

*St. Jude and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague*

*Weekly Update - Sunday 3/29/2020*

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Stewardship

**St. Jude 3/22/2020**

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$395	\$2423	-\$2028
<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$83,709	\$92,077	-\$8,368

**Shrine 3/21/2020**

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$0	\$308	-\$308
<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$14,740	\$11,692	+\$3,048

**Message from the Pastor**

My dear friends,

I received first confession and first communion in the 1940s. Religion was an experience of austerity. I recall being invited to celebrate my friend Tommy's birthday at his family dinner. The day was a Friday and dinner consisted of roast beef and roasted vegetables. I had been taught to never break the church rule regarding meat on Fridays. Tommy's mother telephoned my mother and then made me a grilled cheese sandwich and salad. Rules were not to be broken or bent. The only valid reason to miss Sunday mass was your own death. That mass would ever be cancelled was inconceivable. In many ways we were like the Pharisees who followed the rules compunctiously but without reflection.

That mass can be cancelled for the greater good is a mark of a new spirituality. Today we respond to value rather than law. Holy mass is of tremendous value. As such we hold it in higher esteem. We realize that we can hold value and suspend it for the greater good. When the threat of the virus is past, we will bring forward our response to the value and celebrate God together. Meanwhile, we hold tighter to the Lenten values, prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Charles**

**Shared by the Diocese**

The Bishop's COVID-19 Test results: **Test results Negative.**  
Read more in article below.

[https://richmonddiocese.org/bishop-barry-c-knestout-self-quarantines-as-a-precaution/?fbclid=IwAR0cWeHKEHo-EKXX0inolmue0tY\\_HirXooN1k9cilUMlq6FfJwBz9djllwA](https://richmonddiocese.org/bishop-barry-c-knestout-self-quarantines-as-a-precaution/?fbclid=IwAR0cWeHKEHo-EKXX0inolmue0tY_HirXooN1k9cilUMlq6FfJwBz9djllwA)

**Useful Links:**

**Daily Mass with Bishop Barron:**

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

**St. Jude Youtube Channel for Sunday Mass: (Starting 3/29/2020)**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYoOhy\\_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYoOhy_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ?view_as=subscriber)

**Online Giving Option: Support your parish with e-giving.**

<https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/>

**Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:**

John 11:1-45

**Focusing on the Gospel**

***"I am the resurrection and the life."***

From the beginning of creation, death has been a part of life. In raising Lazarus from death, Jesus shows that he is the Lord of life. Next week, on Palm Sunday, we will read the words from the passion according to Mathew, how at the moment of his death, Jesus "cried out...in a loud voice, / and gave up his spirit." The one who proclaimed. "I am the resurrection and the life" humbles himself to the point of death on a cross. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus foreshadows his own dying and rising. Unlike Lazarus, Jesus does not live to die again but is a new creation, the resurrected one who has passed through death and entered an even fuller life – life everlasting.

\*Living Liturgy\*

**Prayers of the Faithful / Prayer Requests**

***\*Lord Hear our Prayer\****

\* That the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church continue to proclaim the value of human life, let us pray to the Lord:

\* That the nations of the world know the love and peace of Jesus, who wept for Lazarus, let us pray to the Lord:

\* That those preparing for the Easter sacraments learn to die to self like Jesus in order to rise like Lazarus, let us pray to the Lord:

\* That the sick be healed, the dying be comforted, and their caregivers be renewed in spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

\* That those who gather around this table reach out with love to those who grieve, let us pray to the Lord:

***Prayer Requests can be submitted to:***

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