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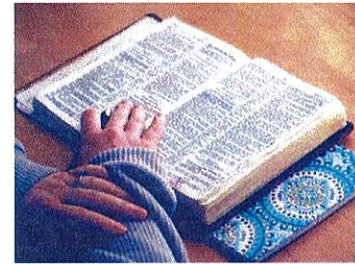
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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of September 25,2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: 9/20/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,281	\$2,423	+\$858
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$29,523	\$29,077	+\$446



Shrine: 9/19/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$236	\$308	-\$72
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$3,819	\$3,696	+123

Repair & Maintenance MTD: 9/20/2020

Actual	MTD	Bud.	Diff.
\$305	\$810	\$1,667	-\$857

Second Collections:

October 2020 -

10/11 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**

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

1st Reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm - 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading - Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 21:28-32

Prayers of the Faithful:

1. For the Church, for humble hearts committed to the Father's will, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
- **For our president and members of Congress, for leadership and laws that defend the common good, ... We pray to the Lord.**
1. For all who work the land, for an abundant harvest, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For the sick and those near death, for deliverance from pain and suffering, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. For all who gather at this table, for healing and hope, ... **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:

My thoughts are not your thoughts

The basic thought of the Gospel reading is well expressed by the Isaiah passage: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." Try as one will, it is impossible to find a way in which the payment of the workers in the vineyard could be said to be fair. 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 the time of Christ Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was definitely prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There was a host of commands which must be fulfilled, and men 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

comfort—in the security of his love. But fidelity through a long life brings some advantage over a hasty final conversion, for the relationship of love has so deepened over the years, conformed over a long period to the image of Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God’s company. It is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but of the person being more prepared to receive it. In the following of Christ, St Paul practiced what he preached. Writing from prison to the church in Philippi, he still finds joy and hope in Christ. He models his mind on Christ, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union in the afterlife.

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests web-page.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/09/26th-sunday-year-a/>

Useful Links:

The NEW St. Jude/Shrine webpage!

<https://stjudefranklin.org/>

The St. Jude and Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague E-Giving via ParishSoft Giving:

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

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The Diocese of Richmond website:

<https://richmonddiocese.org/>



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