

APPEALS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS: FOOD, CLOTHING AND TOY DRIVES IN PARISHES ACROSS THE CITY



ANNUNCIATION PARISH: ANGEL TREE

This year we will collect small gifts for the 143 residents of the Father Dowd Residence in the Côte des Neiges area. Beginning this weekend, **December 2 and 3**, the Angel Tree will be placed in the sanctuary (75 Roosevelt Ave., Town of Mount Royal, H3R 2G9). Our goal is to 'undecorate the tree.' All the gifts are intended to be under \$10 and can easily be purchased at local stores or pharmacies, so everyone can participate. For details, contact the office at 514-738-1080 or info@annunciationparish.ca

ST. EDMUND OF CANTERBURY PARISH: SOCIAL ACTION - CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION FOR LOCAL PARISHES

Christmas is in the air! So is the spirit of giving through our annual food drive for **St. Gabriel, St. Willibrord, St. Francis of Assisi, and Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette** parishes and **Nazareth House**. Non-perishable food items and traditional Christmas treats are welcome to help seniors and low-income families in these communities. Boxes for packing and delivery will be greatly appreciated, as well as volunteers to receive, sort and deliver Christmas goods to the receiving parishes. Drop off your donations after all weekend Masses on **December 2** (5 p.m.) and **December 3** (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.) at 105 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, H9W 3Z8. Contact the office at 514-695-7100.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD PARISH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Fall has arrived and we are in the process of planning our annual food drive. A special time of the year for everyone to get together in order to help the less fortunate families of our region. We need drivers and helpers!

Roxboro East Sector: Saturday, December 2 with the Optimist Club Roxboro with their volunteers will collect door-to-door (am) and delivery (pm). For info contact Diane Poirier at cwp@videotron.ca

West Side sector (Pierrefonds):

Organized by the parish.

Saturday, December 2: delivery of information sheets

Saturday, December 9: the door-to-door collection

The gathering will take place at 9:45 a.m. at St. David Church (12450 Gascon, Pierrefonds, H8Z 1S2) both days. Welcome to everyone who wants to help! For info contact Jessica at guignoleesaintdavidfooddrive@gmail.com

**ST. BRENDAN AND ST. ALOYSIUS PARISHES:
S.H.A.R.E.'S ADOPT-A-CHILD AND CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN**

S.H.A.R.E. (Spreading Hope and Reaching Everyone) has launched its food and gift drive to help up to 200 families including 400 children in need throughout East end Montreal this Christmas season. Non-perishable food items will be collected in the coming weeks following weekend Masses at both St. Brendan Parish (3542 Rosemont Blvd., Montreal) and St. Aloysius Parish (7901 Ste-Claire St., Montreal). Items may be dropped off at St. Brendan: Saturdays, 5 p.m. Mass and Sundays, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses; or at St. Aloysius: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Mass. In addition, consider adopting a child or two this Christmas and participate in our gift drive! Purchase a new toy or gift for a child in need to be included in his/her family Christmas basket. Food drive and Adopt-a-child program will run until **December 3**. For more info or to adopt a child, contact Barbara at barbara@articlespromocpg.com or the office at 514-376-4537.

ST. LUKE PARISH: CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!

Once again this year, St. Luke Parish will be providing Christmas baskets for those who are struggling financially. In collaboration with the West Island Assistance Fund, and with your help, we hope to provide boxes of groceries and gifts for more than 30 families this year! There will be a box for drop-off of items before or after all Masses (106A Anselme-Lavigne St., Dollard-des-Ormeaux, H9A 1N8). We do ask that all items are brought to the church by the morning of **Saturday, December 16** as we will be packaging the baskets that afternoon. If you are bringing an item that needs to be refrigerated or frozen, especially a turkey, please let someone at the parish know so that we can

properly freeze or refrigerate the item. The following day, we will be delivering the baskets. If you are able to volunteer to drive on **Sunday, December 17**, please contact Lauren at lcoopergraham@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK'S BASILICA: CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Each year the parish helps an average of 30 adults (usually patrons of our soup kitchen) living in the area surrounding the Basilica. We are collecting new, good quality, men's and women's large sized sweaters, Christmas candy/chocolates, toiletries and monetary donations. All funds coming from the Poor Box in December will go towards the baskets. If you wish to contribute, please deliver your contribution to the Parish Office (454 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, H2Z 1A7) during the week or call 514-866-7379.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH: RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE

We will be collecting gifts for the less fortunate at Benedict Labre House. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree by **Sunday, December 10** (4320 Ste. Anne, Pierrefonds, H9H 4Y7). Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions: Toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates. Sleeping bags (new or gently used) are also needed. Benedict Labre House needs help to roast 40 turkeys before their Christmas dinner on December 20. If you want to help please contact Francine at 514-

937-5973 or coordo@benedictlabre.org

ST. KEVIN PARISH: FOOD DRIVE

Donations of non-perishable food items for this year's Christmas baskets will be collected until **Friday, December 15** (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1), to be distributed to the poor and to newly arrived migrant families. Please be generous and remember the less fortunate in your Christmas shopping. For info contact the office at 514-733-5600 or stkevinqc@gmail.com.

ANGELS OF MERCY

We are in urgent need of sandwich makers. Please call Denise at 514-426-0220. We are still collecting winter clothing for homeless men: coats, jackets, sweaters, hoodies, jeans, winter socks and winter gloves, shoes, running shoes and boots, as well as knapsacks, blankets and sleeping bags. Hygiene products especially toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and deodorant. Place items in the bin marked "Angels of Mercy" in the narthex at St. Thomas à Becket Parish (4320 Ste-Anne St., Pierrefonds, H9H 4Y7).