



Praying for the return of our family members to the Church

## St. Monica Triduum

August 25-27, 2026

*“Surrender: letting go and letting God”*

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

Blessings to you during these summer months.

St. Augustine of Hippo famously said that "what is unknown cannot be loved." If you don't know what Paris, or sushi, or ice cream is, you cannot possibly love it — you must first come to know it. Augustine himself is a living testament to this truth. Despite his mother St. Monica's steadfast faith, he wandered far from it throughout his youth. It was not until well into his adulthood that he came to know Christ — and in knowing Him, fell deeply in love with Him and allowed Him to transform his life entirely.



I have lost touch with most of my childhood friends who, like me, were raised with some form of Catholic faith. But when I do hear about them — mostly through their parents — I have almost come to expect the same story: that they are no longer practicing. Many drifted away in high school or college. Some simply drifted away. And while many young people across our nation and beyond have returned to the faith with great fervor, many parents still carry the quiet pain of watching their children walk away from what they taught them mattered most — their relationship with Christ.

But the St. Jude Shrine's purpose is to be a beacon of hope for us, and the reality is that Christ can transform even the greatest sinners into the greatest saints, just like St. Augustine. It's for this reason that whatever role we play in bringing our children back to the faith must be grounded in prayer. To that end, I invite you to participate in the **St. Monica Triduum**, to be preached **August 25–27 here at St. Dominic's Catholic Church**. I have asked the freshly ordained Dominican Fr. John Paul Puschultz to preach, and I very much look forward to his words.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity. I have now been a priest for just over a year — and what a year it has been. It has been a wild ride, but one that I am overjoyed to live. Please know that I pray for you, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as well.

In Christ and St. Jude,

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## St. Monica Triduum Spiritual Bouquet

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Dear Fr. Elias,  
Please pray for my loved ones listed below and for my special intentions during the **St. Monica Triduum** at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, **August 25-27, 2026**.

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### St. Monica Prayer

St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for... **(here mention your petition)** and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



Please join us in praying for our five brothers, and newly ordained to the priesthood on June 26: Fr. Benedict Mary Bartsch, O.P.; Fr. Francis Dominic Nguyen, O.P.; Fr. Philip Neri Gerlomes, O.P.; Fr. Luke Maria Lee, O.P.; and Fr. John Paul Puschautz, O.P.

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### St. Monica Triduum Schedule August 25-27, 2026

All the Triduum Masses will be followed by a  **blessing with the Relics of St. Monica and St. Jude.**

**Masses:**

8:00 am\* and 5:30 pm

**Confessions and Rosary:**

20 minutes prior to each Mass

\* Livestreamed

**Our YouTube Channels:** “St. Jude Shrine – Santuario de San Judas” or “St. Dominic’s Catholic Church San Francisco.

### The Triduum Preacher Fr. John Paul Puschautz, O.P.



**Fr. John Paul** is a Dominican Friar of the Western Province. He is from a big family of artists with 6 older brothers and one younger sister who were raised in Chicago, Illinois (the actual north side of the city, and not the suburbs). Some favorite hobbies include hiking, playing music and sports, doing art, and more recently evangelization through social media as Dunkin Dominican.

After his reversion in college, he did a mission year in Peoria Illinois and then entered religious life where he studied in France and worked as a campus minister at Seton Hall University in New Jersey before entering the Dominicans in California where he has lived for the last 5 years working especially with youth and young adults. For his Pontifical License in Theology he wrote his thesis on Visio Divina, a method of praying with art that he developed.