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Dear Parishioners,

This article is about money to fund our parish operations. The Covid-19 shutdown has lasted far longer than we first estimated, or that we had hoped. We all long for times to go back to normal. In late April we were blessed with the PPP loans that have been helping sustain us these last two months, but now that is coming to an end this weekend. We have to start relying only on our regular Sunday offertory donations. **Our Regular offertory** has been running about 60% of normal since our shutdown and partial opening in April. This last Sunday's offering was \$12,000.00, but we need \$23,500 to pay all the bills. We can cut back only so much before furloughs or layoffs.

**The Hand in Hand** Campaign has reached its three years' time period for most donors. We are asking that everyone continue supporting "Hand in Hand yellow envelopes" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, much as we did for the church construction 20 years ago. There have been no rentals since mid-March, and those upcoming soon have been cancelled. We still have principal and interest payments to go for some time as well as insurance and upkeep.

We thank those of you who have been continuing your generous support through this crisis by dropping off or mailing your envelopes to us or through electronic giving on line.

**Going forward FAITH DIRECT or electronic giving** offers you and us our best hope.

**It is also the easiest way for you to support your parish.**

**It gives us income we can always count on whether you are here at Mass or not.**

Changes to your giving amount, up or down, can be made at any time, 24 hours a day on-line, even from your phone at the last minute. Catherine Guillory will be at some of the English Masses with her tablet to assist you or you can call the parish office and speak to Louie DeLaCruz for assistance.

You don't ever have to worry about forgetting envelopes at home again.

You don't have to ask us why the Post Office did not send your envelopes this month.

The church doesn't have to pay for your envelopes & postage to be sent, a cost over \$8.50 per set each year.

I signed up myself & found it easy and user friendly—you can talk to a person if you like.

Your parish can count on you every week to have enough to pay essential bills

Sign up on **MY Parish APP** or our website: [www.stjeromehou.org](http://www.stjeromehou.org)

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you and keep you safe!

Fr. Dan