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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of 10/2/2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: 9/27/2020

| Actual | Budget | Diff. |
|----------|----------|----------|
| \$1,077 | \$2,423 | -\$1,346 |
| YTD | Budget | Diff. |
| \$30,600 | \$31,500 | -\$900 |



Shrine: 9/26/2020

| Actual | Budget | Diff. |
|---------|---------|--------|
| \$201 | \$308 | -\$107 |
| YTD | Budget | Diff. |
| \$4,020 | \$4,004 | +\$16 |

Repair & Maintenance: September 2020 Final

| Actual | Budget | Diff. |
|---------|---------|----------|
| \$870 | \$1,667 | -\$797 |
| YTD | Budget | Diff. |
| \$2,815 | \$5,000 | -\$2,185 |

Second Collections:

October 2020-

10/4- Bishop's Disaster Relief Fund - **St. Jude/ Shrine**

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-43

Prayer of the Faithful

St. Jude

October 4th, 2020

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Response... Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

1. For the sick and disabled, including those suffering with mental illness, that Christ, who understands pain and suffering, will grant them faith and perseverance in their trials so they will know His healing comfort and grace., ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- For persons who are elderly, that we might cherish their presence in our midst and drink deeply of their wisdom; and especially all the people in nursing homes, that we would be inspired to reach out to them, giving them the love and attention they need.,... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those on the margins of our society, especially the refugees and immigrants who have fled their countries to escape war and persecution or to look for better livelihoods, that they not grow weary and lose heart, but instead know God's gracious and abundant mercy and love., ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those who do not have equal access to quality education, that they may be granted opportunities for intellectual growth and achievement regardless of their race or economic status, and that we may be advocates of pursuing justice for the youth and schools of our communities, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For those who experience persistent hunger or food insecurity, that they may have greater access to nourishing food and be given the physical strength necessary for carrying out their daily lives, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

- For women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, that they may find the spiritual, emotional, and material support they need to care for both themselves and their child, and that they might find strength in the Lord on their journey of motherhood....**We Pray to the Lord.**

We can read the parable in the social context of the time. Jesus does not necessarily approve of what people do in his stories. John J Pilch (*The Cultural World of Jesus Cycle A*) writes: "The parable reflects a reality familiar to all peasants, namely, the extortion practiced by hard-nosed absentee landowners. Modern scholars have pieced together bits and pieces of information to gain a better understanding of the situation of tenant farmers based on what is known about peasant free-holders, that is, peasants who were fortunate enough to own and farm their own land. Some of the crop would have to be used for trade to gain other necessities of life. There were also social dues (gifts), religious tithes, and taxes adding up to about 35 or 40%. About 20% of the annual produce would be left to feed the family and livestock of a free-holding peasant. Far less would be left to tenant farmers who also owed land rent."

In addition to this, in the story the landowner shows little concern for his servants/slaves and even for his own son and heir: he too in a different way is dispossessed. All are losers.

And yet the story describes reality, then and now. Injustice leads to desperation, desperation to violence, and violence to yet more violence. The more we have, the more we have to protect. There is a strong message here for society today—and for the church and its leaders. Who delivers the fruit?

With so much violence in the news, our mind could be overcome with the powers of evil. We need what St Paul says: "beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Pádraig McCarthy)

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests web-page.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/10/04-october-2020-27th-sunday-year-a/>

Useful Links:

St. Jude/Shrine Online Giving Link-

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

New St. Jude/ Shrine Web-Site-

<https://stjudefranklin.org/>

Parish YouTube Channel-

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYoOhy_tZCHA40WYc5c4eQ

Catholic Diocese of Richmond web-site-

<https://richmonddiocese.org/>

Catholic Virginian-

<https://www.catholicvirginian.org/>



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