

# THE GIVING TREE

You are invited to participate in the St. John's Giving Tree program to bless your family by sharing with others in need this Christmas. A Christmas tree decorated with ornament tags has been set up near the sanctuary. Each tag represents a gift for a needy person.

On each tag, you will find a description of the gift, the person's age and gender, size and color for garments if appropriate and a code number that facilitates distribution while maintaining anonymity. Select a tag for a gift that you would enjoy buying for a person in need.

**Please remember that when you take a tag, you are making a commitment to fulfill the Christmas wish of the person whose tag you have chosen.**

Take your tag home with you and shop for your Giving Tree gift. Should you find that the price of the gift exceeds your budget; a gift certificate towards the gift is always welcome.

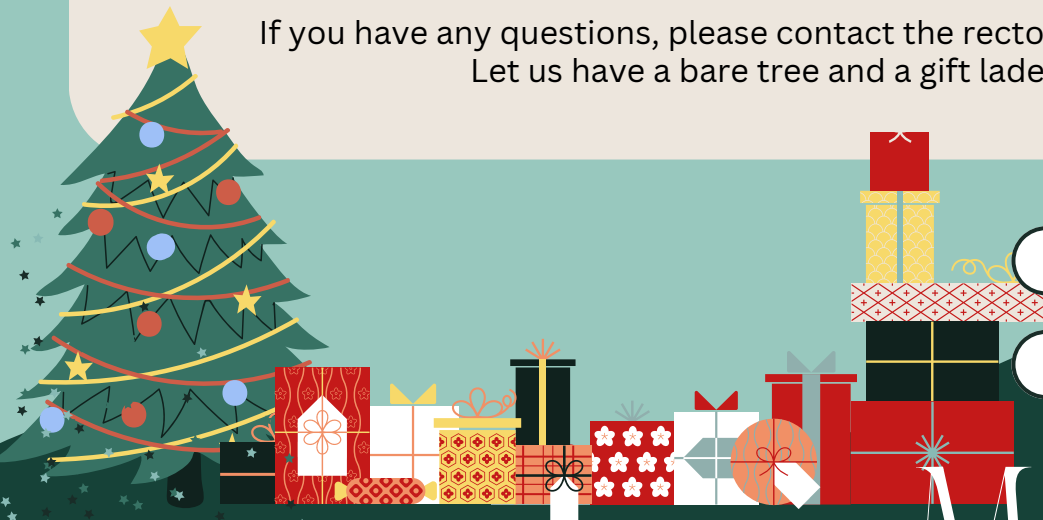
**You and your family are also encouraged to pray for the person whose tag you have chosen.**

After purchasing your gift, wrap it in Christmas paper, include a gift receipt and attach the tag to the outside of the gift since the code number is needed for correct distribution. If you have purchased a gift card or food card, please write the amount of the card on the tag and include a receipt if applicable.

**Please be aware of the time frame for returning gifts this year.  
The gifts can be brought to the office or to Mass on the weekends of  
November 25/26, December 2/3, December 9/10 and December 16/17.**

All gifts must be brought to the church by Sunday, December 12/17.  
The gifts will be distributed to the families and social services by 12:00 on that day.

If you have any questions, please contact the rectory office. (786-8105).  
Let us have a bare tree and a gift laden altar.



FROM:

TO:

# MERRY CHRISTMAS