

8th Annual Pilgrimage for St. Jude Thaddeus * Sat., Oct. 22nd, 10 am—12 pm

Holy Rosary: 9 am, St. James Church.
Location: Walk starts at 10 am from St. James Church, 1086 Guerrero St. (at 23rd St.), SF; ends at 12 pm at St. Dominic's Church (home of the Shrine of St. Jude), 2390 Bush St., SF.
Transportation: Buses from St. Dominic's to St. James— 6:30am to 8:30 am only.
Bilingual Solemn Mass: 12:30 pm, St. Dominic's Church.
Pilgrimage Route: Starting at Guerrero St. and 23rd St., walking on 23rd St. towards Mission St., left on Mission St., right on 14th St., left on South Van Ness Ave. to Van Ness Ave., left on Pine St., and left on Steiner St. (approximately 3.5 miles).
More Information: Shrine of St. Jude * 415-931-5919 * M-F 9 am- 4 pm.
 www.stjude-shrine.org * email: info@stjude-shrine.org
 Or call Jaime or Rosa Pinto * 415-333-8730.

Have you Moved?



If you have recently moved to a new residence, or are in the process of moving, please fill in your new address and phone number (and email address, if applicable) in the space below and send it to us as soon as possible. Help us keep our records up to date and ensure that you continue to receive the latest newsletters and other material from the Shrine of St. Jude without interruption. Also, please indicate if you wish to receive information in Spanish. We wish to assure you that this information is for the sole use of the Shrine of St. Jude in communicating with you. We do not share your contact information with any other organization.

I've moved!



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 Address _____
 Phone _____
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ST. JUDE NOVENA SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

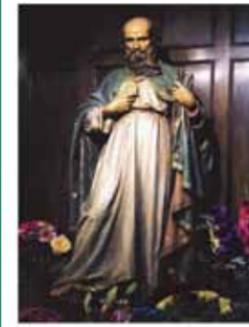


Dear Father,
 Please pray for _____

 so that they may share in the Novena of Masses at the Shrine of St. Jude in observance of the St. Jude Thaddeus Novena, October 20-28, 2011.

My donation is _____

Please place this slip with your donation in an envelope and return it to the Shrine of St. Jude either by mail or by depositing it into the black candle collection box at the Shrine.



The Friends of St. Jude

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The mission of the Shrine of St. Jude is to further the devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult Cases," and to support the education and formation of worthy students for the Dominican Priesthood and Brotherhood.

St. Jude Thaddeus Novena, October 2011

Special Points

- Letter from our Director, Father Allen Duston, O.P. The Symbols and Iconography of St. Jude Thaddeus
- St. Jude Novena, October 20-28
- Novena Masses:
 M-Sat: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
 Sun: 11:30 am
- Novena Preacher: Fr. Michael Fones, O.P.
- How to Follow Jesus Like St. Jude
- Looking Ahead
- 8th Annual St. Jude Pilgrimage, Sat., October 22
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- Spiritual Bouquet

Upcoming Events

All Souls Day
 November 2
 Christmas Novena
 (Not Preached)
 Dec. 25-Jan. 2, 2012

