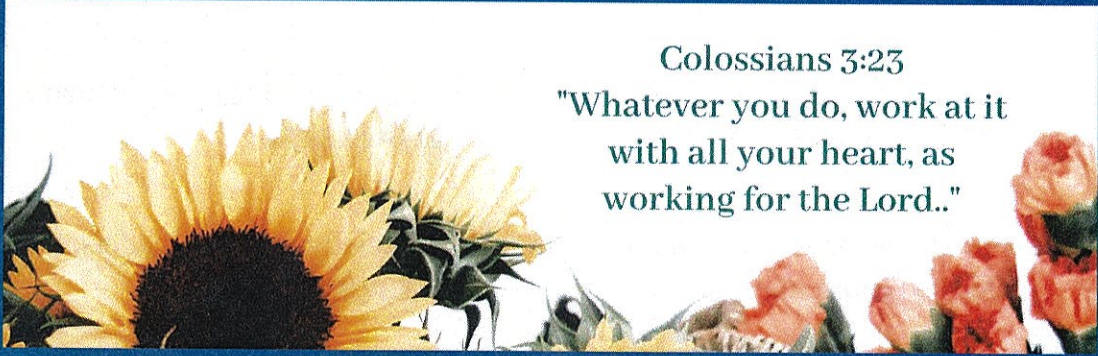


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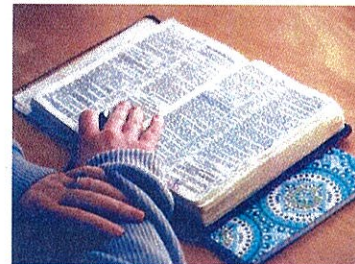
Colossians 3:23
"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as
working for the Lord.."

St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of 9/18/2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$870	\$2,423	-\$1,553
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$26,242	\$26,654	-\$412



Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$465	\$308	+\$157
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$3,583	\$3,388	+\$195

Repair & Maintenance: MTD

Actual MTD	Budget MTD	Diff.
\$505	\$1,667	-\$1,162

Second Collections and Special Collections:

September 2020-

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

October 2020 -

1st Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm - 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading - Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16a

Prayers of the Faithful:

1. For all who proclaim the Gospel with their lives, especially teachers and missionaries, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- **For all who labor in the vineyards of peace, especially national leaders, and elected representatives, ... We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who suffer and die for their faith, especially national leaders, and elected representatives, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who strive to end disease and suffering, especially doctors and medical researchers, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who gather at this table, especially the sorrowful and the lonely, ... **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 **Giuseppe Volo** 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:

Only God sees the full picture

The core of the Gospel parable is also in the Isaiah passage: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." Try as we may, it is impossible to justify the payment of the workers in the vineyard in ordinary social terms. It could hardly be said to be fair. Yes, the owner is generous to the last comers, but why is he not generous to the others as well? It is simply that there is no reckoning up deserts when man meets God. In Our Lord's time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned

conversion, for it may well be that the relationship of love has so deepened over the years that the Christian, faithfully following Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God's company than one who comes to know God only at the last moment. Here it is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but of the person being more capable of receiving it.

Of this joyful relationship with God Paul was a shining example. While threatened with persecution he is filled with the joy of Christ. His life is already united with Christ's life, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union.

The parable of the vineyard-workers is no blueprint for labor relations, but it illustrates very well Jesus' teaching about grace and mercy. There are consequences to be drawn, and, in *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." (§114)

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests web-page.

*<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/09/20-september-2020-25th-sunday-year-a/> *

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