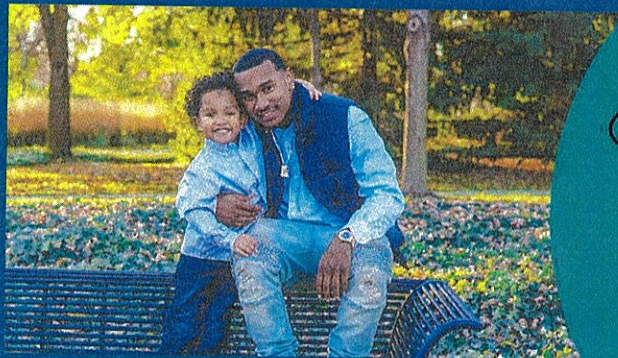


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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague  
Parish Weekly Update as of August 28, 2020.

## Stewardship:

### St. Jude: 8/23/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,130	\$2,423	-\$1,293
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$18,614	\$19,385	-\$771



### Shrine: 8/22/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$175	\$308	-\$133
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$2,368	\$2,464	-\$96

### Repair & Maintenance: 8/23/2020 Month to Date

MTD	Budget	MTD Diff.
\$500	\$1,667	-\$1,167

**Reminder Special Collection this coming Sunday  
8/30:**

Port of Beirut. - Shrine and St. Jude

**Second & Special Collections September 2020:**

9/13 - Repair & Maintenance - St. Jude

Psalms - 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd - Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel:**

Matthew 16:21-27

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

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**August 30, 2020**

**The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Response...Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the Church will serve as a model, leading us to take up Christ's cross, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
- **That the world's policy makers will approach their mission with mindfulness of the need for global peace,... We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That students and teachers returning to school, whether in person or virtually, will approach their challenges with a love for learning, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That those who find it hard to trust their neighbors will work toward a dialogue of mutual respect, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
  
1. That all who gather here will find strength and support in this caring and loving community of believers, ... **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 intentions of **Barry & Kathy Rogerson** 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.**

**Mediation:**

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***The Cost of Discipleship***

If invited to pick and choose within the Gospels, and form our religion only with what appeals to us, what a cozy, comfortable church we would have! We might keep the stories about Christ's birth and infancy, his temptation in the desert and his healing miracles. We would include our favorite parables, like the Prodigal son, the Pharisee and the Publican, and of course, the Good Samaritan. But would we leave out that Gospel for today, that hard teaching about renouncing self, taking up the cross, losing our lives for the sake of Jesus? And even if we have not renounced it,

we will allow, God's Word challenges us out of any complacency with a comfortable, conforming religion. It unmasks our many evasions, our double standards, our desire for "cheap grace" — wanting salvation at cut price, unwilling to involve ourselves in sacrifice.

Perhaps a clue to this demand is in the first reading, in Jeremiah's extraordinary accusation that he was *seduced* by God. Letting his prophetic vocation overpower him, Jeremiah was involved in many a thankless task. He had *fallen in love with God*, so that nothing held him back from doing God's will, no matter where this might lead. Have we fallen in love with Christ? Are we seduced by him, so as to give to his service all that is ours to give? Wouldn't that be *becoming a living sacrifice*?

We might overly focus on the "renunciation" in today's Gospel so as to miss its positive aspect. All growth, all lasting achievement demands effort and sacrifice. Yet the sacrifice can be a satisfying part of experience, when orientated towards a high and valued goal. (Examples: athletic training; mountain-climbing; studying a language; practicing any skill.) So, the self discipline involved in Christian life, and accepting the circumstances in which God places us, contribute to our personal destiny. And we look forward in hope to the great reward of loyal service — when the Son of man, coming in glory, will reward all according to their behavior.

**\*Verbatim from Association of Catholic Priests website.\***

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/08/30-august-2020-22nd-sunday-year-a/>

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