The Symbols and Iconography of St. Jude Thaddeus

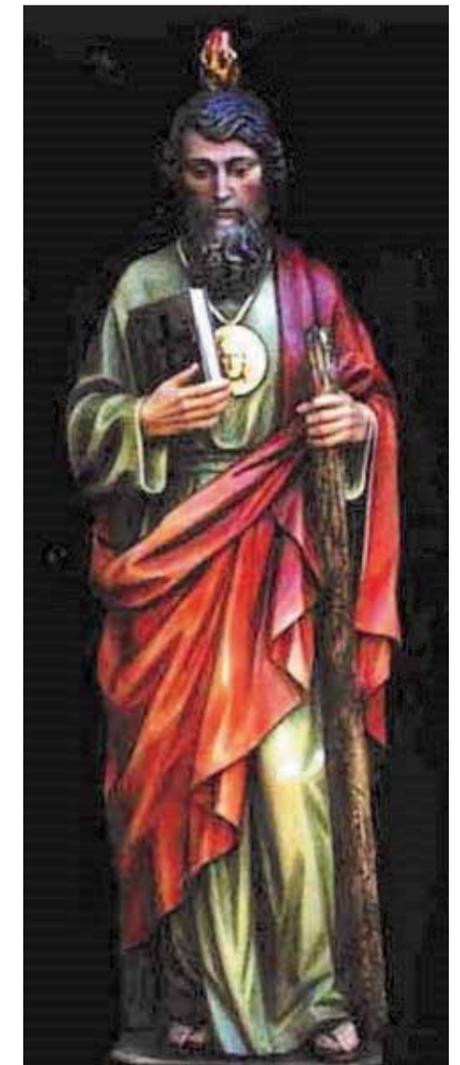
Dear Friends of St. Jude,

Since assuming the position of director of the St. Jude Shrine, I have been asked by many pilgrims and tourists about the objects St. Jude is carrying or wearing.

Statues and paintings of St. Jude and most other saints show them holding an object or an instrument whose purpose is to tell us who the saint is and what he or she did to gain their place in heaven. These objects identify them to the faithful who are praying to the saint for an answer to their prayers or novena intentions.

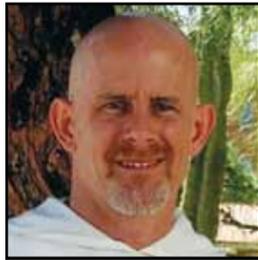
Almost all the apostles and saints can be identified in this way. Naturally, the better-known saints are more easily identified: St. Peter holding the keys to the Kingdom; St. Sebastian full of arrows; St. Lucy with her eyes on a plate; the giant St. Christopher with the Christ Child on his shoulder. (See page 3.)

However, when it comes to our patron, St. Jude, the images are more complicated. As is clear in the above image of him, he is usually shown with the attributes that relate to his life and death, as well as a few objects that have



accrued to him during the early centuries of Christianity, such as the legend of St. Jude and the Mandylion of Edessa, and the symbol of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles at Pentecost.

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Fr. Michael Fones, O.P.

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Novena Preacher: Father Michael Stephen Fones, O.P.

I am a native of Washington, Illinois, a small town in the heart of my home state at the crossroads of two insignificant county roads. My childhood and adolescent memories are filled with images of sandlot football and baseball games, king-of-the-mountain marathons, piano and bassoon lessons, and daydreaming of living somewhere — anywhere — else. My closest childhood friends have grown up to be medical researchers, engineers and computer scientists, and now in my middle age I am finally appreciating the exceptional nature of those experiences and people.

My older brother and sister are both teachers, and I followed them to Illinois State University, where I majored in music performance (bassoon) for two years before I decided to play it safe and get a degree that offered more job op-

portunities. I changed majors to geophysics and transferred to Michigan Technological University in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where I learned after arriving on campus that the average annual snowfall topped 250 inches. I graduated from Tech in 1983 and continued my education at Stanford University. While there I began discerning a vocation to religious life and priesthood, and after my first year, took a leave of absence to investigate the Dominicans, and ended up staying! The friars sent me back to Stanford to finish an M.S. in geophysics in 1988.

I was ordained in 1992 and have served in campus ministries at Arizona State University, and the Universities of Utah, Oregon, and Arizona. For the last seven years I worked with Sherry Weddell as the co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, a program of the

Western Province dedicated to the transformation of parishes into centers of formation for lay apostles. Dominican life challenges me with its ideal of a life balanced between prayer, study, ministry, and community. The opportunities for spiritual growth and personal development that I have received through the Order are gifts I do not fully appreciate yet, much as I was unable to appreciate my childhood while living it. And while there are challenges in this life, the blessings of meeting incredibly gifted and generous lay people and living with friars who inspire me with their dedication to the Gospel completely overshadow them. I am grateful to God for the wonderful people He keeps placing in my life — people who inspire me with their goodness and their love for the Lord Jesus.

