



# Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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Now in our eighty-fourth year

St. Peregrine Novena, June 1 – 9, 2019

## Calendar of Events, 2019-2020:

Father's Day Novena  
June 8 – 16

St. Monica Novena  
August 19 – 27

St. Jude Novena  
October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage  
October 26, 2019

Christmas Novena  
December 25 – January 2

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
February 3 – 11

Easter Novena  
April 12 – 20

Mother's Day Novena  
May 2 – 10

St. Peregrine Novena  
June 1 – 9

The Shrine of St. Jude is an apostolate of the Western Dominican Province 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. The Shrine supports the education of young men preparing to be priests of the Dominican Order.

## From the Director:

*"I come to the Sacred Eucharist as a sick man to the physician who will save his life, as a man unclean to the fountain of mercy...praying that in your boundless generosity you will deign to cure my sickness, wash my defilement away, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness."*

-St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Prayer before Mass

Dear Friends of St. Jude:

These words of St. Thomas Aquinas speak to that particular devotion of the Middle Ages: The Heart of Christ Crucified. So many saints venerated the image of Christ suffering on the cross because it is from His pierced side that all healing and all graces pour forth. The blood and water that flow from the dead body of Christ become for us a way to life in body and soul. Supernatural life and spiritual vitality find their source in the Holy Cross.

Veneration of the Crucifix was a hallmark of the Middle Ages. St. Francis of Assisi received his mission to rebuild the Church while in prayer in front of the Crucifix at San Damiano. In Siena, St. Catherine received the stigmata while in prayer before a



Very Rev. Vincent M. Kelber, O.P.  
Director

similar representation of Christ crucified. St. Dominic taught his brethren to honor the Cross as well. In his Nine Ways of prayer we read: "He taught the brethren to bow profoundly whenever they passed before a crucifix showing the humiliation of Christ, so that Christ, who was humbled for our sake, might particularly see us humbled before his greatness." Our humility before the humble Lord opens our hearts to receive the mercy that flows out from the Heart of Jesus.

St. Peregrine Laziosi is also a saint of the Middle Ages. As such, he too had a profound devotion to the image of Christ Crucified and it was to the Crucifix that he went in his moment of greatest need. When he was about sixty years of age,

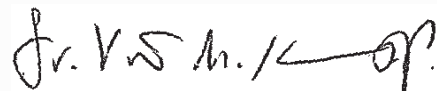
an infection developed in his right leg. As his condition worsened, it was decided that the leg would be amputated. The night before the surgery St. Peregrine prayed before a fresco of the Crucifixion in the chapter room. He fell into a deep sleep and saw Jesus descend from the Cross. In the vision, the Lord touched his leg. When he awoke, the wound was miraculously cured. The body of St. Peregrine was renewed, but as with all healings the greater restoration was in his soul by the power of Christ's Sacraments and the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. The healing prompted a renewed thanksgiving to the Lord in the heart of St. Peregrine, as well as propelling him into even greater apostolic efforts.

During this year's novena let us not only beseech the intercession of St. Peregrine and St. Jude, but let us join them in contemplation of the Side of Christ. Let us accompany them to the foot of the Cross and there pray in union with them for the grace of healing in our bodies, in our souls, and above all in the whole Church. The Apostle Peter wrote: Jesus "himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (I Pt 2: 24).

The greatest gift of healing is the knowledge of salvation and peace in our heart. However, like St. Peregrine, the true disciple not only receives that message, but proclaims the Lord who has brought life. Pope Benedict in an

Angelus message teaches: "The mission arises from the heart: when one stops to pray before a Crucifix with his glance fixed on that pierced side, he cannot but experience within himself the joy of knowing that he is loved and the desire to love and to make himself an instrument of mercy and reconciliation." (22 Oct. 2006) May we each come before Christ Crucified to experience his great love for us and to obtain the courage to proclaim that love everywhere!

In Christ our Lord,

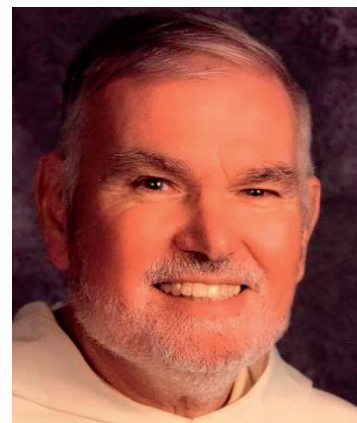


Fr. Vincent



**St. Peregrine Novena**  
**June 1 – 9, 2019**  
**Masses:**  
**Sun 11:30 am & 5:30 pm**  
**Mon – Sat 8:00 am & 5:30 pm**

**Novena Preacher:**  
**Fr. Allan White, O.P.**



Fr. Allan White, an English Dominican, joined the Dominican Order in 1973 and was ordained a priest in 1979. He studied and taught at Blackfriars, Oxford and at Edinburgh, where he received his doctorate in 1980.

In 1989, Fr. Allan moved to London where he was editor of "New Blackfriars," whilst continuing to teach at Blackfriars, Oxford and at the Westminster diocesan seminary in London. He was elected Provincial of the English Dominicans in 2000.

In 2015 Fr. Allan moved to southern California where he serves as rector of St. Mary's School and works in the parishes of St. Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe, El Centro.

We are delighted to have Fr. Allen return to us after his stellar preaching for the Lourdes Novena last year.

