

Port City Youth Exclusive News

Christmas

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It takes place on the 25th of December. Many people erect Christmas trees, decorate their homes, visit family or friends and exchange gifts. People decorate their yards with different lights and signs. Also decorate trees with ornaments and lights. Santa Claus is really big around this time of the year. Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, or simply Santa, is a legendary figure originating in Western Christian culture who is said to bring gifts to the homes of well-behaved children on Christmas Eve. Have a beloved and safe Christmas !

Giving Back

Here are a few charities you can give visit for help this Christmas :

- **Salvation Army Christmas Charity**—During the Christmas season, volunteers with Salvation Army's red kettles are commonly seen in front of retail stores throughout the country. They ask for donations to help provide assistance to local families. You can turn to the Salvation Army for help with Christmas dinner as well as toys and clothes. In fact, seasonal aid is available to local families, elderly people, those who have lost jobs, and others who may be struggling.

- **Toys for Tots**— If you're worried about your child not having a merry Christmas with a brand new toy from Santa, Toys for Tots can step in to help. The organization collects toys and distributes them to kids who are in need to brighten their holidays. Visit their official website to find out how to receive this service.

Chocolate Crinkles

- In a medium bowl, mix together cocoa, white sugar, and vegetable oil. Beat in eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into the cocoa mixture. Cover dough, and chill for at least 4 hours.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. Roll dough into one inch balls. I like to use a number 50 size scoop. Coat each ball in confectioners' sugar before placing onto prepared cookie sheets.
- Bake in preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand on the cookie sheet for a minute before transferring to wire racks to cool.
- For list of ingredients go to <https://www.allrecipes.com>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 21st—First Day of Winter
- ◆ December 21st— Winter Break
- ◆ December 25th—Christmas