



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.

Now in our eighty-second year

St. Jude Novena, October 2017

Calendar of Events, 2017-2018:

Christmas Novena (not preached)
December 25 – January 2

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 28

The new St. Jude Shrine
Prayer Booklet



will be available
October 2017

Ecclesial Communion



Fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P.
Director, the Shrine of St. Jude

The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, in its document "The Shrine and the Pilgrimage," noted the shrine as a place of "Ecclesial Communion." That is, it is a place where many peoples meet, sometimes even from outside our Faith.

Shrines and novenas remind us potently of the Second Vatican Council's message to the world, in the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, that "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

Indeed, while many believers and outsiders who come are perhaps feeling overwhelmed by their troubles and tribulations, we are united with all who come and pray with us, even with those who cannot be *physically* with us, but in spirit, praying along with us in our Novena.

For this year's St. Jude Novena, we welcome back Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O.P., known to many of us as a former director of our Shrine, and as an excellent preacher. He will preach especially on spiritual healing; something that seems "impossible" for many of us at times, for which reason we are eager to learn his insights. (See page 2 for more about Fr. Emmerich and the Novena.)

The St. Jude Shrine is first an apostolate of prayer, and we take that work of prayer seriously. We hope, of course, that you would be able to attend the Novena with us, or that you send your novena intentions in, but also that you will remember your fellow pilgrims and devotees in prayer during the Novena. We are in this together, under the patronage of St. Jude, as we approach Christ in prayer in our shared humanity.

Spiritual Healing St. Jude Novena

20 - 28 OCTOBER 2017

Blessing with the Relic of St. Jude after the Novena Mass

NOVENA MASSES:
Mon - Sat: 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sun: 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

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Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently ministering with Western Dominican Preaching.

For the past 35 years he has been involved in giving retreats to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Guatemala, Calcutta, and Africa. Former pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Portland, Oregon, he currently resides in Oakland, CA.

If you can answer 'yes' to some of the above questions, then perhaps this Novena on Spiritual Healing can help you find that peace which the world cannot give—a peace that comes from a spiritual life led in union with Christ and according to Christian principles.

Before things go from bad to worse, come and learn more about yourself by discovering a practical, spiritual program which, if lived one day at a time, leads to that "peace beyond all understanding."



For Whom:

- Do your good feelings about yourself depend on being liked by other people?
- Are your happiness and peace dependent on pleasing others?
- Does your fear of rejection determine what you say or do?
- Is it hard to express your feelings when the people you love are not doing what you want them to do?
- Do you feel like you give a lot and get little in return?
- Do you freeze up emotionally when you are in conflict?
- Do you feel like you are the only one holding your family together?
- Do you have difficulty asking for what you want?
- Are you overly defensive when your behavior is criticized?
- Is your life miserable because of someone else's behavior?
- Do you have difficulty saying "No"?
- Do you work or eat compulsively?
- Have you ever thought you'd be better off if you didn't keep giving in?
- Do you resort to sex to escape, relieve anxiety, or because you can't cope?
- Is your pursuit of sexual gratification compulsive?

A Reflection on Pilgrimages

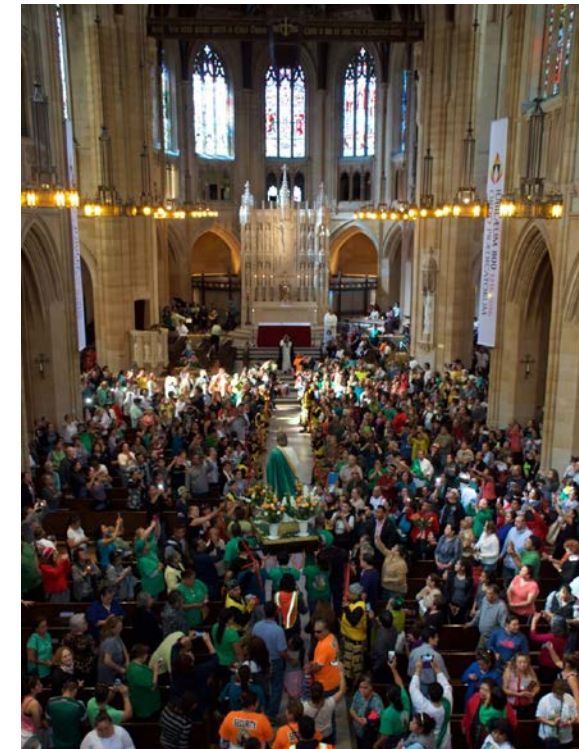
by: Fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P.

