

The Parish Finance Council would like to extend prayers and best wishes to everyone during these trying times, as all are doing our part to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community. While normal weekend and daily Masses have been suspended across the Diocese and nation, the work of the church continues.

Your Finance Council is closely monitoring our parish's financial status, and our income goals are being challenged, since tithes are not able to be collected at weekend Masses.

Additionally, many of us are having our own personal income reduced or eliminated. To compensate for this, Saint James Church is temporarily halting all discretionary spending and attempting to minimize unavoidable expenses (such as utilities) to the degree possible.

We recognize that many parishioners prefer to tithe by placing checks or envelopes in the collection at weekend Masses, and we are asking for everyone to please continue their tithing via alternative methods until we are all able to worship together once again.

Here are some alternative ways you can tithe:

1. NEW! From your smartphone text a contribution of any amount (i.e. \$10, \$20, \$50) to 662-222-0464. You will be provided a link to supply source information for that contribution (from bank account or credit/debit card), and the funds will automatically go directly into the St James bank account.

2. More and more parishioners are finding it convenient to use this link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1435> to setup recurring payments from a bank account or debit/credit card on a regular schedule. Please give this prayerful consideration.

3. You can continue to mail checks to St. James Church, P.O. Box 734, Tupelo, MS 38804. We hope you are finding alternative ways to worship from your homes via the internet or television. One of the ways we worship God is by returning thanks through tithing.

We are eternally grateful for your continued sacrifice to keep God's work sustained in our community.

Sincerely,
The Saint James Finance Council
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