

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church**

15415 Red Robin, San Antonio, TX 78255

A young parishioner eyes

the Christmas tree at the

back of the church, filled

with "gift angels" waiting

to be picked!

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"No work of charity is foreign to the society"

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**Upcoming SVDP Events Lenten Toiletries for the Homeless** Mar. 5-16

May "Baby Shower" Collection (dates to be announced)

**July School Supplies Collection** (dates to be announced)

**Fall Coat & Sweater Collection** (dates to be announced)

**Christmas Angel Tree** Nov. 15-16 and 22-23

Joyce Hulsey (1948-2024), past member of our SVDP group, and secretary for the prior three years, was honored by the San Antonio Area SVDP for her service. The recognition was presented to her husband, Ben (also a SVDP member),

at a luncheon following Joyce's funeral Mass July 29, 2024.

We are so very grateful for her tireless service, generosity, and friendship. May she rest in peace!



## "Do you think I could give my friend some of my toys?"

A cute little six-year-old boy was overjoyed to receive Angel Tree gifts from our Atonement parishioners. He was so grateful that he asked his

<u>Christmas."</u> Mom said **yes!** ... and the toys were wrapped and given to the friend. What a beautiful example of Christian charity!

Mom, "Do you think I can give my friend Tony some of my old toys? He doesn't have any gifts this



This past December, the OLA SVDP members delivered 150 gifts to recipients in our parish and neighboring community. It is truly a joy to witness the giving spirit of the families in our parish, and even more joyful to experience the gratitude of those who receive the gifts.

SVDP members from OLA gather at the home of one of our members to sort all the gifts and deliver to recipients.



Some of the many

gifts donated by parishion-

ers, wrapped and ready to

be delivered to recipients

on our donation lists.

#### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to, people in need."

# SVDP/Our Lady of the Atonement 2024 Financial Report

- Our parishioners donated \$43,273 in cash for our mission of charity.
- Our parishioners gave in-kind donations for our annual projects: weekly sack lunch program, pro-life baby shower gifts, school supplies, coats, sweaters, shoes, Angel Tree gifts, and toiletries for the homeless.
- We distributed \$31,232 in food, clothing, rent, utility assistance, and medical bills to our own OLA families and those in our geographic area.
- We sent **\$1,780** to SVDP organizations in our district to assist their specific families in need of help.
- We received **\$476** from SVDP organizations in our district to assist us with specific families in need of help.
- We sent **\$5,450** to SVDP agencies serving in the following poorer communities:

International Twinning – SVDP organizations:
St. Gozaga Goza - Njeru Town, Uganda
Local & Area Twinning - SVDP organizations:
San Antonio, TX - St. Agnes, St. Alphonsus, Christ the
King, St. Ann; and Natalia, TX - St. John Bosco



We are most grateful to our parishioners for your continued monthly support!

"You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. ... You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humored."

Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society





### **Chores for Charity!**

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Atonement Academy primary and lower school children for donating \$1,542.41 to SVDP from their Chores for Charity Project. We are so grateful for the work they did to raise the money to help SVDP help families less fortunate. *God bless you all!* 

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** provides assistance to those in need with rent, food, utilities, and other basic necessities in times of crisis. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or a home visit, please call us at (210) 370-7203.

Have you thought about becoming a member of our St. Vincent de Paul conference? Call (210) 370-7203.



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