How to Follow Jesus Like St. Jude

Studies on religion in America by the Pew Foundation in 2008-2009 indicate that one-third of all Americans are former Catholics! Some simply drifted away, others disagreed with one or more teachings of the

Church, and many sought after Jesus but believed they couldn't find him in their local parish or in the Church at all! Nothing will end this great exodus but a return of the focus of our faith to its source: Jesus of

Nazareth. This is the purpose of the New Evangelization, which the late Blessed John Paul II said is *not a matter of merely passing on a doctrine but rather of a personal and profound meeting with the Savior.*

The readings during our annual St Jude Novena lend themselves to this encounter. Fr. Michael, in taking us through our nine-day reflection will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus: what it costs, the changes one might expect in one's life and attitudes, and what Jesus has already done to enable us to follow him like St. Jude.

Do join us for these days of grace and discovery in honor of our beloved St. Jude Thaddeus.

St. Jude Novena, October 20-28, 2011

Novena Masses: Monday — Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

- ★ **Rosary led by Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P. before all Masses**
- ★ **Confessions heard before all Masses**
- ★ **Blessing with the relic of St. Jude after all weekday Masses**

The Symbols and Iconography of St. Jude Thaddeus (continued from page 1)

According to St. Luke's Gospel, Jude was the brother of the apostle St. James the Lesser. Both were related to Jesus as distant cousins. St. Jude has already been credited as the author of the brief *Epistle of St. Jude* found in the New Testament ("Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints"). For that reason he is shown carrying the Epistle.



The Mandylyon of Edessa in the Vatican Relic Room

Tradition has it that Jude and his fellow apostle and brother, St. Simon, carried the Gospel message to Persia, where they were not well received, and there met a martyr's death. St.

Jude was clubbed to death and Simon was sawn in half. Most commonly, the iconography of St. Jude shows him wearing a medal or strip of cloth on his chest with the face of Christ imprinted on it.

This is the most enigmatic attribute of St. Jude. This image refers to the ancient legend of Abgar, King of Edessa (in present day Turkey). Abgar was stricken with a terminal illness — possibly leprosy. He heard of a wonder-worker in Palestine: Jesus the Christ. In desperation he sent a servant named Anania, asking Jesus to heal him. Jesus responded that, while he could not personally come, he would send one of his apostles, namely, St. Jude, to console him. Jesus pressed a cloth to his face and left an imprint of himself on the fabric, which since then is known as the Mandylyon of Edessa.

The King's servant Anania is also said to have painted a portrait of Jesus and this, together with the Mandylyon, cured Abgar who accorded the image a place

of honor in his palace chapel.

It was so highly venerated there that after the Byzantine Emperor transferred it to the Royal Palace in Constantinople in 944, the Mandylyon was always carried into battle to assure victory for the Emperor's army and navy. It remained in Constantinople until the invasion of the Venetians in 1204 when the Mandylyon was transferred to the west ... and its history loses its clarity.

So it is that the image of St. Jude Thaddeus is ever associated with the legend of King Abgar. And by association, the healing of difficult and impossible cases of the faithful. The healing of Abgar from a purely human point of view is impossible, but with faith in Christ and his servant Jude, all things are possible.

With Christ and St. Jude,

Fr. Allen Duston, O.P.

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St. Peter



St. Sebastian



St. Lucy



St. Christopher

Looking Ahead

Every day at the Shrine we pray for our friends who are suffering physical illness or emotional distress. To support our prayer efforts, we inaugurated during the Lourdes Novena two years ago a Walk and Retreat for Healing of Mind, Body, and Soul. Now it is an essential part of our annual calendar.

As we prepare for next year's Walk and Retreat, we are especially mindful of those who are suffering from cancer and HIV/Aids.

The Church recognizes St. Peregrine as the patron saint of those afflicted with cancer, Aids, and other life-threatening illnesses. We will invoke him as a special protector during our Walk and Retreat next year, along with Our Lady and St. Jude, and in an upcoming newsletter we will tell you more about this great guardian and member of the community of saints.