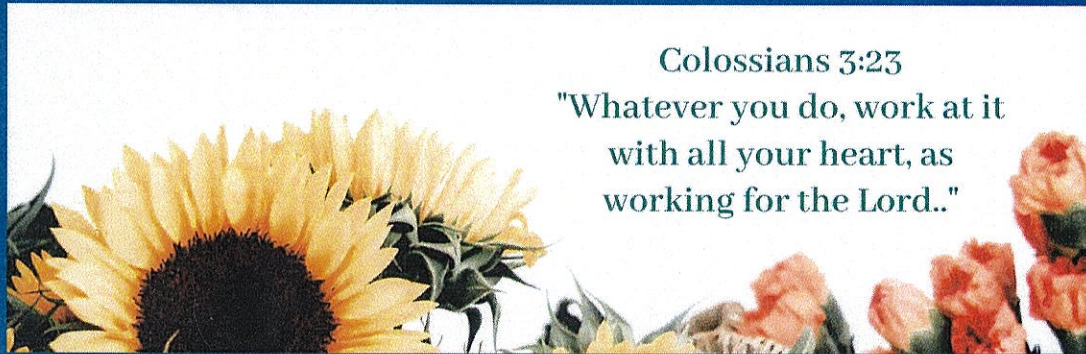


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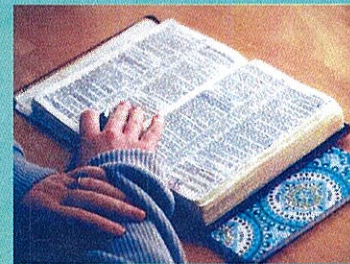
"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as
working for the Lord.."

St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of 8/21/2020

Stewardship:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,358	\$2,423	-\$1,065
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$17,484	\$16,962	+\$522



Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$161	\$308	-\$147
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$2,193	\$2,156	+\$37

Repair & Maintenance: as of 8/21/2020

Actual	Month Budget	Diff.
\$490	\$1,667	-\$1,177

Special Second Collection: 8/29 - 8/30/2020

Shrine & St. Jude - Port of Beirut - Disaster Relief

Sunday 8/23/2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions:

Shrine: Dan Klapetzky

1. That Church leaders and faithful believers practice charity and patience with one another, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
- **That temporal rulers and civil leaders resist temptation and root out corruption, ... We pray to the Lord.**
1. That those who know the gift of friendship and marriage remain constant in love through every trial, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. That those separated by death from those they love take comfort in the promise of the resurrection, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. That this community be healed of every division, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For the repose of the soul of **John Murphy** for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

Meditation:

Shepherd and Rock

Above the sanctuary of Saint Peter's basilica in Rome, written in huge lettering of gold mosaic, is this promise of Jesus to his chief apostle: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.. I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

These words are held by Catholics as the basis for the papacy, applying to the bishop of Rome as the successor to Peter, to be the chief spokesman for the church's living faith, and wielder of the spiritual power of the keys.

We must not be too simplistic in how we apply those words to the original Peter and even more so to his successors. Non-catholic Christians, our brethren in the Protestant churches, do not accept that there could be any succession, in the full sense, to the position held by Saint Peter. They find any claims to juridical and absolute authority for the papacy, under titles like "apostolic jurisdiction" or "the power of the keys" to be out of harmony with the Gospel message. They interpret differently what today's Gospel means for leadership in the Church. We need not insist that the Roman way is the only way of taking Christ's words. Still, this Gospel deserves close attention for what it says about faith, enlightenment and leadership, and guidance for our own lives.

Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?" although Peter's credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: "Son of the Living God," expressing more richly what "Christ" means. Peter's worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his

Jesus: "You know that I love you." The task is not one of stern domination, or merely of the efficient organisation of Christ's Church. Pastor and penitent at once, convert and the support for other converted sinners, he leads the faithful by witness and example. This pastoral understanding of authority finds a lovely echo in the first epistle of Peter. Elders or leaders are asked to "tend the flock of God, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (5:13.) Just so, Peter tended the early church by sharing his deep faith in Christ the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel. Such an ideal situation of harmony in the Church is briefly sketched for us in the Acts (2:42ff; 4:32f.)

What of today's Church, spread in all continents, united under the leadership of pope Francis? How can this work of teaching, encouraging and uniting so many millions of baptized believers be carried on? Jesus remains at the center, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up his people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love. Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve. But in some sense, we get the service that we deserve. It is for us to make known to our pastors both our appreciation and our loyal criticisms; especially to pray for them, for their courage and perseverance. Today we particularly remember the present successor of Peter, our Pope; that God may establish him in faith and wisdom; that being strong in himself, he may confirm the brethren; and that as Chief Shepherd he may help us on our way to the Kingdom.

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