

Christmas Hampers 2022

Letter to Parishioners

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As the Advent season approaches, the Amor Dei team would like to communicate our plan for the season, and ask for your support.

Since the arrival of COVID and for the last 2 years, the hamper distribution has remained very successful. Last year 17 families were all very appreciative of the food and gifts they received at Christmas time to help with their celebration of the season. We are going to continue with the same process we have used as follows:

- **Parish Individuals/families will volunteer to “adopt” a family. A family may consist of anywhere from single-person, to 6+ members.**
- These individuals/families will be responsible to put together the following items for the hamper:
 - Non-perishable food items to be purchased. A list will be provided of what this includes, and the approximate cost. The list will be based on a 6 day requirement as per Ottawa Food Bank recommendation
 - Festive items for the entire family to enjoy, such as Christmas candles, napkins, chocolates, tree ornament etc cost ~ \$40
 - A couple of small gifts for each adult family member like warm socks, mitts, slippers, throw blanket, toque...total cost ~\$35per adult
 - All of these items would go into boxes, prepared for delivery to the families.
- Gifts for children under 16 will be provided by ROSSS’s Angel Tree
- Toiletries, food coupons , fresh fruits and vegetables for the hampers will be provided by Amor Dei
- Appointment times will be given for each family’s hamper to be brought to the church basement on Wednesday December 14, 2022
- Hampers will be distributed the following day.

Please note that anonymity of families receiving hampers will be preserved at all times.

If you are interested in “adopting” a family for this project, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Many thanks,

St. Leonard Parish Amor Dei Team