



## Christmas 2023

### Blessings on you dear friend and devotee of St. Jude,

I write to invite you to enroll your loved ones in our special Christmas Novena. This special nine days of prayer extends from the sacred celebration of Mass on Christmas day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, until January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

What a marvelous gift to extend to your family and loved ones; an inclusion in all the prayers and Masses of the days during the Christmas octave! We pray intently for the salvation and sanctification of all those close to your heart.

As we celebrate the great feast of Christmas; our loving God taking on our humanity and being born as a tiny, approachable infant in a stable in Bethlehem, I'm conscious of the saying of the 3rd century Bishop and Doctor of the church, St. Athanasius. "God became man so that humanity may be deified." By this, Athanasius means that we come to share in the divine nature, in God's communicable attributes of goodness, holiness and love. Jesus, is by nature, God. We participate in God's nature through His grace and by our adoption in Baptism. As St. John the Evangelist writes, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God. Yet that is what we are" (1 Jn 3:1)

So, with this feast of Christmas, we are lifted up by His great mercy shown us, and we are challenged to live in truth our vocation as God's sons and daughters, enabling others to know His goodness, holiness and love through us.



We seek St. Jude's intercession during these holy days and ask, through His intercession, that those we love may be blessed and at peace.

All of us here at the St. Jude Shrine pray that through the intercession of our Holy Patron, St. Jude, the Lord may fill your heart with the joy, hope and peace of the Child Jesus.

A Holy and Happy Christmas be yours,

Rev. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.  
Director



Scan this code using your phone camera to participate online!

**P.S. Enroll your loved ones in the Christmas Novena today, and in your kindness, please also remember the Dominican Friars in your prayers as well!**

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## Christmas Novena Spiritual Bouquet

Enroll online at: <https://stjude-shrine.org/enroll-in-christmas-novena>



Dear Father Anthony,  
Please remember the names of my loved ones written below so they can participate in the **Christmas Novena** at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus **from December 25 to January 2, 2024.**

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Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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