



**St. Theresa's
Christmas Memorial Tree
Uniting Our Generations
Advent 2020**



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa's:

The **5th Annual Christmas Memorial Tree to Unite Our Generations** will be placed in the Church next week for the first Sunday of Advent. It has become an annual tradition to place a Christmas Tree with specially decorated ornaments on the Altar as a visible sign of our dearly departed loved ones who have gone before us and are now with our Heavenly Father.

Our tradition will be different for 2020 due to Covid-19. The tradition of creating hand-crafted ornaments during a series of craft nights will not be possible. Instead to still honour the memory of our loved ones, we will hang paper angels on the tree personalized with the name of those who have passed. No ornament will be attached.

Hopefully by Christmas 2021 the St. Theresa's Youth Group can once again decorate beautiful ornaments for the Christmas Memorial Tree and we will be able to host once again a fun craft night when young and older Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa's can work together to showcase their talents to make ornaments for the tree.

Despite Covid-19, November is a time to remember the dearly departed and faithful members of our Parish community. The Annual Christmas Memorial Tree allows the Past and Present Generations to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth in December.



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How it Works this Year

If you have requested an ornament in the past we should have the name of your loved one on our previous annual lists and we will hang a personalized angel on the tree based on that information. No order is required unless there is a new name you want to include.

If there is a new name you want to include or if you have not previously ordered an ornament but would like an angel hung on the tree to remember a loved one, just drop a note in the collection basket at the back of the Church as you are leaving and we will prepare an angel for you.

Also you can send an email to the Parish Office with the name you wish placed on the tree.

A few Parishioners have already dropped notes and sent emails. There is still time to make a request.

There will be no charge this year as there is no ornament; however, if you would like to make a free will offering to St. Theresa's Church please ensure that your name, address and envelope box number are included along with your loved one's name so an income tax receipt may be provided. Offerings may be made in the usual ways: cash, cheque, e-transfer.

Please have your request in to the Parish Office during regular office hours by November 26 at noon so the angel will be on the tree for the first Sunday of Advent (November 28 and 29, 2020).

God Bless Our Dearly Departed Loved Ones!