

Dear SMA Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I was impressed by the March 19th Times-Picayune article from a lady who wrote: "I suggest all Catholics continue to make their contributions to the church as they would have at Mass. If you participate in the envelope system, mail your check each week to your parish church. If you usually put cash in the collection, consider writing a check and sending it in. I would also like to suggest increasing your contribution. After all, what do you have to spend it on? Restaurants, bars, movie theaters, etc. are closed. Our parishes still have to pay bills."

It is true that SMA's weekly bills will continue to come in, even though weekly, in-person Masses and collections are not taking place. The parish bulletins are still being published and are available at our parish office. This gives you an opportunity to deliver your envelope to the secretary or place it in the mailbox. If you prefer, you can mail in your weekly collection envelopes. "Thank you for all you can do and tell others also about our needs."

When you pray, don't tell God how big the pandemic is, but rather, tell the pandemic how BIG our God is.

Be assured of my prayers daily and a remembrance at Mass.

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us.

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