



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*As we prepare to receive
Jesus at Christmas*



As we prepare for the birth of Jesus there are ways we can reach out as a community to those in need.

Outlined in this booklet are the Community Outreach Programs.

St. Joseph supports throughout the Season of Advent. Your family's contribution is appreciated, whether you choose to support one or many of these initiatives.

*Lord, Jesus, you came among us to share our humanity
and transform our lives.*

*We are people of hope and joy
because we know You will always be
with us encouraging and supporting us in every part of our lives.*

We will never be alone again.

*We want to prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate
your coming in a spirit of gratitude for all you have done
and continue to do for us.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to us,
so that we can spend these weeks of preparation thinking
about what Your coming among us truly means,
and about the mystery of Your love for us,
which surpasses all our hopes and expectations.*

Amen

Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our
community outreach
during the season of Advent.





On **Thursday November 21st** our Angel Tree will appear in the front foyer of our school. This special tree will be filled with special Angels. Each Angel will include the age and gender of the future recipient of your gift. Your child can select an Angel and then return the special unwrapped item in a gift bag or gift card. Permission forms will be sent home.

Please be sure to include the Angel with your unwrapped toy or gift card when you place it under the Angel Tree.

All donations for the Angel Tree will support St. Vincent Charities.

Angels will be available **November 21st** and toys/gifts should be sent into the school no later than **December 13th**.

Please know that your donation means another child will find a special present under their own Christmas Tree.



Christmas Food Drive For St. Vincent Charities of St. Joseph's Church

Our school-wide Christmas Food Drive for the St. Vincent Charities of St. Joseph's Church will **begin December 2nd** until **December 13th**. Families can help the cause by donating items from the following groups.

GROUP 1

small oil
rice
instant coffee
sugar
tea
cereal

GROUP 3

canned fruit
snack size fruit/pudding
granola bars
cookies
apple juice
tetra packs

GROUP 5

toilet paper
paper towels
laundry detergent
dish washing detergent

GROUP 2

canned cranberries
stove top stuffing
pasta sauce
Stagg chili
canned children's pasta
Chunky soup

GROUP 4

toiletries
shampoo & conditioner
tooth paste / tooth brushes
deodorant
hand soap





We will be celebrating the Advent season with a Family Fun Night on **Thursday December 12th from 6:00—8:00pm.**

Forms have been sent home and payments can be made online.

Families can join us for a night of:

- * Decorating Gingerbread Cookies \$3
- * Refreshments
- * Christmas Music – School Choir
- * Christmas Craft (1 per family)
- * Family Photo (1 per family) \$10
- * Book fair in the library

We are also asking that families bring in any Food bank donations

Project Warm



Our annual **Project Warm** initiative is to raise awareness about homelessness in Acton and the greater GTA. On **December 7th** our social justice committee and staff will bring all donations for the homeless to Moss Park, Toronto.

Here are a list of advent events to help support our cause

- * Selling crocheting bookmarks in the shape of a miniature scarf. All funds from these bookmarks will go towards our mission.
- * Grade 7 & 8 soup day. Bring \$2 to buy a warm cup of chicken noodle soup. All funds will go to buy soup for our mission.

A Big Thank you to:

- ♥ Social Justice Committee and Staff for looming scarves
- ♥ SJA Community for all your donations