

## **Offertory gifts needed for parishes to continue ministries despite pandemic**

CHARLOTTE — Masses may be canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the work of the Church goes on.

The 92 churches across western North Carolina are still performing vital ministry work – though a bit differently with public health restrictions in place. Baptisms and funerals, Masses online and outdoor confessions, prayer support and community outreach – these efforts and more continue so as to meet people’s spiritual needs and provide educational resources through the web.

Offertory collections at Sunday Masses have been the largest source of income for parishes to fund their ministry efforts. With very limited or no Sunday Masses during the coronavirus pandemic, collections could dwindle and put at risk that work unless people respond.

So that their parish can continue its ministry work and cover its operating costs, parishioners are being encouraged to consider mailing in their Sunday offertory gifts or giving online, if possible.

“Our parishes are dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue their ministries in this critical time of crisis when we are not able to go to Mass,” said Jim Kelley, diocesan development director. He added, “We are still called to give our time and our financial resources. We have a spiritual need to give in gratitude for all the blessings we receive.” Now may be a good time to transition from the traditional envelopes to online giving, he suggested.

“A number of people have told me that they are giving online for the first time,” he said, and others are making an extra effort to mail in their offertory gifts every week.

About two-thirds of the diocese’s 92 churches and missions offer online giving.

The intent of online giving is to move away from weekly envelopes and toward a regular system of giving that can provide income to the parish, and for second collections, even when the parishioner isn’t at church on a given Sunday. It also eases the workload of parish staff and volunteer counters after the weekend Masses.

“There’s no question that our top priority is to help meet the needs of people in this crisis,” Kelley said. “The generosity and support of people across our diocese will also help the Church weather the challenges posed by this unprecedented public health threat.”

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<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>MAILING ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>ONLINE GIVING?</u></b>
Christ the King Church	1505 MLK Jr. Dr., High Point, NC 27260	Y
Christ the King Mission	818 McGowan Road, Shelby NC 28150	Y
Church of the Epiphany Mission	163 Galax Lane, Blowing Rock, NC 28605	
Divine Redeemer Church	209 Lon Ave., Boonville, NC 27011	
Good Shepherd Mission	105 Good Shepherd Dr., King, NC 27021	Y
Holy Angels Church	1208 North Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030-3640	Y
Holy Cross Church	616 South Cherry St., Kernersville, NC 27284	Y
Holy Family Church	4820 Kinnamon Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	Y
Holy Infant Church	1042 Freeway Dr., Reidsville, NC 27320	
Holy Redeemer Church	214 Aquone Road, Andrews, NC 28901	
Holy Spirit Church	537 NC 16 Business, Denver, NC 28037	Y
Holy Trinity Church	1041 NC Hwy. 90 West, Taylorsville, NC 28681	
Immaculate Conception Church	1024 West Main St., Forest City, NC 28043	
Immaculate Conception Church	611 N. Church Street, Suite 101, Hendersonville, NC 28792	Y
Immaculate Conception Mission	42 Newfound St., Canton, NC 28716	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	4145 Johnson St., High Point, NC 27265	Y
Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission	P.O. Box 546, Murphy, NC 28906	Y
Our Lady of Consolation Church	1235 Badger Court, Charlotte, NC 28206	Y
Our Lady of Fatima Mission	211 West Third St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101	
Our Lady of Grace Church	2203 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403	Y
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church	6212 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Y
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission	316 Main St., Bryson City, NC 28713	Y
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	725 Deese St., Monroe, NC 28112	Y
Our Lady of Mercy Church	1730 Link Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	Y
Our Lady of the Americas Church	298 Farmers Market Road, Biscoe, NC 27209	Y
Our Lady of the Angels Mission	290 N. Garden St., Marion, NC 28752	Y
Our Lady of the Annunciation Church	416 N. Second St., Albemarle, NC 28001	
Our Lady of the Assumption Church	4207 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215	Y
Our Lady of the Highways Church	943 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC 27360	Y
Our Lady of the Mountains Mission	315 North 5th St., Highlands, NC 28741	
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	619 South Main St., Lexington, NC 27292	Y
Prince of Peace Mission	704 Tallulah Road, Route 129 South, Robbinsville, NC 28771	
Queen of the Apostles Church	503 North Main St., Belmont, NC 28012	Y
Sacred Heart Church	150 Brian Berg Lane, Brevard, NC 28712	Y
Sacred Heart Church	375 Lumen Christi Lane, Salisbury, NC 28147	Y
Sacred Heart Mission	205 South Rutherford St., Wadesboro, NC 28170	
Sacred Heart Mission	P.O. Box 1406, Mars Hill, NC 28754	
St. Aloysius Church	921 Second St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601	Y
St. Andrew the Apostle Church	P.O. Box 1406, Mars Hill, NC 28754	Y
St. Ann Church	3635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209	Y
St. Barnabas Church	109 Crescent Hill Dr., Arden, NC 28704	Y
St. Basil the Great Eastern Catholic Church	1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213	Y
St. Bernadette Mission	P.O. BOX 1252, Linville, NC 28646	Y
St. Benedict Church	109 West Smith St., Greensboro, NC 27401	Y
St. Benedict the Moor Church	1625 East 12th St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101	
St. Charles Borromeo Church	728 West Union St., Morganton, NC 28655	Y
St. Dorothy Church	148 Saint Dorothy's Lane, Lincolnton, NC 28092	Y
St. Elizabeth Church	259 Pilgrims Way, Boone, NC 28607	Y
St. Eugene Church	72 Culvern St., Asheville, NC 28804	Y
St. Frances of Rome Mission	29 Highland Dr., Sparta, NC 28675	

