



# Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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St. Peregrine Novena Edition - June 1–9, 2023

## Calendar of Events 2023-2024

St. Peregrine Novena  
June 1–9, 2023

Father's Day Novena  
June 10–18, 2023

St. Monica Triduum  
August 25–27, 2023

St. Jude Novena  
October 20–28, 2023

St. Jude Pilgrimage  
Sat. October 28, 2023

Month of All Souls  
November 2–30, 2023

Christmas Novena  
Dec. 25, 2023 – Jan. 2, 2024

Lourdes Novena  
February 3–11, 2024

Easter Novena  
March 31–April 8, 2024

Mother's Day Novena  
May 4–12, 2024

The Shrine of St. Jude is a ministry of prayer 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.

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

As all of us get older, the reality of our mortality is brought home in the form of aches and pains. However, for many of us, this goes beyond mere aches and pains to life-threatening disease. A dear friend of mine was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer a few months back. It is amazing how a seeming healthy, vivacious man can suddenly be halted in his tracks. Disease does this. The body begins to turn on itself. And we are faced with the fact that we are mortals.

Sickness also raises the ultimate questions – do I believe in God? Do I believe in heaven? Do I believe that there is a way to get there? Do I believe that God can heal me? Do I believe that there are different kinds of healing – spiritual and physical?

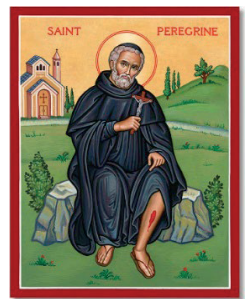
To begin to confront these questions, we need time for discernment – and we need the help of Divine Grace! God the Holy Spirit can speak to us even through the pain, worry, and anxiety.

My buddy who was diagnosed with cancer tells me that one immediate change he made was to go to Mass every single day. He had always gone on Sunday, but he says that he no longer wants to be lazy and wants the Grace of the Sacrament as often as possible to keep him close with us.

And of course, we are never alone because the Saints love and care for us as well! St. Jude and St. Peregrine are mighty intercessors who will unite with our prayers before God!

**I would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming novena in honor to St. Peregrine the patron saint of cancer patients, whether present at our church or from your home.**

**Please mail us back (or go online) the petition slip attached with the names of your loved ones.**



As usual, those names will be placed on the altar and prayed for during the nine days of the Novena.

We're excited to announce that Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P. will be the preacher for this Novena. He is the former Novice Master of the Western Dominican Province and as such has led many men on their journey to become Dominican Priests. His love of religious life and his deep contemplative spirit will help guide us as we make these nine days of prayer in support of all those dealing with cancer and other diseases.



## St. Peregrine Novena - Spiritual Bouquet

Enroll online at: [stjude-shrine.org/enroll-in-current-novena](http://stjude-shrine.org/enroll-in-current-novena)

Dear Father Emmerich,

Please remember the names of my loved ones written below so they can participate in the St. Peregrine Novena at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, June 1-9, 2023.

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

Please mail this form to: **St. Jude Shrine • PO Box 15368 • San Francisco, CA 94115-0368; or drop it off at the Shrine.**

Cancer might scare us, disease might scare us, death might scare us. However, in the end, there is only one thing to be scared of – not getting to heaven! **Let us join each other through the Shrine of St. Jude to unite our prayers for the sick – and especially that all of us, in the end, make it to our true home as Saints where there will be no more pain or anxiety!**

Sincerely in Christ and St. Jude,

Rev. Emmerich Vogt, O.P.  
Director



**Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.**  
*Novena Preacher*

Born in Hayward, California, a suburb of San Francisco, Fr. Vincent Serpa attended Bishop O’Dowd High School and the University of San Francisco. He entered the Dominican Novitiate for the U.S. western province of the Dominican Order.

Fr. Serpa was ordained in 1968, he spent three years doing radio work in San Francisco while still in school. From 1992 to 2000 Fr. Serpa served as novice master in Oakland, California. In September of that year, he joined the staff at Catholic Answers as chaplain and staff apologist. He particularly enjoyed answering questions on the “Ask an Apologist” forum and producing his daily “Catholic Answers Minute.”

Since then, he has served in Dominican parishes in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Portland, Oregon. He is presently the superior of the Dominican Community at Saint Dominic’s Church in Benicia, California.

## Novena Prayer to St. Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you who have been called “The Mighty,” “The Wonder Worker” because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you; you who for so many years bore in your own flesh the same debilitating illness of cancer.

I seek God’s healing, but right now help me to imitate your enduring faith in the face of this great challenge, that

I may trust the Lord as you did in your moment of distress.

Help me to find the strength to proclaim God’s presence in my life despite the anguish and fear this disease causes in me and my loved ones.

O glorious St. Peregrine, aided in this way by your powerful intercession, I will sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

~Amen.



## Novena Schedule June 1-9, 2023

*All Novena Masses will be followed by the blessing with the Relic of St. Jude.*

### Mon-Fri ~Morning

Confessions: 7:45 a.m.

**Mass: 8:00 a.m.\***

Followed by Preaching and Rosary

### Mon-Fri ~Evening

Confessions and Rosary: 5:15 p.m.

**Mass: 5:30 p.m.**

### Saturdays

Confessions and Rosary: 8:45 a.m.

**Mass: 9:00 a.m.\***

### Sunday

Confessions prior to each Mass.

**Masses: 9:30 a.m.\*, 11:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.**

\* *Live Streamed also.*

### Our YouTube Channels:

“St. Jude Shrine – Santuario de San Judas”

or “St. Dominic’s Catholic Church San Francisco”

## Remember the St. Jude Shrine in your Estate

Extend your legacy of devotion to St. Jude and share it with the world by remembering the Shrine in your will, trust, or other beneficiary documents. Simply contact your attorney or plan advisor and ask them to include us under the following name and contact info:

**Western Dominican Province  
dba Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus**  
5877 Birch Court  
Oakland, CA 94618  
Tax ID: 94-6081023

### Need to create a will?

Use our secure and free online tool at [www.freewill.com/opwest](http://www.freewill.com/opwest)

*Open your camara phone and scan this code if you prefer to send us electronically your prayer petitions for this Novena:*



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