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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Staying in Contact with Fr. Joe

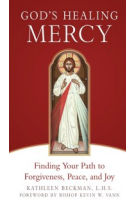
Last week, Fr. Joe Ho took up residence in a long-term care facility. For parishioners wishing to send him a greeting or to visit him his address is listed below.

Fr. Joseph Ho SDB

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care #112

2311 McNicoll Ave.

Scarborough, ON M1V 5L3



Recommended for your Christmas Giving

Book: God's Healing Mercy,
Kathleen Beckman

Available at parish office: \$22

To preview the book:

https://www.google.ca/books/edition/God_s_Healing_Mercy/xZNhzQEACAAJ?hl=en

**CNEWA Canada
Welcomes New National Director**

Dr. Adriana Bara is the new national director of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in Canada (CNEWA). She succeeds Carl Hétu, who launched CNEWA's outreach in Canada when CNEWA established an office in Ottawa in 2004.

Below are excerpts from an interview. For the full text, go to:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/archdiocesan-blog/archdiocesan/cnewa-canada-welcomes-new-national-director/>

In what countries does CNEWA work and how does the organization help those most in need?

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) works across the Middle East (Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria), Northeast Africa (Egypt, Eritrea and Ethiopia), India and Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Armenia, and Georgia). CNEWA accompanies the Eastern Catholic Churches in these countries and supports the local Christian communities and those most in need through the service of our church partners, which include religious sisters, priests, volunteer lay people and various Christian institutions.

What is your vision for CNEWA Canada moving forward?

My vision is aligned with CNEWA's mission of working with Eastern Catholic churches to identify needs and implement solutions. I trust that CNEWA will have an even more significant impact on childcare initiatives, care for the marginalized, emergency relief, and healthcare programs for the years to come. At the same time, I hope that CNEWA will have a greater impact in fortifying the local churches and their pastoral initiatives for refugees, displaced peoples and migrants, youth formation programs, catechesis, and Bible camps. All these great goals are possible with the help of generous Canadian donors.

I kindly invite faithful donors to continue donating to CNEWA and I encourage new donors to join us in our endeavour to helping our neighbours in great need. Please learn more about CNEWA and how you can help at: <https://cnewa.org/ca/mission/>.

Please remember us in your holy prayers.

*Christmas Mass &
Eucharistic Adoration Schedule*

Saturday December 24

Adoration Chapel: closes 8:00 am

Daily Mass: 8:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses:

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight

Sunday December 25

Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: opens 2:00 pm

Friday December 30

Feast of the Holy Family Mass: 8:00 am

Saturday December 31

Daily Mass: 8:00 am

Mary, Mother of God Eve

Mass: 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration in Church:

9:00 pm—11:00 pm

Sunday January 1

Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am, 9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall, 11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel: opens 2:00 pm

Sunday January 8

Epiphany

8:00 am,

9:30 am Italian in church,

9:30 am English in hall,

11:00 am, 12:45 pm

Adoration Chapel:

opens 2:00 pm

Monday January 9

Baptism of the Lord:

8:00 am

*Come, Lord Jesus.
Come and be born in our hearts.*

Parish Office Closed these days

Friday December 23

In observance of Christmas Eve

Office Closes at noon

Monday December 26

In observance of Christmas Day

Tuesday December 27

In observance of Boxing Day

Friday December 30

In observance of New Year's Eve

Monday January 2

In observance of New Year's Day



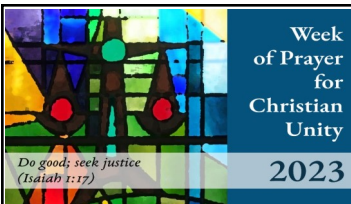
ShareLife agencies need your support, now more than ever

ShareLife Goal Update

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our goal this year is \$50,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023
Contest ends on
January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.



**2023 SUNDAY ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE
SORTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER**

Please pick up your boxed set as soon as possible in the Church entrance. The use of these envelopes is an excellent way of supporting your parish on a regular basis and also ensures that a receipt for tax purposes is available at the end of the year.

Do NOT use these new envelopes until the New Year.

Pray for the Sick

Fr. Joseph Ho, SDB, Lois McDowell, Lidia Scaccia,
Dan McKinnon, Tom McGynn, Cathy Proietti,
Vincent Sguassero, Alessio Firreira, Steve Cawthorne,
Assunta Di Felice, Fr. Patrick Kilgariff & Doris Roy



Parishioners wishing prayer from our parish family are asked to call Susan Peresso: 416-743-3830

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan: speresso@archtoronto.org /416-743-3830 X0

Monday, December 19

8:00am Sophie Coleman by Maureen & Inez
7:30pm Giuseppe Carraro by Pascolo & Pellegrina families

Tuesday, December 20

8:00am Ursula, Nazzareno & Greg Costa by Anna Costa
7:30pm Salvador Peralta by Theresa Peralta & family

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am Mario Filippo by Rosario family
7:30pm Gina & Pepo Banko by Noreen

Thursday, December 22

8:00am Edgardo Gargoles by family
7:30pm John & Maria Sincich by Noreen & Rita

Friday, December 23

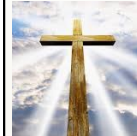
8:00am Marietta & Francesco Filippo by Rosario family
7:30pm Living intention for Sonia Stefanic by Mom

Saturday, December 24

8:00am Mak Tang Family by Savio Mak
5:00pm Living Intention for Pasquale Reda by Di Felice Family
8:00pm Ollie Holowaty by Family
12:00am Lillian Chicorli by Terri Labrecque

Sunday, December 25

8:00am Mae & Ken Sutton by Sutton Family
9:30am Annie & Amedeo Amato by Louisa Amato (Ital/Ch)
9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Stefano Cancelli by Tammie
12:45pm Ollie Holowaty by Family



Pray for the Dead

Ersilia Di Berardino & Vena Furlano

2-Toronto Raptors Tickets Winner

The **winning Toronto Raptors Ticket #30** was drawn on December 11th.

Congratulations to Regina Freitas, the winner of the tickets.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket(s).

Bequests in a Will

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.

Bequests are NOT just for the "wealthy". Bequests are the one charitable gift that allows you to use charity tax credits against 100% of your income. Not only can you claim 100% but you can also claim the taxes from the previous year as well. You can support your parish with little effect on your loved ones' inheritance.

Please remember your parish in your Will.

Sunday Offering (envelopes & loose only): \$ 5,190

Debt Repayment (envelopes & loose only): \$ 845

St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese: \$100,105

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

