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WISH UPON A STAR
Chronicle of a Welfare Child

Do you have a favorite saint that helps to guide you through the confusion, struggles, labors and strains of the modern world? Ever wonder if our Saints might have a word of wisdom or some knowledge that might help as you make our way in the world?



One of the Church’s most popular saints is St. Jude. He was one of the 12 apostles handpicked by Jesus. He was known to not accept things as Status Quo. He even is quoted in the New Testament as questioning Jesus why he does not manifest himself to unbelievers after the Resurrection.

One of St. Jude’s most famous quotes is a warning about ridiculers and deriders that will come into our lives. More so, St. Jude is known as the Patron Saint of the Impossible, because he stresses that we should persevere in difficult circumstances, just as our forefathers have done before us. Enter Ed Gilbert. His favorite saint is St. Jude.

Renowned Civil Rights attorney and fellow parishioner, Ed was born in Indianapolis in 1951. He was orphaned and subsequently placed in numerous welfare and foster homes. He was separated from his family and siblings while being shuffled through a dysfunctional child welfare system.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

You were chosen for something.
Not just saved from something.

Despite the hurdles, Ed forged ahead. St. Jude was an inspiration to Ed. He is here to share his source of success and happiness coming from those humble and difficult beginnings. Ed’s powerful story is sure to kindle inspiration for our walk in life.

We are about to experience a special dignity firsthand. Pay close attention to the scripture, Catechism and God’s message to each one of us here.

May God bless us with His Wisdom, Work and the Means to complete the mission given to each one of us. Amen



Philippians 4:11-13

God – Source of Strength

Not that I say this because of need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I find myself, to be self-sufficient.

I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.

I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.

The Word of the Lord.

Catechism

1996 *Grace*

Our justification comes from the grace of God. Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.

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SWALLOWING NICKELS A MEMOIR OF A WELFARE CHILD

By Edward L. Gilbert

"You can be your own person. God has provided you an opportunity to take advantage of life. Therefore, take advantage of life. Don't doubt yourself. Do not use your past as an excuse. Continue to fight against the proverbial grain." (Edward L. Gilbert, *Swallowing Nickels*, 2013, Pg. 167)

Please join me in showing Christ's Love for our brother Ed as he shares his gift with us.

"How far you go in life
depends on your being
tender with the young,
compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving
and tolerant of the weak and strong.
Because someday in your life
you will have been all of these."

~ George Washington Carver

Questions to Focus on:

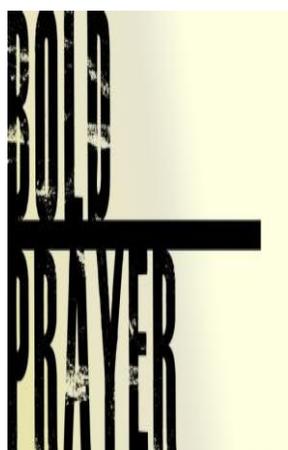
1 What part of Ed's talk resonated with you? What one or two words would you use to describe Ed? Please share your thoughts.

2 What three things am I most grateful for in life today?

Do not save your loving speeches for your friends till they are dead. Do not write them on their tombstones, speak them rather now instead.

Men's Group Calendar

8/22/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
9/12/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
9/26/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
10/10/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass



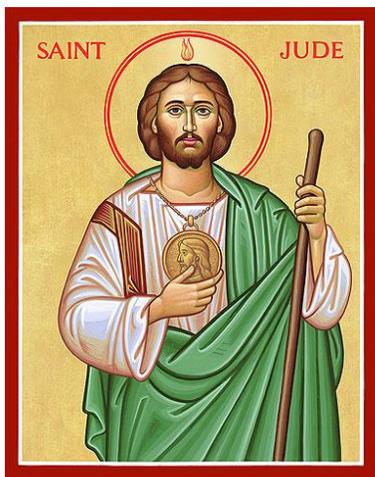
Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen





St. Jude – You are most holy Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus The Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases and of things almost despaired of. Pray for me as I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of.

Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly -

(make your request here)

- and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron.

Amen



Give Samples of Jesus away Daily:

✝ Mercy ✝ Kindness ✝ Justice ✝ Joy

✝ Forgiveness ✝ Compassion ✝ Peace

...and most of all ✝ Love

There but for the Grace of God Go I

"Give Thanks to our Lord, God and Savior, for only by His Grace am I not suffering the same fate"

St. Hilary Men's Group