



*Praying especially for all our fallen-away loved ones*

## ***St. Monica Triduum***

***August 25-27, 2024***



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### ***Dear Friends of St. Jude,***

I hope this summer you can recognize and savor the blessings of the Lord, and that the heat we are experiencing in the West, or the darkness of this world are not weighing heavily on you.

Upcoming in August we will be celebrating our Triduum in honor of St. Monica, the mother and resolute intercessor of her once- wayward son, St. Augustine. This Triduum will be preached by Fr. Jerome Cudden, OP, who is pastor of the Dominican church of St. Raymond of Penafort in Menlo Park, California. We are happy to have him as he reflects with us on the Gospel and St. Monica.

Many of us have had relatives or friends who have wandered away from the Faith and may even be living a life far from the Lord. For parents this is always a special cross. When faith is strong and our lives lived close to the sacraments and scripture, we realize what a gift our relationship with the Lord and His Church is, and what a strength and consolation it gives when the shadows of this broken world seek to engulf us. Thank you Lord for the gift of perseverance!

Our lives are meant to be a gift for others and often this takes the form of intercession in prayer. St Monica, who was ever-faithful in bringing her son spiritually before the heart of the Lord, reminds and challenges us to consistently pray for those we love who are distant or have lost their way. She never gave up, and eventually St. Augustine's heart was softened, and he was able to perceive the Lord's call in his life.

We have to trust in the consoling words of St. Ambrose to St. Monica, "God does not ignore the tears of a mother. The child of such tears will never perish." We gather in these three days of prayer to place before the Lord, especially through the intercession of St. Monica, all those for whom our hearts ache and we desire that they come back to their home in the Church.

The relics of St. Monica and St. Jude will be present at the Masses during these three days, and we will receive a special blessing with them.

A bit of news: Our brother Elias Ford, O.P. is coming to the end of his studies and initial formation and he will be ordained deacon in September. He is assigned to St. Dominic's here in San Francisco and appointed as new director of the St. Jude Shrine. He brings many talents into his ministry, one of which is his ability to speak Spanish. This will be most helpful for the many Hispanic pilgrims who come to the St. Jude Shrine. You will be hearing from him as we enter the autumn season.

God bless you all. May He answer all your prayers according to His Holy Will and always keep you close to His heart through the intercession of St. Jude and St. Monica.

In Our Loving Lord,



Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.  
Director

## St. Monica Triduum 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.*



*Our Relics of St. Jude and St. Monica*



*Fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P. (Shrine's former director) giving Sr. Ann Providence, O.P. (Dominican Sister) a blessing with one of our St. Jude's Relics.*

## St. Monica Triduum Mass Schedule August 25-27, 2024

*The Triduum Masses will be followed by a blessing with the Relics of St. Monica and St. Jude, except Sunday Masses.*

### Sunday, Aug. 25

Confessions prior to each Mass.

**Masses: 9:30 am\*, 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm.**

### Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 26-27 ~Morning

Confessions and Rosary: 7:45 am

**Mass: 8:00 am\*** Followed by Preaching

### Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 26-27 ~Evening

Confessions and Rosary: 5:15 pm

**Mass: 5:30 pm**

*\* Live Streamed also.*

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

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<https://stjude-shrine.org/enroll-in-triduum-of-st-monica>