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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of 6/18/2020.

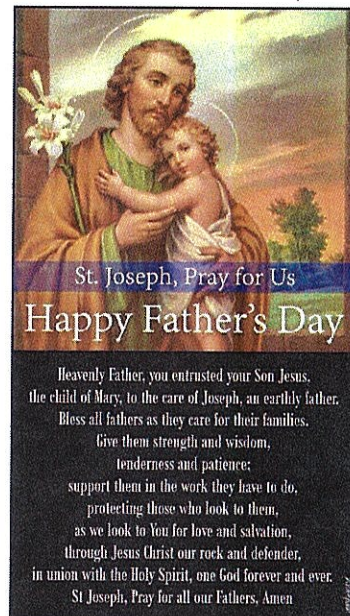
Stewardship:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,850	\$2,423	-\$573
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$117,561	\$121,154	-\$3,593

Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$512	\$308	+\$204
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$18,934	\$15,385	+\$3,549



Sunday June 21, 2020 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions: Earnest Beltrami & Bruce Jones

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial: Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

- For family members who serve as caregivers for the young, the elderly, and the infirm, ... We pray to the Lord.
- For this parish community, as we do our best to reflect the face of Christ to others, ... We pray to the Lord.

For the special intentions in our "*Saint Jude Book of Intentions*", ...
We pray to the Lord.

For the repose of the souls of Earnest Beltrami & Bruce Jones 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:

A prophetic people

Jeremiah laments his hardship as a prophet (first reading), and Jesus asks his followers to be brave in promoting their faith (Gospel). They imply that all members of the People of God are potentially prophetic and need to play their part in handing on the truth about God. In a sense, we are all successors to Jeremiah and to the apostles whose job it was to share Christ's message with the world.

Not all Christians have equal opportunities of being spokespersons for God. Bishops and priests have the official duty of encouraging and teaching the faithful. Their difficult but worthwhile task is to faithfully hand on Christ's teaching, and correct errors that threaten the integrity of the traditional Christian doctrine or ethical standards. Like Jeremiah and other Old Testament prophets, they remind their people of God's revealed will and of the high moral standards God asks of us. And, like the prophets, priests can often expect criticism and opposition, just for doing their job.

Theologians too have an important work to fulfill in the Church, to deeply study the revealed truth, and then blend that traditional teaching with modern knowledge, so as to honestly apply the Christian message to new problems. To help them in this daunting work they have the light of the same Holy Spirit who guided the prophets of old, provided they do their research not as masters but as servants of the word of God. But it is not only priests and theologians who have the prophetic role towards God's people. The Second Vatican Council taught that every Christian should give a living witness to Christ, at least through living a life of faith and charity and by joining in worship and prayer.

This is not such an easy matter. The spirit of today's society, the example of our contemporaries, and the irreligious mood of much of the media do not always foster God-fearing attitudes or encourage sound moral standards. In most countries today, Christians are not persecuted for showing faith in Christ and his Gospel, but when she or he lives according to this teaching they will be swimming against the tide of a materialistic culture and will not find the going easy. Jesus warns that being a Christian will cost sacrifice and suffering. We are bound to face opposition from a world that does not gladly submit to the word of God, that makes so many demands on human nature. But there is real satisfaction, too, in standing up for the truth of things. In the center of their souls, prophetic people have the happiness of working



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