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Did you know that Jesus talked about money more than any other single topic in the bible? This is because Jesus wants each of us to let Him be the center of our lives instead of anything this world has to offer. As He so clearly puts it, “You cannot serve God and mammon.”

All that each of us has, whether much or little, has come from Him. He knows the purpose of what He gives us, and, like the master in his famous parable, He hopes we will be good stewards and give Him more in return.

How can we accomplish this? By financially supporting the good work of the Lord at our spiritual home, Saint Jude the Apostle. Our parish is blessed to have many financial supporters and for that we are grateful. Our parish needs your financial gifts of offertory to grow our ministries and maintain a vibrant parish for our more than 2,800 families. But it goes beyond what we need. It’s about your stewardship of giving to fulfill Jesus’s instructions and His mission.

In using the biblical tithe of 10%, the church suggests a 5% pledge to our parish, while giving 4% to other charities, and 1% to the annual Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. The enclosed pledge card has an income chart on the back as an illustration.

Why give a tithing pledge card to your parish? Because it’s all about planning and being an intentional steward. God not only wants us to give to His church, He also wants us to give to Him from our “first fruits”, not from what is left over. So, in planning our financial giving, we are following God’s plan for stewardship.

I’m asking that you please spend some time in prayer to consider how you will give to Saint Jude this coming year – commensurate with your resources. Your kind stewardship provides the foundation for our parish to *worship, grow, serve and to Be the Church*.

You can mail your pledge card using the envelope provided, or you can put it in our collection the weekend of **November 9-10** at all Masses. You can also fill out your pledge online at [www.judeatl.com/2020pledge](http://www.judeatl.com/2020pledge).

God has blessed our parish in so many ways – and you are an essential part of that blessing! May God bless you and your family for generously sharing your gifts.

Sincerely in Christ,



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