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St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague
Parish Weekly Update as of July 11, 2021.

Stewardship:

6/26 & 6/27/2021:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$3,306	\$2,423	+\$883

Fiscal Year Final	Budget	Diff.
\$122,569	\$126,000	-\$3,431

Shrine:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$172	\$308	-\$136
FY Final	Budget	Diff.
\$15,722	\$16,016	-\$294

St. Jude - Repair and Maintenance FY Final

6/27	Year Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$1,083	\$14,623	\$20,000	-\$5,377

7/3 & 7/4/2021:

St. Jude:

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$2,864	\$2,423	+\$441



\$421

\$1,667

-\$1,246

Second Collections:**July 2021:**7/11 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**7/18 - Catholic Virginian - **St. Jude**7/25 - Haiti Missions - **St. Jude**

St. Jude is seeking a part time Administrative Assistant. The position is 15 hours a week Monday - Thursday. The ideal candidate is computer savvy with experience in Microsoft Office 365. If you are interested please call or email the parish office. Phone number: 757-569-9600 - Email - st_jude1@stjudefranklin.org

July 11, 2021**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Mass Intentions:****Shrine:** For the intentions of *Peter Wier*.**St. Jude:** For the repose of the soul of *Ray Weir*.**Prayer of the Faithful****St. Jude****July 11, 2021****The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Response... Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For Bishops, Priests, and Religious, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
- **That governments ensure religious freedoms for all,... We pray to the Lord.**
1. That all victims of human trafficking be freed, ... **We pray to the Lord.**
1. That young people respond to the call of Christ, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

Meditation:

Choosing our journeys

"July and August are traditionally the months when people take holidays. For most of us, a holiday involves a going, a journey of some kind. An important part of a holiday is leaving the familiar, the place where we usually live and work, and heading off to a different kind of place. There is always something exciting about setting out on such a journey. There are other journeys in life that are not of our choosing in quite that way. These are journeys we make because, at some level, we feel we must make them. Something within us moves us to certain path, to head out in a certain direction. Even though we sense the journey may be difficult, and we may have all kinds of hesitations and reservations about it, nonetheless, we know we have to set out on this path, if we are to be true to ourselves. Yes, we choose to make such a journey, but it is a choice in response to what seems like a call from beyond ourselves or from deep within ourselves.

Such a journey is put before us in today's first reading. Amos, according to himself, was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees in the southern kingdom of Judah. Yet, at a certain moment in his life, he felt under compulsion to make a difficult journey into the Northern kingdom of Israel in order to preach the word of God there. It was a most unlikely journey for the likes of Amos to make, and Amos was well aware that it would be no holiday. Yet, he also knew that this was a journey he simply had to make. He spoke of this compulsion in terms of God's call: 'The Lord took me from herding the flock and said "Go".' Amos went because he had a strong sense that he was being sent. In a similar way, in the gospel, the disciples set out on a journey because they are sent on that journey by Jesus. They set out freely, but in response to a call, a sending.

The experience of Amos and the disciples can be our experience too, setting out on a journey not completely of our choosing. The second reading suggests the mystery of God's purpose for our lives. It says that God wants us to live in a certain way, to live our life's journey as Jesus did. Although we often make all kinds of journeys of our own choosing, whether holidays or business or other trips, there is sense in which we try to allow our God to guide us to take certain paths and to avoid others, moving us in one direction rather than another. Although God has chosen this journey for us — 'before the world was made', according to St Paul — God wants us to also choose this journey for ourselves, and waits for us to do so. This is not a choice we make once and for all; it is one we are constantly remaking. All our lives we can keep on choosing to surrender to God's purpose for us; we keep setting out on the journey God is calling us to take; we keep inviting God to have his way in our lives, saying with Mary, 'Let it be to me according to your word.'

If we keep choosing the journey that God has chosen for us in Christ, responding to God's call, this will impact on the many smaller journeys we take in life. It will influence our holidays for example. We will choose to holiday in ways that are genuinely recreational, that help re-create the image of God's Son in us. We will relax in ways that are life-giving for ourselves and for others, in ways that help us to become more fully the person God wants us to be."

Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests Website.

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/07/sunday-july-11-2021-fifteenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

Useful Links:

Parish Links:

St. Jude/Shrine Website: <https://stjudefranklin.org/>

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



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