



Mother's Day Novena – May 4-12, 2024

Father's Day Novena – June 8-16, 2024

Dear Friends and fellow devotees of our patron St. Jude,

“...That it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” This quote comes from the 4th commandment in the Mosaic Law in the book of Exodus. It is the first commandment that comes with a promise. “Honor your father and mother, that it may be well with you and you may live long in the land your God is giving you.” In all the commandments God gives His people through Moses, God desires that the humans He created live long and peaceful lives, undisrupted by human weakness and sin.

This fourth command intends that we prize highly, care for, show respect and obey authority in our lives, specifically beginning with those who cooperated with God in giving us life; our parents.

In the months of May and June each year we particularly set aside unique days in which we honor these people and pray for them in a special novena through the patronage of St. Jude. We invite you to send us the names of your parents, living or deceased, so that they can be placed on our altar during these novenas and be especially remembered in our Masses and prayers.

Some may have lost parents early on in their lives or have a relationship with them that was burdened with difficulty. Our gracious God, knowing this, has drawn our hearts through His Son, Jesus, to the all loving and merciful Father in heaven. And Jesus, from the face of his saving cross, gave us His mother, Mary, to be that understanding and compassionate mother we may have lacked. Many may have been raised by grandparents or foster parents. The names of these good people can also be included in our prayers during our Mother's and Father's Day novenas.

Know that you and these most significant people in your lives are consistently included in the prayers of the Dominican Friars here at the Shrine of St. Jude in St. Dominic's in San Francisco. May God bless you and enrich your life of Faith.

Sincerely,

Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.
Director

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