# Saints Episcopal Food Pantry

Reverse Advent 24 DAYS OF GIVING 2025

Please join the parishes of 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry as we collect non-perishable food items for the pantry this Advent. Daily, place one of these items in a box at your home.

On Christmas Eve, bring the box to church so we can deliver to 4Saints.



# 24 Days of Giving Food: Reverse Advent calendar makes a positive difference

If you're looking for a meaningful Christmas tradition for yourself or your family, here is an idea that keeps the focus on the needs of others.

An Advent calendar is a traditional way to count the days to Christmas, creating a sense of excitement and anticipation. This Advent calendar invites you to **put one item of non-perishable food aside each December day before Christmas as a gift for people served by 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry.** 

### Here's what you do:

- Get a box. Wine or liquor boxes with cardboard compartments work well, but any box will do. Decorate it if you want or maybe even attach the December calendar we've provided.
- Add a food item to it daily. Our recommended list is below.
- On Christmas Eve, bring your box to church, or bring it when you can before Christmas Eve. Put it with the larger 4Saints collection box in the back of the church.

### Get kids involved with:

- Decorating the box
- Planning items to purchase
- Shopping & selecting items
- Putting an item in the box every day
- Praying
- Marking off the calendar
- Making a Christmas card to be included for the clients of 4Saints
- Remembering to bring the box to church!

## Add some prayer!

• Pray daily for people who need food assistance; Pray to see and serve other needs in our community

**Suggested non-perishable items:** Due to limited storage, please follow the size guidelines. Bigger is not better!

- Canned vegetables 15 oz cans
- Canned fruit 15 oz cans
- Canned soups 10.5 oz (no Ramen please!)
- Canned tuna 5 oz
- Cans or jars of spaghetti sauce (no glass)
- Boxes of pasta 16 oz (no bags)
- Rice 1 or 2 lb bags





- Mac & cheese boxed, 7.5 oz \* fan favorite!
- Boxed cereal 18 oz or less no bags
- Peanut butter, smooth 16-18 oz
- Diapers all sizes
- Baby wipes \* great need
- Feminine products \* great need