



Saint Joseph Church

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To our parishioners and friends,

During this most difficult time, myself, Fr. Fernando and the entire parish staff are praying for all of you. We feel the loss of public Masses as much as you do and we miss seeing you and interacting with you on a regular basis as we are so accustomed to do. We are praying not only for you but for all of the residents of the towns we encompass and for anyone susceptible to this terrible disease. We must remain hopeful, knowing that Our Lord is in our midst and He continues to watch over us. Although we are not able to celebrate public Masses, we are working to stay close to one another through our [parish website](#) as well as through streamed and pre-recorded content on our [parish Facebook page](#).

In addition to your prayers of support, there are also various ways we can continue to support our parish during these days. Your financial support is still crucial to the operation of our parish. Our staff must continue to be paid and we must also keep current with our utilities if the Church is to be open for prayer during the day. You may continue to mail-in or drop-off your weekly envelopes or you can contribute to the parish through our [online giving system](#).

Please take the time to read the remainder of this letter which details an Archdiocesan-wide effort to support parishes in need. If, after reading through the details, you are interested in supporting this effort, you can make a contribution to our GoFundMe campaign:
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/st-joseph-church-bogota>

The Archdiocese of Newark is coordinating with the team at GoFundMe to provide one online location for the faithful to support the critical needs of their own parish (through this page) or other parish communities (through the Parishes in Need fund). The faithful may also contribute through their usual channels (e.g., envelopes, other online giving, the Annual Appeal).

Please [consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish through our GoFundMe page](#), or to the *Parishes in Need* fund, which will be used to conduct outreach to those in need and support those communities struggling to continue to pay their employees and church utility bills through this crisis. Contributions raised through the parish GoFundMe page will benefit that parish.

Cardinal Tobin has waived the usual archdiocesan assessment for contributions raised through this initiative. GoFundMe does not charge a platform fee (0%). There is a 0% platform fee and only an industry-standard payment processing fee of 1.9% + \$0.30 per donation. If a charity receives a donation of \$100, they will net \$97.80. Donors will also have the option to tip GoFundMe Charity to support their continued business.

Thank you for your generosity to your parish and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Attanasio, Pastor