As I begin my term as the Director of the Shrine of St. Jude, and with my inaugural Pilgrimage of St. Jude, I would like to start with the most basic of questions: What is a procession? What is it that we do when we process? Processions have a long and varied history, going back to the Old Testament, where there was a most joyful procession of the Ark of the Covenant to a special Tabernacle King David had built. The psalms of King David themselves sing out with joyful processions! And of course, every Holy Week, we begin with the procession of Our Lord into Jerusalem, crying out "Hosanna!"

The word "procession" at its very root, though, symbolizes a going forward. Whether in victory or in supplication, a procession is a sign of joy, or of faith and hope. Processions have been used as a kind of weapon – witness the procession of the priests and the Ark of the Covenant around Jericho for seven days before the mighty walls tumbled – but most beautifully as a spiritual weapon, against hopelessness, against tragedy, and against disasters.

But it is not just for us pilgrims who march and our needs, though they be treasured in our hearts and our prayers as we

walk. This procession is also for our city and our nation. We recall the prophecy from the prophets Micah and Isaiah, that the nations will see the evidence of God's blessing and action in the people



Crowds throng St. Dominic's Church, home of the Shrine, for the closing Mass of the 12th Annual St. Jude Pilgrimage celebrated by Bishop William Justice of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. St. Jude, wreathed in flowers (center), is borne aloft in procession. Photo by Michelle Cardenas.

of God and they will say themselves, "Come, let us climb the LORD'S mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob. That He may instruct us in His ways, that we may walk in His paths" (Micah 4:2, Isaiah 2:3), and that all peoples will then "stream" (process) to it.

Into and through a city and a world that have become very secularized, then, we process, and we process to give the people hope. A people without God is a people without hope.

We are a reminder that God has not forgotten *us*, and has certainly not forgotten *them*. Let us march this year, then, that the walls that keep the people from God, that keep people imprisoned in sin and despair, and that they too may join us, saying "Come, let us climb the hills of this fair city, to St. Dominic's, the House of the Lord. That He may instruct us in His ways, that we may walk in His paths."

The motto of our saint of the Californias, St. Junípero Serra, was "Always forward, never back!" That is the very definition of hope – always

forward to a future of things hoped for – and that is where St. Jude always points the People of God. We pray as many people as possible will be able to join us, giving witness to that great hope we have, which is Christ, glorified in His angels and saints. St. Jude, patron of hope, pray for us!

Join us for our Fourteenth Annual St. Jude Pilgrimage, Oct 28, 2017

We are always keen to share with you letters attesting to St. Jude's intercession for those who call on him. Here is one such letter we received some time ago from a nurse in the intensive care nursery of a local hospital who practices a vocation of encouraging devotion to St. Jude:

Dear Father:

Baby Joseph, three weeks old, came to the unit very ill, in a critical condition, his diagnosis: prematurity (he was born at 27 weeks – 13 weeks early), skin infection over most of his body, very immature lungs, requiring a machine to help him breathe. He was small for his gestational age, being one of twins (his sister did not survive, God bless her soul). At two months old, Joseph's condition worsened; he needed several medications and more support from the ventilator. There was nothing more that could be done to help Joseph's condition. The baby's body needed to heal or he would not survive much longer.

At this time I stopped in at the Shrine of St. Jude. I read one of the cards with the prayer and knelt in front of the statue, asking St. Jude to intercede for this baby. In tears I asked not only for the sake of the life of this child, but for his mother. I prayed that Joseph would live and bring the joy of the love of God to his mother, Esther – that her son would be the instrument.

Without exaggeration: The next day I went to work. When the shift began, the doctor taking care of Joseph came to his bedside. She asked me if I had looked at

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.*

the morning's x-rays. I said, not yet. We both went to look together. The doctor couldn't believe that the x-ray was of the same patient. It showed lungs that were clear, healed and functioning normally. That day the infant gradually started to be weaned from the support of the ventilator. Esther, his mom, was in tears to hear the news that there was a chance her baby would survive.

Approximately six weeks later, Joseph would go home (a big boy, seven pounds), smiling growing and thriving. How beautiful is the grace of our God.

Several years have passed since I met Joseph and Esther. I keep my promise to St. Jude to introduce him to the many babies and their families I encounter, to ask for his intercessions and prayers. I have been blessed to see God's graces given to others in what I now call my vocation. Thanks to God.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Jude,

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