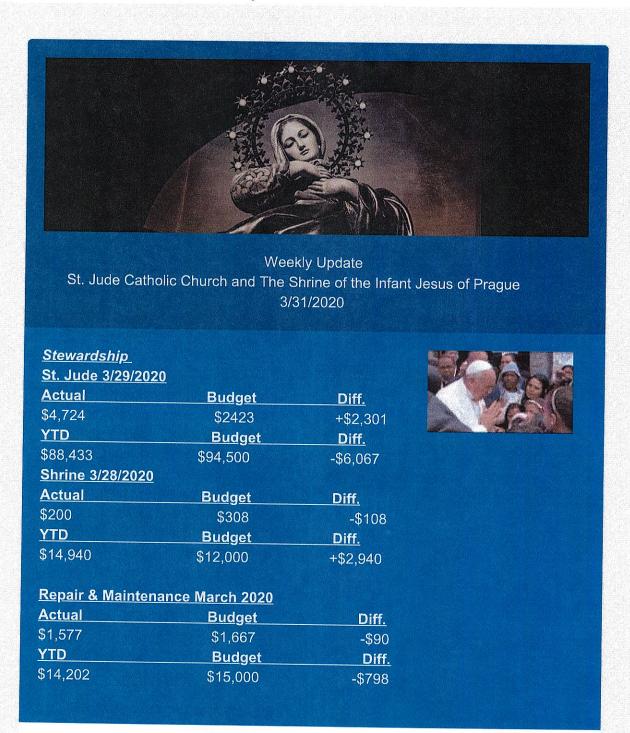
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Readings for Palm Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Palm Sunday Mass will offered for the Repose of the souls of:

Healed by his wounds

"He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth" (Is 53:7). For the followers of Christ, this Isaiah text evokes a response deep down within us,

wise guidance in this community, ... we pray to the Lord.

* That all who struggle with mental, physical, and emotional illness find strength and courage for the trials of daily life, ... we pray to the Lord.

* For all affected by COVID-19, their families, first responders and medical professionals, that God be with, heal, and protect them, we pray to the Lord.

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/UCPY oOhy_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ?

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

https://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/



After hearing the Passion narrative there is no need to retrace in great detail the events there described. But we might reflect how Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life. "Being in the form of God," as St Paul says, from the moment he came on earth, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are (Phil 2:6f). He, the most high God, suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is, to have a thankless child; " and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others. In prayer we realize that the sweatstained features of Jesus were the features of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the cross, the body wounded, the side pierced with a lance, were the flesh of the eternal Word, who dwelt among us. Why did he suffer so much? In the words of Isaiah, "On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole." May the grace of his Passion bring healing to us.

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