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NEWS & UPDATES

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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Weekly parish Update as of July 17,2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$2,775	\$2,423	+\$352
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$6,336	\$4,846	+\$1,490

Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$450	\$308	+\$142
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$917	\$616	+\$301

Second Collections:

July:

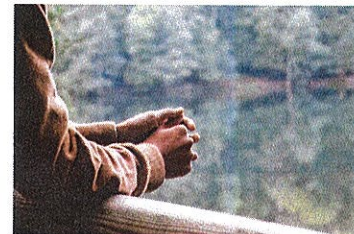
7/19 - Catholic Virginian - **St. Jude**

7/26 - Haiti Missions - **St. Jude**

August:

8/2 - Summer Utilities - **St. Jude/Shrine**

8/9 - Repairs & Maintenance - **St. Jude**



Prayers of the Faithful:

1. That the Church be a sacrament of unity, teaching us to be people of trust rooted in faith, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- That the servant-leaders of our community work to guard the quality of our environment, air, and water, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. That we be ever mindful of the unemployed and the underemployed, and assist them with the needed services and care, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. That we may greet the underprivileged and the handicapped, seeing their face the countenance of Christ, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. That we guard the sanctity of the Eucharist, always seeing it as our summit and source, ... **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 **Manfrey Bailey** 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:

Giving Us Time to Grow

There were people in Our Lord's time who wanted him to separate the bad from the good as well. Among them were people who claimed the moral high ground, the Pharisees whose name means "the separated ones." Even John the Baptist expected Jesus to separate the cream from the skim, to have only holy people around him. John foretold that Our Lord would separate the chaff from the wheat. He said (Mt 3:12) "He will gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." That's precisely what Our Lord didn't do. He had all sorts of people around him, a rainbow coalition of people, the learned, the ignorant, the good-living, the bad-living, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lot. What in God's name is he doing, they said. Why doesn't he get down to business? Why doesn't he weed them out?

As any gardener knows, weeding can be the greatest threat of all to the life of the young seedling. At first, the problem is one of identifying which is which. The weeds must be left until the seedling can be clearly recognized. Even then, removing the

life, the weeding-out continues remorselessly. The handicapped are institutionalized, the delinquent are penalized, the deviant are ostracized and the poor are patronized. Weeding out is not confined to faceless bureaucracy. We're all tempted to try our hand at it. We are sharp at spotting the undesirables, the troublemakers, the misfits. One shudders to think of the people who might have been weeded out if God had not chosen to intervene. Probably most of the saints in the calendar. Peter, after his triple denial in the crucifixion crisis should have been weeded out for failing the leadership test. Strange isn't it, that Christ never weeded out Judas? The church did not always show her master's tolerance. Galileo could testify to that. The spirit of the Inquisition lives on. Excommunications and anathemas may be out of fashion but old habits die hard.

The parable of the weeds is starkly simple and yet widely ignored. To the question "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" the answer of Jesus is a categorical "No." And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Weeding out is God's prerogative. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to him.

Verbatim from Association of Catholic Priests Web-page

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/07/19-july-2020-16th-sunday-year-a/>

Useful Links-

Online Giving Links:

St. Jude -

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1014121/STJUDECATHOLICCHURCHFRANK>

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