

Parish Weekly Update as of 8/6/2020

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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Weekly Parish Update as of August 6,2020.

Stewardship: 8/1-8/2/2020

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$2,763	\$2,423	+\$340
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$12,130	\$12,115	+\$15

Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$444	\$308	+\$136
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$1,569	\$1,540	+29



Second Collections-

August:

8/9 - Repair & Maintenance - St. Jude

September-

9/13 - Repair & Maintenance - St. Jude

9/27 - Share in the Care - St. Jude

October-

10/11 - Repair & Maintenance - St. Jude

10/18 - World Missions - St. Jude & Shrine

Prayers of the Faithful:

1. For Church leaders, ordained and lay, for a spirit of reconciliation, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- **For this nation and every nation, for progress toward peace through justice,...** **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the working poor, the elderly, and the homeless, for a living wage, good medical care, and a safe environment, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. That all who share pastoral gifts of hospitality be blessed with patient and loving hearts, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those who have lost a loved one, for children who have lost parents, for husbands and wives who have lost their spouses, ... **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 souls of **Helen & Thomas Jackson** 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:

If the wind dies

1. Voyage: Life can be viewed as journey (Pilgrim's progress; Exodus; Odyssey), or still better as voyage (because driven by forces more powerful than ourselves, like wind and wave.) We sail upon a rippling surface of events, feeling the joy of movement, being alive and going somewhere. When things go well, we feel the contentment of those experienced sailors, the apostles on their way home across the quiet lake of Galilee.
2. Waves: A gale blew up, changing their mood. Danger and fear of drowning. Our own life-voyage has its share of storms too, anxieties, problems and pressures of various kinds. How often a sudden turn of events can rob us of inner peace. Are we on a charted course, or just drifting along without any determined direction? Many find it hard enough to stay afloat, pressurized by the bewilderingly changing times, ill-at-ease in their relationships with others, discontented and insecure in themselves. That's exactly what the frightened apostles in the storm mean for us today: we are those sailors, tossing about in the waves.
3. Remedies: Many prescriptions are suggested, to ease the upsets of our voyage. Like different brands of medication for sea-sickness! A long quiet rest, a change of

Living God. Where God is, there is peace. But his presence is everywhere, for those who learn to discern it.

In his poem, *The Kingdom of God*, Francis Thompson expresses his belief in God's unseen presence:

O world invisible, we view thee,
O world intangible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!
Does the fish soar to find the ocean,
The eagle plunge to find the air —
That we ask of the stars in motion
If they have rumour of thee there?
Not where the wheeling systems darken,
And our benumbed conceiving soars!
The drift of pinions, would we hearken,
Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors.
The angels keep their ancient places;-
Turn but a stone, and start a wing!
'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,
That miss the many-splendoured thing.
But when so sad thou canst not sadder
Cry; — and upon thy so sore loss
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder
Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross.
Yea, in the night, my Soul, my daughter,
Cry, — clinging Heaven by the hems;
And lo, Christ walking on the water
Not of Gennesareth, but Thames!

5. Safe Harbor: We do not expect to be immune from the hardships and problems faced by all the other voyagers through this life. Indeed, Christ himself shared fully in all of these anxieties, being tested as we are. If the Church be seen as a boat (in which there are no idle passengers, but all are needed to row!), then we have as destination the safe harbor of eternal life. With the compass of faith, and Christ himself as unseen captain of the ship, that harbor will surely be reached. In the meantime, though tossed about by circumstances, he tells us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, men of little faith!"

Verbatim from Association of Catholic Priests web-page

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/08/09-august-2020-19th-sunday-year-a/>

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