



## *Christmas Giving Tree*

This Christmas season at the *Downtown Catholic* churches, we will assist several families in need within our community, identified by our Saint Vincent de Paul Societies. In each church will be a Giving Tree with ornaments identifying specific gifts for each family member.

*Please be generous, consider taking an ornament (or more!), and purchase the item requested.*

All gifts should be wrapped, have the ornament taped on the outside of the gift (for identification), and returned no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please contact Deacon Anthony Gallo (302-516-0883) with any questions or to **volunteer on December 15<sup>th</sup>** after the 11am Mass to sort the gifts.

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, this beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas.

This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.



*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment*

in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of his Blessed Mother. Amen.