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St. Jude and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague: Parish Weekly Update  
5/8/2020

## Stewardship:

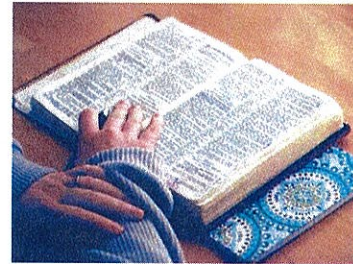
\*Numbers updated to include E-Giving to date.

St. Jude:5/3/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,997	\$2,423	-\$426
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$101,372	\$106,615	-\$5,243

Shrine: 5/2/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$345	\$308	+\$37
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$16,439	\$13,538	+\$2,901



### ***A note from the Finance Council Chair:***

#### **New link for E-giving**

Many of you have been taking advantage of the convenience of using e-giving since mid-March. However, the e-giving site we used was just a temporary one set up by the Diocese of Richmond until we got our own. **Beginning Sunday, May 10**, we will be providing a new link to our own electronic giving

You will see a choice of two links, one for St. Jude and the other for the Shrine. After clicking on your chosen link, you will see a picture of your church. Below the picture you will have to choose to which collection you wish to give, as shown here.

**For St. Jude:**

- Offertory
- Repair & Maintenance

**For the Shrine:**

- Shrine Contributions

If you wish to give to one of the **special collections**, first choose Offertory (or Shrine Contributions), and then from the **Sub Funds** box choose the special collection – from All Saints through World Missions. If you check the box to make your gift **recurring**, it will lead you to set up an account so that your information will be saved for future repeated gifts.

You can use a **credit card** or a **bank account**, and enter the information needed. Most debit cards will also work by choosing credit card. Please use the **same email address** that the church has on file for you; that is what enables our accounting system to properly record who made the gift.

When you are almost ready to click "Submit," it will have an option for you to "**add 2.5% to help cover costs of processing**" and it will tell you how much that fee will be if you decide to add it. You do not have to pay this fee, but we will appreciate it if you do.

That's because if you don't pay it, then it is subtracted from the church's account. We will give you credit for your original donation amount regardless of whether you pay the fee or not. By the way, the fee is subject to change.

*Thank you for your continued support of our church.*

Calvin Holt,  
Parish Finance Council Chair

***Mass Intentions for this Sunday, 5/10/2020:***

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St. Jude: **Mary Beltrami and Theresa Henderson Beltrami**  
Shrine: **Dan Klapetzky**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

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5. For our parishioners, that we show forth God's love in word and deed , ... **We pray to the Lord.**
6. For the special intentions in our "***Saint Jude Book of Intentions***", ... **We pray to the Lord.**
7. For the repose of the souls of **Mary Beltrami, Theresa Henderson Beltrami,** and *for the Shrine,* **Dan Klapetzky,** 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.**

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***Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Easter, May 10,2020.***

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

***Gospel:***

John 14:6

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***Meditation: Acts of the Apostles-***

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***Improvements to our church's practice***

The story from the Acts of the Apostles shows how needed changes were introduced, in the church's early days. The *Hellenists* (converts whose main language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the Jerusalem community's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how some changes are vitally needed for the health of the church. Their solution has two sides: prayer and service; and our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is called to prayer, to personally worship our God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, we should be of some service to our neighbors; and no task we do for others is a menial task. Prayer and preaching were the primary duties of the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an ordination ceremony, the laying-on of hands. Partly due to this good change, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking on our responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church. We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone of our church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms.

If many people today regard faith as irrelevant it is because they have a faulty or distorted notion of God. For a true picture of what God is like, we should recall how Jesus said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling us back home. This welcoming God is the one our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.



**Shrine:** (For standard gift, select **ShrineContributions**. Then - **ShrineContributions, again, in Sub-Fund drop down.**)

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

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