St. Francis of Assisi Church	299 Maple St., Franklin, NC 28734	Y
St. Francis of Assisi Church	167 St. Francis Pl., Jefferson, NC 28640	
St. Francis of Assisi Church	328-B Woodsway Lane NW, Lenoir, NC 28645	Y
St. Francis of Assisi Church	862 Yadkinville Road, Mocksville, NC 27028	
St. Gabriel Church	3016 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211	Y
St. Helen Mission	341 Dallas-Spencer Mountain Road, Gastonia, NC 28056	
St. James Church	1018 West Hamlet Ave. (US Hwy. 74), Hamlet, NC 28345	
St. James the Greater Church	139 Manor Ave. SW, Concord, NC 28025	Y
St. Joan of Arc Church	768 Asbury Road, Candler, NC 28715	Y
St. John Baptist de la Salle Church	275 CC Wright School Road, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659	Y
St. John Lee Korean Church	7109 Robinson Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28215	Y
St. John Neumann Church	8451 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28227	Y
St. John the Baptist Church	180 Laurel Ave., Tryon, NC 28782	
St. John the Evangelist Church	234 Church, St., Waynesville, NC 28786	Y
St. Joseph Church	720 West 13th St., Newton, NC 28658	Y
St. Joseph Church	512 West Wainman Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203	
St. Joseph Church	316 Main St., Bryson City, NC 28713	Y
St. Joseph Church	108 Saint Joseph St., Kannapolis, NC 28083	
St. Joseph of the Hills Church	316 Boone Road, Eden, NC 27288	
St. Joseph Vietnamese Church	4929 Sandy Porter Road, Charlotte, NC 28273	Y
St. Jude Mission	3011 US-64, Sapphire, NC 28774	
St. Lawrence Basilica	P. O. Box 1850, Asheville, NC 28802	Y
St. Leo the Great Church	335 Springdale Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27104	Y
St. Lucien	P.O. BOX 688, Spruce Pine, NC 28777	
St. Luke Church	13700 Lawyers Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227	Y
St. Margaret Mary Church	102 Andrew Pl., Swannanoa, NC 28778	Y
St. Margaret of Scotland Church	P.O. Box 1359, Maggie Valley, NC 28751	Y
St. Mark Church	14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078	Y
St. Mary Church	812 Duke St., Greensboro, NC 27401	Y
St. Mary Help of Christians Church	818 McGowan Road, Shelby, NC 28150	Y
St. Mary, Mother of God Church	22 Bartlett St., Sylva, NC 28779	Y
St. Matthew Church	8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy., Charlotte, NC 28277	Y
St. Michael the Archangel Church	708 St Michael's Lane Gastonia, NC 28052	Y
St. Patrick Cathedral	1621 Dilworth Road East, Charlotte, NC 28203	Y
St. Paul the Apostle Church	2715 Horse Pen Creek Road, Greensboro, NC 27410	Y
St. Peter Church	507 South Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202	Y
St. Peter Yu Korean Church	4112 Romaine St., Greensboro, NC 27407	Y
St. Philip the Apostle Church	525 Camden Dr., Statesville, NC 28677	Y
St. Pius X Church	2210 North Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27408	Y
St. Stephen Mission	101 Hawthorne Road, Elkin, NC 28621	Y
St. Therese Church	217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC 28117	Y
St. Thomas Aquinas Church	1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213	Y
St. Vincent de Paul Church	6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210	Y
St. William Church	P.O. Box 546, Murphy, NC 28906	Y