



The Friends of St. Jude

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The Shrine of St. Jude is a ministry of hope that fosters devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult Cases," thereby bringing devotees to a deeper faith and closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena, February 2018

Calendar of Events, 2018-2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
(preached)
February 3 – 11

Healing Retreat
February 10

Easter Novena (not preached)
April 1 – 9

Mother's Day Novena (not
preached)
May 5 – 13

St. Peregrine Novena (preached)
June 1 – 9

Father's Day Novena (not preached)
June 9 – 17

St. Monica Novena (preached)
August 19 – 27

St. Jude Novena (preached)
October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage
October 27

Christmas Novena (not preached)
December 25 – January 2 (2019)



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce our preacher for the Our Lady of Lourdes Novena, Fr. Allan White, O.P. Fr. Allan entered the Dominican Order in 1973 in the English Province, studying at Oxford University and the University of Edinburgh, earning his doctorate in 16th century history. He then served at various ministerial and teaching positions in London, Oxford, Cambridge, and Edinburgh.

Fr. Allan is well known to our province of Dominicans. He has spoken at our motherhouse in Oakland, California, and various ministry sites, and has always been warmly received for his engaging talks and lectures.

When I was thinking of a preacher for our novena, his name fondly came to mind, and we count ourselves blessed to have him.

Further biographical information is given on page 2 of this newsletter. And below Fr. Allan gives us a foretaste of his novena preaching.

The richness of his educational and pastoral ministry will serve us well in deepening our understanding of our Blessed Mother's role in history and in our lives, and the message of Lourdes.

If, for some reason, you cannot join us in person, we will post Fr. Allan's homilies online on our website as soon as we are able to after Mass each day of the novena.

Gratefully yours, in Christ and good St. Jude,

Fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P.

Fr. Dismas E. Sayre, OP
Director

Do whatever he tells you. **(John 2:5)**

Mary, the Pilgrim Mother of the Pilgrim Church:

Mary is the first disciple of the Lord, but she is also among the foremost of teachers. The content of her teaching is always the same. It began at the wedding feast of Cana when she said, "Do whatever He tells you." Mary teaches by word and example. Everything she says and does points to her Son. She is the pilgrim mother of the pilgrim Church and follows the path of discipleship. The message of Lourdes was one of discipleship, reconciliation and healing. We shall be looking at these realities in the life of the Blessed Virgin, Saint Bernadette and some of the women of the Old and New Testaments.

—Fr. Allan White O.P.

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

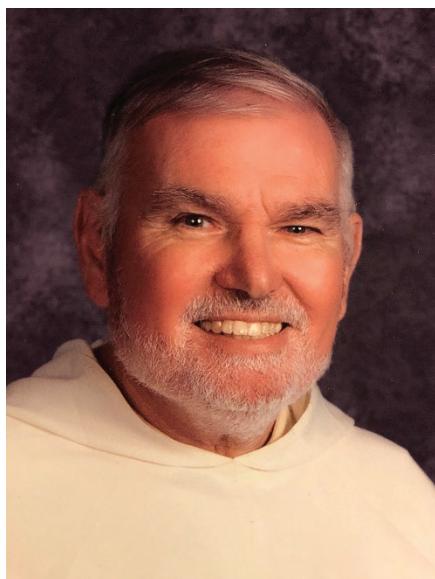
Feb 3 – 11, 2018

Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus
St. Dominic's Church
San Francisco, CA

Mass Times:

Sun: 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Mon – Sat: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm



Fr. Allan White, O.P.
Novena Preacher

Fr. White is an English Dominican. He met the Dominicans during his time as a student at Trinity College, Oxford University, where he studied Modern History. In 1973, he entered the Order and, having completed his novitiate and first years of philosophical studies, was sent to the Dominican house in Edinburgh to pursue a theology degree at the University of Edinburgh.

Fr. White was ordained a priest in 1979 and returned to Blackfriars, Oxford to complete theological studies and to teach.

In 1980 he returned to Edinburgh where he received his doctorate in sixteenth-century Scottish religious history. He remained in Edinburgh as university chaplain, parish priest of the university parish, superior of the Dominican Community and lecturer at Gillis College, the diocesan seminary.

In 1989, he moved to London and became editor of "New Blackfriars" for four years, continuing his teaching at Blackfriars, Oxford and Allen Hall, the Westminster diocesan seminary in London. In 1991 he moved to Oxford, where he taught and was involved in financial administration before being appointed assistant chaplain at the University of Oxford 1993-94, and then Chaplain at the University of Cambridge in 1994. He was elected Provincial of the English Dominicans in 2000 and served in that capacity until 2008. That same year, he was appointed socius to the Master of the Order for the provinces of north-west Europe and Canada.

In 2011 Fr. Allan moved to St Joseph's, Greenwich Village, in New York City. From 2012 to 2015 he served as director of the Catholic Center at New York University. In August, 2015 he moved to southern California where he serves as rector of St Mary's School and works in the parishes of Saint Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe, El Centro, CA.



Novena Intentions

The message of Lourdes is very simple: God is love, and He loves us as we are, seeking to lift us up from whatever it is that we are mired in that keeps us from Him. When Our Lady brought that message of love and hope to St. Bernadette, she brought it with tender love and respect for St. Bernadette, a poor peasant girl, though Mary herself is enthroned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Our Blessed Mother truly manifests her maternal care as her first and most powerful instinct.

And so, dear friends, please remember to send in your novena intentions, either with our slip through traditional postal service, or online at our website. We will remember your intentions throughout the novena, and place them with care at the feet of the image of Our Blessed Mother. As the beautiful prayer of the *Memorare* says:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.