



Praying for the return of our family members to the Church

St. Monica Triduum  
August 25-27, 2025

“A son of so many tears shall not perish”

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

I hope you are all having a great summer!

Aside from prayers for health, one of the most common petitions we receive at the Shrine is for children to return to the Church. Sadly, many parents watch their children—whom they raised in the practice of the faith—drift away, often during high school or college. There are many reasons for this: a lack of understanding of the faith, a lack of Catholic community, and other challenges. For parents, this can be a real cross to bear, leaving them wondering what more they could have done—or what they can do now.



St. Monica knew the pain of having a child outside the Church. Through years of steadfast prayer, she witnessed her son, St. Augustine of Hippo, come to know his need for God and embrace the Catholic faith. He would go on to become one of the most influential saints and thinkers in the history of the Church. Inspired by her perseverance, we will pray the St. Monica Triduum this August 25–27.

To preach this triduum, I’ve invited Fr. Michael Sherwin, O.P., to preach this year’s St. Monica triduum. Fr. Michael teaches most of the year at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome, but stays at St. Dominic’s Church of San Francisco over the summer. I’ve had the privilege of taking his classes myself—he is a phenomenal teacher and preacher, and I’m genuinely excited to welcome him for this St. Monica’s triduum.

As usual, the triduum will conclude with a small reception on August 27 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Confessions and a rosary will be offered before each Mass.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity. I’ve now been a priest for just over a month, and I can’t express how grateful I am for this vocation. God has truly been merciful to me. Please know that I’m praying for you—and please, keep me in your prayers as well.

In Christ and St. Jude,

*Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford O.P.*

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St. Monica Triduum Spiritual Bouquet

Dear Fr. Elias,  
Please remember the names of my loved ones written below so they can participate in the **St. Monica Triduum** at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, **August 25-27, 2025**.

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

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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.*



**Meet the newly ordained priests!** From left to right: Fr. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, OP, Fr. John Peter Anderson, OP, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford, OP (*the Shrine of St. Jude director*), and Fr. Antony Augustine Cherian, OP. All four were ordained on May 30<sup>th</sup> at our St. Dominic’s Church, home of the Shrine, in San Francisco.

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## St. Monica Triduum Schedule

**August 25-27, 2025**

All the Masses during this triduum (August 25-27) will be followed by a **blessing with the Relics of St. Monica and St. Jude**. Below is the schedule:

### Masses:

8:00 am\* and 5:30 pm

### Confessions and Rosary:

15 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. Michael S. Sherwin, O.P.**



**Fr. Michael S. Sherwin** is a Professor of Fundamental Moral Theology and director of the Institute of Spirituality at the Angelicum in Rome. Previously, he served almost twenty years teaching at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He has also taught at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California, where he received his initial formation as a Dominican and was ordained a priest in 1991. Author of articles on the psychology of love, virtue ethics and moral development, his monograph, *By Knowledge and By Love: Charity and Knowledge in the Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (CUA Press, 2005) has become a standard Thomistic reference, while Alasdair MacIntyre has described Fr. Sherwin’s published collection of essays, *On Love and Virtue* (Emmaus Academic, 2018) as “theological reflection at its best.”

Fr. Sherwin also serves as chaplain to the *Association Nationale des Cavaliers Catholiques*, an equestrian pilgrimage organization, and has collaborated with both Dave Brubeck and his son Chris Brubeck in Celebration of the Scriptures at the crossroads between Jazz and classical music.

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