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St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Weekly Parish Update as of 10/16/2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: 10/11/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,028	\$2,423	+\$605
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$36,275	\$36,346	-\$71



Shrine: 10/10/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$543	\$308	+235
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$4,873	\$4,620	+253

Repair & Maintenance: MTD

10/11	Budget Month	Diff. MTD
\$807	\$1,667	- \$610

Second Collections:

October 2020-

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

Readings:

1st Reading - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm - 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21

Prayer of the Faithful
St. Jude
October 18th, 2020
The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Response... Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Mother Church, ... We pray to the Lord.

- For our government leaders,... We pray to the Lord.

1. For our neighbors, ... We pray to the Lord.

1. For unity in our Country, ... We pray to the Lord.

1. For all who gather at this table, ... 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:

The observant tax-collector

Before being called by Christ to be one of his twelve Apostles, St Matthew was a tax collector operating in a customs house, somewhere in the north of Galilee. Since this profession required that he be able to read, write and especially keep records, these skills he would put to good use in writing his gospel account of Jesus' mission. His literary style, as an evangelist, may be more artificial than that of St Luke, but there is no doubt that the gospel excerpt you have just heard is truly dramatic. The question put to Jesus, as to whether it was permissible for Jews to pay tribute to Caesar, gives a clear insight into the minds and strategy of the Pharisees. They were trying to walk Jesus into a political trap that would set him at odds with the Roman authorities, who were the rulers of Israel at that time, or, failing that, would discredit him before his own people. To avoid giving rise to suspicion of their intent,

would incur the scorn of ordinary Jews each of whom had to pay a poll tax, from the age of twelve for women and fourteen for men. Were he to advocate non-payment, he could be arrested for sedition by the Roman authorities. Jesus' response, however, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," left them confounded, and they slunk away. But Jesus' reply left the matter in suspense, because it did not touch upon the right of the Romans to rule Israel, nor did it enumerate precisely the things of Caesar or those of God.

The opposing claims of God and state were left to be decided by the informed conscience of each individual, as they still are to this day. But there remains the warning of Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, that "no one can serve two masters; one cannot be the slave of both God and wealth" (Mt 6:24). Wealth in early OT times was seen as created by God, and bestowed on patriarchs, kings and leaders who had roles of special responsibility. Later on, wealth ceased to be regarded as a gift from God. "Woe to those who join house to house and field to field, until everywhere belongs to them," Isaiah warned (Is 5:8), and Jesus himself said, "alas for you who are rich; you are having your life of ease now" (Lk 6:24). The world and all its resources were created by God for the benefit of all human beings without exception, and this must usually obtain alongside the right to private property, whether inherited or acquired by personal enterprise. It is the task of government to seek balance between policies that will help the common good of all the citizens. And taxation is still one of the most common means of achieving this.

Verbatim Association of Catholic Priests Website

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/10/18-october-2020-29th-sunday-year-a/>

Bishop's Corner:

A Message from Bishop Barry C. Knestout-

October 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond released a [report summarizing the results of the Independent Reconciliation Program](#) – a program designed to offer assistance to survivors of clergy sexual abuse within our diocese through an independent arbiter. As you will read in the report, the IRP was able to provide recompense for more than 50 victim survivors, and while we can never undo the pain they experienced and continue to experience, we hope this program helps bring them some sense of greater peace and continued healing.

Reconciliation is a defining aspect of our diocese's bicentennial year, a year in which we recognize the establishment of our Catholic faith in Virginia and a recognition of all that is part of our history. If we are, in fact, to give authentic witness to the words of the prophet Isaiah, proclaimed by Jesus in the synagogue, that we are 'to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,' then the repair offered by the Independent Reconciliation Program must be a part of it.

With the celebration of a jubilee year comes another opportunity to work for justice — for acknowledgement of wrongs, reconciliation with those we have wronged, and attempts to repair the hurt we have caused. Those three facets — confession, reconciliation and repair — are at the foundation of the Catholic Church's sacrament of reconciliation which was the model for our entering into the Independent Reconciliation Program.

As bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, I take very seriously my responsibility to

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Barry C. Knestout

[Read IRP End-Of-Program Report](#) [Read IRP End-Of-Program Press Release](#) [Read Bishop Knestout's February 2020 Message](#)

<https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org/>

Useful Links:

Parish Links:

The **NEW** St. Jude/Shrine Website:

<https://stjudefranklin.org/>

Online Giving via **ParishSoft Giving**:

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

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Parish **YouTube** Channel:

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

Diocesan Links:

Diocese Website-

<https://richmonddiocese.org/>

Independent Reconciliation Program-

<https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org/>



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