



IT IS TIME FOR

# CHRISTMAS AT SEA



As we prepare for the holidays, please consider helping with our Seafarers program at the port in Point Comfort. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic makes your gifts and donations even more important this year. Your gift(s) can brighten the life and console a seafarer far away from their family. **Let's add more fun and snacks to the presents this year!**

In 2020, we delivered 709 packages in Point Comfort with the help of numerous individuals and organizations. **THANK YOU!!!** New this year, we have an Amazon list for people to shop from and have the items sent directly to us for packaging. You can also use this list for ideas although it is incomplete. Some items are just a better value at your local Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, etc. If you or your group needs additional information, or you want the link for Amazon, please EMAIL Rhonda at [stellamaris@olgulf.org](mailto:stellamaris@olgulf.org).

Ships average 23 crewmembers each and delivery will begin December 1st and continue until all packages are delivered. It is never too early or too late to make and drop off your gifts. Please pack your gifts of love inside a standard shoe box (no boot or children's sizes) or a drawstring ditty bag (about 12" by 15"). If the packages are roughly all the same size, **hopefully the gifts will be of approximately equal value.**

Please try to pack your gifts full **with new items such as these:**

Shampoo	Body wash	Deodorant	Tissues
Q-tips	Chap stick	Lotion	Powder
Shaving cream	Razors	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Dental floss	Nail clippers/files	Wet wipes	Texas souvenir
Sewing kit	Ink pens	Crew socks	t-shirts (med or large)
Ski or ball cap	Small games	Gloves	Picture postcards
Snack crackers	Chips	Playing cards	M&M candies
Nuts	Trail mix	Chewing gum	Hard candies
Microwave popcorn	Cheap sunglasses	Flashlight w/batteries	<b>Non-perishables</b>
Fridge magnets	Hairbrush/comb	Band-aids	<b>Anything fun</b>

Then wrap boxes securely as one unit in Christmas paper. As there are very few women onboard the ships, we would request that the gifts be packed for **male** seafarers.

Completed packages can be dropped off at:

Diocese of Victoria Chancery, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria  
 Holy Family Catholic Church, 704 Mallette Drive, Victoria  
 Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 415 W. Austin Street, Port Lavaca  
 Russell Cain Real Estate, 2025 TX – 35, Port Lavaca

Or contact Rhonda at [stellamaris@olgulf.org](mailto:stellamaris@olgulf.org) for other arrangements