

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

We thank you for being part of St Teresa of Calcutta Parish. We are so grateful for you, and all that you bring to our parish home. During these trying times, it is our hope and prayer that each of you stay safe and healthy and adhere to the recommendations of health authorities. We also want you to know that our Bishop and Priests are celebrating Masses privately for your intentions.

As much as possible, parish offices will continue to operate via phone and email, to serve the needs of you, the parishioners. As you know, we've been making a lot of changes to keep our whole parish family safe, cared for, and protected. So far we've implemented (mention a few things).

This is a delicate subject; it is uncomfortable to talk about giving and the need for the ongoing support of your parish, especially at this critical time. We all know that every parish, throughout our diocese, relies on your financial support to operate — which includes parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (insurance, water, electricity, etc.), all of which would not be possible without your ongoing generosity.

Because our Sunday Masses have been temporarily suspended, we are unable to take up the offertory collections that we rely on for the ongoing parish operations and needs. We are asking you to please support your parish at this time so that we can, not only attend to the needs of our parish, but also our greater community. Please contact your parish office to see which of the following options might be available and best to you:

1. Mail a cheque to your parish office;
2. Drop off a cheque to your parish office, perhaps through a mail slot if and whenever this is feasible;
3. E-transfer your offering to your parish by using the parish's e-mail address, please contact the parish office before doing this to ensure your e-transfer is to the correct email;
4. Contribute through pre-authorized giving (the PAD program). Please contact your parish office to receive an application form and it will be either e-mailed to you, or sent in the mail;
5. Contribute through the [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org), [www.canadadonates.com](http://www.canadadonates.com) or other similar websites and they will forward your donation to the parish and will issue income

tax receipts. This should be one of the last options as fees to these organizations can range from 6% to 9% thus taking away from direct support of our organization that you support.

We thank you for your generosity and ongoing support you give to your parish, especially in these challenging times. May God shower you and your family with an abundance of his blessings and keep you close to his heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul Erzoah-Bebodu,  
Parish Administrator