



# JAIL & OUTREACH MINISTRY –Connections

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*Justice...heals*

## JOM REFLECTIONS -

Reflecting on 2024 and 2025 creates quite a few emotions. For a moment there is hope with a pause in the Israeli war and exchange of hostages .

Our JOM Mission Statement speaks of walking with victims, offenders, and families of both. The families we serve at the holidays are struggling to make it day to day. The gifts from churches and individuals are really appreciated. Many families would not be able to have special gifts and meals if it was not for your generosity.

Before Christmas, a grandmother with custody of 1 teen and 2 young children came to Outreach. She had to beg a bus driver to let her on the bus. She had 43 cents to her name and the bus ticket is 50 cents. It was zero outside and fortunately the driver let her on the bus with a little lecture about the cost.

At the same time this person is looking for a new rental because the apartment bldg. has been sold and remodeling is taking place while they are living in it. Really! As soon as the lease is up, they are homeless unless they are able to find something in the meantime.

As we reflect on our world and people we know, a sign and need of Hope is a call in this Jubilee Year.

On December 26, 2024 Pope Francis went to open Holy Door at Rome's Rebibbia prison and his word to inmates all over the world is "to never lose hope." With your donations and prayer, we say in many different ways to families and individuals .. "**Never lose Hope.**"

Thank YOU!

"MELANCHOLY" by ALBERT GYORGY



**A quote from John Maddox about this powerful photo: "We may look as if we carry on with our lives as before. We may even have times of joy and happiness. Everything may seem "normal." But THIS, "Emptiness" is how we all feel...all the time." The hole in a grieving heart (and body) lasts forever .**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JOM? 2024-2025

At the end of September, we moved our JOM office to storage. A day later we had an appointment at the Riker Bldg and were able to lease an office. We are still bringing office items to the new office. Thanks for working with us as you called trying to find out the delivery date and place for distribution of holiday items. We distributed items from St Damien/Vincents as well as the lower portion of a Riker parking garage and a small bus operated by Orion Community Fellowship on a local parking lot. Creative indeed!! Thank you again and again!

### Dates for Distribution of Donations

**Site of Distribution : As in the past, St Vincent/St Damien Gym**  
**EASTER WEDNESDAY APRIL 9 Deliveries between 8:15-AM-9:30 AM**  
**THANKSGIVING MONDAY NOVEMBER 17**  
**CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17**

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

