

ST. PAUL R.C. CHURCH

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Dear Parish Family:

Although this is a difficult time for all of us, I really want to thank the priests, parish staff, and our parish family for the ways we have been responding and supporting and praying for one another. We will continue to do our best to live stream celebrations of holy Mass and other spiritual events that can keep us united and keep us growing in our relationships with Christ during this Lenten season. We will keep you posted on important information as we become aware.

I understand that this is also a difficult time for families from a financial standpoint. Some of you are perhaps concerned about your employment, others may be fortunate enough to be receiving what you are accustomed to but are still concerned about the financial security of your families. With all that being said, I would like to ask you to consider the financial situation of St. Paul Church. As I'm sure you are aware, we are totally dependent on donations for our parish life: maintenance and upkeep of our church and parish campus and the wonderful staff and ministries that form our Parish life. Without the celebration of Sunday Eucharist and the opportunity for our parishioners to give in the offertory collection to Christ to His Church, we will not be able to maintain the financial health of our parish. Therefore, I am asking all parish families to consider the following:

- 1) If you haven't already, I ask you consider becoming part of our Parish Giving e-giving program. Included with this communication is a way to set up a parish giving account for your parish or log into Parish Giving at <https://parishgiving.org>
- 2) If you are still using parish envelopes, we invite you to mail your envelope in to the parish or bring it to the front door of the parish office where you can leave it in the locked mailbox or place it in the mail slot in the door. The parish office is closed but we will check these mailboxes regularly.
- 3) We will be developing a parish GoFundMe Page as another way people can support the parish and ministries of St Paul.

Our parish family is strong and resilient and with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ we will manage the tough few weeks ahead. Let's continue to pray for one another as we celebrate Lent. Thank you for your sacrificial generosity.

Peace in Jesus and Mary
Father John Gabriel, Pastor