



Lenten Service Opportunities*

Workdays at The Annex

- When:** Saturdays, March 23rd and April 13th from 9:00am - 1:00pm
You can drop in any time during these hours to help
- Where:** *The Annex campus - 11762 FM 1560N - Helotes, TX*
- Provided:** Drinks & snacks
- Attire:** *Clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, paint on and can move comfortably in*
- Bring:** Gloves, gas powered weed eater, chain saw, loppers, and good attitude
- Benefits:** *Cardiovascular including muscle stretching & strengthening and meet new people*
- Questions:** Call Alex Archey at 210-865-6968 or Sandra Archey at 210-602-7233 (call or text) or Email sarchey@olghelotes.org

Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent to serve in our parish by helping to care for our beautiful 20 acre campus at The Annex.

Easter Outreach Project

On Easter we will deliver care packages to several shelters and non-profit centers/agencies in the San Antonio area who serve foster youth; homeless individuals & families; elderly; retired Religious; teenage moms; physically and mentally ill; and women & children who are victims of domestic violence. For those agencies who are short-staffed Easter morning, we will also offer Prayer Services and serve breakfast as well as assist the Easter Bunny with hiding eggs. In the past, this has provided our parish family a wonderful opportunity to let those who are marginalized in our community know that someone is thinking of them and they are not forgotten. Our theme is "**He Lives**" -- help us offer hope and show that Christ is alive in each of us this Easter.

HOW CAN I HELP?

PILLOW MINISTRY

The simple comfort of a pillow or a blanket that so many of us take for granted is a blessing to those we serve. We provide pillows year-round to those who need a soft place to lay their head--many who reside in a small room in an unfamiliar environment. Extra hands are needed during Lent as we provide hundreds of pillows and blankets in conjunction with our Easter Outreach Project.

The sewing group meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Guadalupe Room in the Hall. You may also volunteer to help sew pillows or make blankets at home. For more information, please contact Kiki D'Ambrosia at 210-521-9123 or jkdambrosia7144@sbcglobal.net; Margarita Zaske at 210-807-2545; or Sandra Archey at sarchey@olghelotes.org.

EASTER PROJECT TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES

There are a limited number of take home service projects that are perfect for individuals, families or groups - including those with youth of all ages.

If you are able to check out a project(s), please stop by The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N on Wednesdays, March 6 & 20 and April 3 (11am-2pm or 6-9pm). All supplies will be provided.



SORTING CLOTHES & DONATIONS AND PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

We are in need of additional volunteers to help sort clothes and donations that are provided for our parish's outreach projects, as well as help to "put it all together" for delivery.

If you are able to help, please join us for an hour or more from Monday-Friday, April 15-19 (11am-2pm or 6-9pm) at The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N.

MAKE EASTER EGGS

We provide decorated, hard-boiled eggs as part of the breakfast we serve on Easter Sunday morning at the shelters. Please keep your eggs properly refrigerated.

If you are able to help, please bring your decorated, hard-boiled eggs to The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N on Saturday, April 20 from 11am-2pm. You can sign up to help with this by e-mailing Sandra Archey at sarchey@olghelotes.org with your commitment to help and how many eggs you can provide.

MAKE CASCARONES (CONFETTI EGGS)

We provide cascarones (confetti eggs) to the children we serve.

It can be fun for all ages to save your eggshells and look up online how to make cascarones as a family project. The children we serve are delighted to receive and crack the cascarones on Easter. Please see wish list for drop off times to deliver your cascarones.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY DELIVERY HELP

Please e-mail your availability (day and hours) to Sandra Archey at sarchey@olghelotes.org no later than Sunday, April 21.

COLLECT/DONATE ITEMS FROM THE WISH LIST

Generous donations from throughout the greater community make this project possible. You can personally collect/purchase items from the Wish List for the Easter Project. You can also set up a donation box at your work, school, neighborhood or activity center to collect a designated item(s) from the wish list from March 6 through April 11. If you choose to do this, please notify Sandra Archey via e-mail at sarchey@olghelotes.org or leave a message at 210-602-7233 and indicate what item(s) you are collecting. We receive one-third of our donations each year from collection boxes that our parishioners set up and oversee for us.

****Thank you for your continued help that allows us to serve hundreds in need. By your generosity, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of others. Please see the Parish Bulletin and Website (www.olghelotes.org) for additional opportunities to serve during Lent (i.e., Knights of Columbus 8th Annual 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive; Lenten Fish Fry; Liturgical Ministries; and More).***

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters that you do unto me.”
Matthew 25:40

HAPPY EASTER!



On the street I saw a homeless child with his mother – both shivering in the cold. I became angry and said to God, “Why do you permit this? Why don’t you do something?”

For a while God said nothing. That night he spoke to me, “I did something. I made you.”

Are you listening to how God calls you to reach out; to serve others; to share your time, talent and treasure - in your family, in your Church, in your city, in the world? In a parish of our size, if we all do a little (or what we can) – it will add up to a lot and make a big impact.

Wish List for Easter Project

Gift Cards -\$5+ for groceries, toiletries, clothes, toys, food, etc.

Examples of vendors and gift cards: HEB/Walmart Walgreen's/CVS McDonald's Pizza Church's Chicken Taco Cabana Target VIA Bus Pass Dollar Tree Dollar General Family Dollar Phone cards

Fabric suitable to make throw pillows, blankets and quilts; gift cards to JoAnn Fabrics or Hancock Fabrics

Hotel toiletries (travel size) needed for emergency shelters

Full size toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, sunblock, etc.

Diapers, wipes and any baby care items (*including new or gently used toys & clothing for newborns to 36 mths*)

Blankets, comforters, sheets, pillowcases, towels & washcloths (new or gently used - we can only accept new pillows)

Spring/summer clothing & shoes (new or gently used and clean) and new undergarments for newborn to adult (**PLEASE sort & label bag/box by size & gender**) There is a special need for clothing for: newborn to 4T, maternity, teen boys and men, as well as shoes for all ages and socks for all ages. (**PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN BULLETIN ARTICLE FOR HEAVENLY SOLES SPONSORED BY THE ALTAR SOCIETY WHO COLLECT SHOES & SOCKS DURING LENT.**)

Stuffed animals (new or gently used and clean), school supplies, journals & art pads, children's & adult coloring books with crayons or colored pencils

Cascarones (confetti eggs) and decorated hard-boiled eggs – see Lenten Service Opportunities flyer for more info

Individually wrapped candy and snacks (*including soft items for toddlers and seniors & sugar free items for diet restricted*) (**PLEASE DONATE OTHER FOOD ITEMS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL 40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE - SEE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS. THE SHELTERS WE SERVE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE AGENCIES THAT DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD RECEIVED FROM THIS DRIVE.**)

Toilet paper, paper towel, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies

PLEASE NOTE DONATION TIMES & LOCATIONS – DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT DURING THESE TIMES: You may either drop off items at The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N. from Thursday, April 11 through Monday, April 15 (11am-2pm OR 6-9pm); (OR) put them in the Easter Project collection bins in the back of Church after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend – April 13 & 14. **We appreciate your efforts to only provide new or gently used clean items that are on the above Wish List.**

If you don't have time to shop and would like to contribute, you may leave a monetary donation in an envelope and put it in the weekly collection or drop it off at the OLG Church office with a notation that it is to be used for the Easter Outreach Project. Checks must be made payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

By sharing your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE, we are making a difference in the community.