



## SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

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Hello Everyone

I would like to update you on the process we followed since the church was closed because of Covid-19.

Once the church was closed, we immediately had to reduce expenses. Donations fell off substantially by 67 percent, and as directed by the Diocese, we had to temporarily lay off all but one of our staff members.

Donations to the parish, mostly from credit cards, debit cards and E Transfers, have carried us through the pandemic to this point. Some envelope donors have also stepped up. Thank God for all those who have kept us going to this point.

The bishop has deferred the payment of our mortgage until December 31, 2020. After that, we will have to resume our mortgage payment of \$20,000 per month.

The bishop has also deferred our monthly diocesan support payment until December 31, 2020. After that we will have to resume this payment of \$12,200 per month.

Other expenses, wages, cleaning costs and snow removal will be upon us soon.

We are about to open the church to 100 people for weekend masses. This will require more volunteers to sanitize and direct attendees to their seats. To learn more about volunteering at mass, please click [HERE](#).

Weekly donations are at about 1/3 of what they were last year from \$16,000 a week to \$4,000 per week, and with the increase in expenses anticipated for 2021, we will clearly run a deficit without increased funding. The word deficit means we will run out of cash fairly quickly.

So I am asking all parishioners to establish a regular donation amount within your financial abilities. I realize that donations are private and are a matter of your own heart. I also realize that the call to give what you can doesn't mean you put your family in financial jeopardy.

However as Catholics, we all have a responsibility to fund the operations of our church whether we can be there as full participants or not.

The dispensation by the Bishop for Sunday attendance is still in effect. So think of every weekday Mass as a Sunday Mass. Collection baskets are at the back of the church for every Mass. If you can't attend or don't feel comfortable attending, your donation can be dropped off at the office, or in the secure black mailbox outside the basement doors.

We would like to move to the use of Visa, MasterCard, debit or E transfer where possible for regular donations. The cost of having printed envelopes each year is \$5,000, so by moving to electronic ways of giving, the savings would go a long way towards other necessary expenses.

To learn more about how to donate via credit card, debit or E transfer, please click [HERE](#).

Jesus said "Give and it will be given to you...With the measure you use, it will be measured to you". (Luke 6:38)

Pastor - St Albert the Great Parish