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St. Jude Catholic Church and The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague Parish Weekly Update as of December 11,2020.

Stewardship:

St. Jude: 12			
Actual	Budget	Diff.	
\$3,377	\$2,423	+\$954	************
YTD	Budget	Diff.	
\$53,839	\$55,731	-\$1,892	**********



Shrine: 12/5/2020

Actual	Budget	Diff.		
\$122	\$308	-\$186		
YTD	Budget	Diff.		
\$7,043	\$7,084	-\$41	,2	

St. Jude Repair & Maintenance: MTD

12/6/202	Month Budget	Diff.	

\$488	\$1,667	-\$1,179	

Second Collections:

December 2020:

12/13 - Repair & Maintenance - St. Jude

12/13 - Share in the Care - Shrine



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

12/17 - Penance Service - 6:30PM - St. Mary's - Suffolk

12/24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 4PM - **St. Jude** 8PM - **Shrine (Streamed)**

12/25 - Christmas Day - 10:30AM - St. Jude

12/31 - New Years Eve Vigil Mass -4pm - Shrine

7 PM - St. Jude (Streamed)

1/1/2021 - New Years Day Mass - 10:30AM - **St. Jude** (Holy Day)



We still have a few items for this year's Christmas baskets available to sign up for. Reminder, all items need to be brought to the church by December 20th. Click the



Update: All Angel Tree items for family 2 have been signed up for! Thank you again for your generosity! Please make sure all Angel Tree gifts are wrapped, tagged and under the tree in the church commons by December 20th!

Sunday, December 13,2020 The Third Sunday in Advent

Mass Intentions:

Shrine - For the repose of the soul of: *Francis Derise*St. Jude - For the intentions of: *Kathy & Barry Rogerson*

Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 **Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel:

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayer of the Faithful St. Jude

<u>December 13, 2020</u>

Third Sunday in Advent

- 1. For all joining us today, ... 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 intentions of <u>Kathy & Barry Rogerson</u> for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... <u>We pray to the Lord</u>.

Meditation:

Joyful service

Today's readings shine out with joy and hope. Israel radiates as a joyful bride coming to her bridegroom adorned for a lavish, oriental wedding. Paul's words to the Thessalonians continue the theme of hope and joy in a community that lives by the life of Christ. And St John, in the gospel, pictures the work of John the Baptist, who came to witness to God's light upon this earth. This is not a joyousness without responsibility. It's a joy that is found when people find and carry out their true mission in life. Isaiah speaks of one anointed and sent to bring good news to the oppressed – words that were adopted by Jesus to describe his own life's purpose – just as they should also be made real in the life of every Christian. Those privileged to share in Jesus' spiritual life must also share in his concerns and desires.

Two key ideas can be noted:

- 1. The spiritual joy that marks the Christian faith, that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord, and our entry into a life of eternal communion with God. The other is the willingness to bear our share of the Christian work-load, to do our bit, in our time, to realize the goals of Jesus in our world. I'd like to hear a homily focused on one of these, without totally forgetting the other. In these times of economic austerity and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, is no harm to be reminded of the blessings in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. Mention, for example, the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, of awakening some dormant talent by taking a course of adult education; the solidarity we feel in our local community when people willingly help their neighbors in their needs; the consolation to be found in prayer. Many examples can be named, to illustrate God's blessing in our lives: reasons to be joyful. Like the northern Irish writer C.S. Lewis, we too can be "surprised by joy," and re-discover gladness and meaning in life.
- 2. Our advent-mission to help the needy, if we are to carry on "the project of Jesus" the commitment he always showed to people on the margins. Practical examples of his "good news for the poor" can be pointed out, according to the life-situation of the worshippers. Our homilist must try to persuade those whose lives are peaceful and prosperous not to be afraid to let the pain of the needy come through to them and touch them. The sort of carefree joy that lets us shut our eyes to the seamier side of life, and "pass by on the other side," is not the authentic joy announced in today's reading. Care for our neglected neighbors may stand in a certain tension with our personal sense of joy, but the two can and should be blended into the lifestyle of anybody who wants to build their life on Jesus.

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