

# OUTREACH 2023

The outreach committee has identified a couple of projects that we would like to focus on this year.

We would like to refresh our commitment to SALT's personal wellness bank as a long-term project. This is ideal for those parishioners that want to participate in outreach from St Barnabas through donation of items. We will have the collection bin in the narthex shortly.

Working from the survey results after the April 23 service (excerpts on our website), I have been consulting with our neighbours in the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA). They have identified a strong need for support with their food scarcity program.

There are positions open for volunteer drivers to pick up surplus food from vendors a couple of times a month. This position takes about an hour and is on Monday afternoons. There is also a need for hosts to greet people who arrive at the HSCA building on Thursday afternoons to pick up food boxes from the "Good Food Box" program.

The association has provided detailed job descriptions and I would encourage you to consider talking to me about how you could participate.

If you feel led to participate in something else please feel free to contact me so that we can bring your excellent ideas to the Outreach Committee. We have left room in our program to take on short term events. Kersi and I would like to help you match ministry opportunities to your particular gifts. As part of your ministry team, our role is to equip people to discipleship. This includes challenging people to serve and take on leadership roles in ministry and discipleship.

The mission statement of St. Barnabas Parish is "to use to our full ability the gifts that God has given each of us in true Christian service to others in our parish and in our world outside our parish borders. We live our lives trying to follow the example of Jesus."

The Rev. Marcus Herrel