



Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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St. Jude Novena Edition, October 2018

Calendar of Events, 2018-2019:

Christmas Novena
December 25 – January 2

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
February 3 – 11

Easter Novena
April 21 – 29

Mother's Day Novena
May 4 – 12

St. Peregrine Novena
June 1 – 9

Father's Day Novena
June 8 – 16

St. Monica Novena
August 19 – 27

St. Jude Novena
October 20 – 28 (2019)

St. Jude Pilgrimage
October 28

The Shrine of St. Jude is an apostolate of the Western Dominican Province, and a ministry that fosters devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult and Desperate Cases," thereby bringing devotees to a deeper faith and closer relationship with Jesus Christ

From the Director:

A Pilgrimage of the Heart

*"Not by journeying but by loving
we draw nigh to God."
-St. Augustine*



Dear Friends of St. Jude:

This quote from St. Augustine's letters sometimes has been used by those who wish to critique the idea of pilgrimage by using the Church Fathers. Again, from the time of St. Augustine, one can add St. Gregory of Nyssa's astute observation that "Change of place does not bring one closer to God, but where you are, God will come toward you."

So are pilgrimages, then, against the mind of the Church, or in vain? Not in the least! Eusebius, the esteemed Church historian, from just before the time of St. Augustine, noted that a certain Bishop Alexander traveled from Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey) to Jerusalem, both because of a vow he had made, and because of the renown of that Holy City. These two images, of a physical pilgrimage with a change in place, and a spiritual pilgrimage, with a change in heart, are meant

to be, not mutually *exclusive*, but *integrated*. A pilgrimage is a kind of sacramental-in-motion. And what is a sacramental? A sacramental is something like a rosary or other religious article, which, according to the Catechism, "are sacred signs which bear a *resemblance* to the sacraments. They *signify effects*, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them, men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1667). Sacramentals are meant to resemble sacraments, in that there is an outward sign that is meant to reflect an inward or spiritual reality. In Holy Baptism, for example, the outward cleansing of water signifies and effects an inward cleansing of the soul. The rosary as a sacramental is a

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Prayer to St. Jude

St. Jude, glorious apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many. But the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of difficult and desperate cases. Pray for me who am in need of God's mercy. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege accorded to you to bring visible and speedy help where help was 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 - **(here make your request)** - and that I may praise God with you and all the elect throughout all eternity. I promise you, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor. I will honor you as my special and powerful patron and encourage devotion to you. St. Jude, pray for us and for all who honor and invoke thy aid. Amen.

gazing with envy or lust upon another, or by thinking on what one has first seen or heard.

St. Augustine shrewdly points out that, really, we are *all* on pilgrimage one way or another. The word "pilgrim" itself comes from the Latin *peregrinus*, meaning, not just a wanderer, but originally a foreigner, something that wandered from a far-off land. The first human pilgrimage was a tragic one: our first parents wandered away from God, and were forced to wander east of Eden, away from Paradise. And ever since then, man has been trying to wander back, although too often by his

Jewish pilgrims to Jerusalem literally *arose* to make pilgrimage to the Holy City, "There the tribes *go up*, the tribes of the Lord" (Psalm 122). That very psalm, and all the pilgrimage psalms, are titled, "A song of *ascents*."

There is something, then, about putting our yearning and our love into some kind of physical, outward reality. Skeptics and moderns disdain the idea of religious devotion, but I argue that devotion is simply a way of putting real love into real words and action. The optimal is to always let our words and actions reflect a good and true inward reality.

And that is why we often do pilgrimages, as many do for St. Jude.

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physical aid and representation of our prayers, an "offering of roses," that is, prayers, to God. Blessing ourselves with Holy Water is a sacramental, representing our renewing of our baptismal promises and our rejecting the Evil One and worldly and passing things in favor of the One, True, and Everlasting God.

