks on the three traditional Lenten practices were well received. He delved into their roots, their scriptural connection and their purpose. He then offered a fresh perspective on how to move beyond the routine and traditional practices into real and meaningful spiritual activities. His well-articulated reflection questions can inspire and guide us to take a fresh look at how we observe our Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and start a new way to honor them.

Indeed, March 21, 2026 was worth the time and sacrifice because it introduced us to a new and radical way of offering our sacrifices during the Lenten season.

### **FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY:**

- **NEW!** - The Mission Ministry collected 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 and the second drop off was last March 19. Thank you for all your support.
- **NEW!** - The **Breaking the Yoke of Poverty (BYOP) Ministry** has started collecting **Lenten card donations** to support the **BYOP Scholarship of Hope program** for the needy children in our home country, the Philippines. You can remit your donation via etransfer. Indicate 'Lenten Cards donation'.

Email: [bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com](mailto:bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com) Security Question: who is my first teacher? Answer/Password: Jesus1

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

### **FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY:**

- **NEW!** - *"Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more."* (Proverbs 9:9)

The first **Inter-District Teachers Development Program (TDP)** will be held on **April 18 and 19, 2026** at **St. Joseph School in Guelph**. This event will be attended by teachers in process (TIP) and current teachers willing to upskill from BLD Toronto, BLD Guelph, BLD Rochester and BLD Mississauga.

This is a collaborative effort of the BLD Academy and the Teaching Team of BLD Toronto and BLD Mississauga.

Please pray for a spirit-filled, joy-filled and fruitful TDP.

## 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](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:

- 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 & Jodie 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](mailto: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](mailto:bldtorontotreasury@yahoo.com) **Security Question:** **who is my first teacher?**  
**Answer/Password:** **Jesus1**

Once Jodie 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