

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Having received a number of inquiries from our parishioners about how they can continue to fulfill their obligations to support St. Joseph in this time of upheaval, I would like to share the words of Bishop Malone:

I am not unaware of the financial burden this will place on Churches who depend, week by week, on their collections. Please keep in mind that virtually everyone in our community and state is going to be negatively impacted economically by these measures. Tithing, or the support of our parish Churches by the Sunday collection is NOT a fee for services rendered. We do not "pay" for Mass – we tithe and contribute to our Churches so that they can carry on their mission throughout the year, not only as the community gathers for Sunday Mass. The ministries, the utilities, and the works of the Church continue.

We thank you for generously giving to our parish especially in this time of need. There are several ways to continue to make your regular contribution:

- ❖ Donations can be mailed in to 211 Atlantic Ave Shreveport LA 71105
- ❖ Drop off donations at the church office located at the address above
- ❖ Contribute online through e-giving ([here](#))
- ❖ Use Text to Give from your phone (Text "GIVE" to 318-310-8723)
- ❖ Contact your financial institution and use bill pay

The Church office will continue observing normal office hours. The priests and deacons are available to meet your sacramental needs (Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum). Our office staff is available during office hours to meet the needs of our parish and our community.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

In Jesus Christ through Mary Immaculate,
Fr. Long