So why make a pilgrimage? Because we are human. And because we are human, we are at the same time body and soul. Our bodies are agents of what our soul learns and understands, and often how we are either sanctified or fall into sin. One *reads* or *hears* Scripture to consume the Word of God spiritually, and one often sins by

own means and guidance, and not God's. But something in our hearts stirs, we remember Paradise as a race, and we yearn deeply to wander back to Paradise. Scripture reminds us often that we too have *all* wandered away like foolish sheep, like Adam away from Eden. Yet like the Prodigal Son, we remember the Father's house, and we say in our heart of hearts, "I will arise, and will go to my father." (Luke 11:18a). The earthly Jerusalem represents the Heavenly Jerusalem, the Father's house.



Pilgrims throng St. Dominic's Church, home of the Shrine, for the 2013 St. Jude Pilgrimage (photo: Michele Cardenas)

This year's Novena deals with overcoming loneliness aided by *our friends on earth and friends in heaven.*

And, what would a novena (or pilgrimage) be if we were not accompanied by our friends and fellow travelers? Further, would it not be wonderful and helpful if those who traveled the way before us could show us how *they* completed the journey? Our devotees often ask St. Jude to help them on their earthly journey. But how can we interpret the lives and actions of the saints? We will explore these questions thoroughly during the novena, guided by our novena preacher (who was also my classmate in religious formation and my predecessor here at the Shrine of St. Jude), who returns to speak on the topic of the saints for us and for our times.

**St. Jude Novena,
October 20 – 28, 2018**

Masses:

Sun: 11:30 am

✦ 5:30 pm

Mon – Sat: 8:00 am

✦ 5:30 pm

**Confessions before
Masses;
Blessing with St. Jude relic
after Masses**

**Novena Preacher:
Fr. James Junípero Moore, OP**



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Fr. James is a Catholic priest and member of the Dominican Order (Western Province). He is originally from the small town of Coalinga in Central California. At Santa Clara University in Northern California, where he did his undergraduate studies, Fr. James majored in music (organ performance) and double-minored in history and Catholic studies. He went on to earn the Master's in Music (organ performance) from the University of Notre Dame (2000).

In the fall of 2000, Fr. James entered the Dominican novitiate in Oakland, CA to begin his formation for the priesthood. In 2004, he earned the MA degree in philosophy, writing on music and morality. He served for two years as a college chaplain at the University of Arizona, Tucson before going on for a doctorate in Sacred Music

at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He was then appointed Director of our Shrine of St. Jude for one year. Currently, Fr. James serves as Vicar Provincial for Advancement for the Western Dominican Province, in which position he helps promote and support the mission of preaching for the salvation of souls in the Western United States.

Fr. James loves preaching and teaching, as well as directing music for the liturgy. He also loves being a family priest to his large extended family and his many Godchildren. He resides at St. Albert's s Priory in Oakland.

Yours in Christ and good St. Jude,

Fr. Dismas Sayre, OP
Director



**St. Jude,
pray for us**

**15th ANNUAL
PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF
ST. JUDE THADDEUS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

LOCATION

Walk starts: 9:45 am
From: Corpus Christi Church
62 Santa Rosa Ave
(between Alemany Blvd &
Mission St)
Walk Ends: 1:00 pm
At: St. Dominic's Church
(Home of St. Jude Shrine)
2390 Bush St.

**TRANSPORTATION &
PARKING**

Buses will run from St.
Dominic's Church to Corpus
Christi Church from 6:30 am to
8:30 am only.

Parking is available at St.
Dominic's Church

**PILGRIMAGE ROUTE
(APPROX. 5.7 MILES)**

Head southeast on Santa Rosa Ave. toward
Mission St.
turn left on Mission St.
right on 14th St.,
left on South Van Ness Ave. to Van Ness Ave.,
continue on Van Ness Ave
left on Pine St.,
and left on Steiner St.

CLOSING MASS

Bilingual Mass at 1:30 pm at
St. Dominic's Church;
Celebrant: Most Rev. William J. Justice,
Auxiliary Bishop,
Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sundays 7:00 am to 7:00
pm

located in St. Dominic's Church,
near the Shrine altar.



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plan. See your attorney to determine the many ways you can
leave a legacy and help preserve this ministry for years to
come.**