



Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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Celebrating our 90th Anniversary!

St. Jude Novena Edition – October 20-28, 2025

Calendar of Events 2025-2026

- Jude Novena
October 20–28
- St. Jude Pilgrimage
Sat. October 25
- Month of All Souls
November 2–30
- Christmas Novena
Dec. 25, 2025 – Jan. 2, 2026
- Lourdes Novena
February 3–11
- Easter Novena
April 5–13
- Mother's Day Novena
May 2–10
- St. Peregrine Novena
June 1–9
- Father's Day Novena
June 13–21
- St. Monica Triduum
August 25–27

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.

From our director:

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

I hope you've had a wonderful summer! Here at the Shrine we're already preparing for our biggest celebration of the year—the St. Jude Novena, which runs from October 20–28. If you haven't come to St. Dominic's, especially during the feast of St. Jude, it's well worth your time. Thousands of people come from all over the States and even Mexico to visit St. Jude here at St. Dominic's on his feast day.

Also, on October 25, we will have the St. Jude Pilgrimage, a procession that this year will start at St. Philip's Church here in San Francisco on 24th and Diamond Streets. It's an amazing sight to witness thousands of pilgrims walking the streets of San Francisco with the statue of St. Jude, praying and singing together, before arriving at St. Dominic's for a beautiful Mass. All the student brothers from St. Albert's come, too. It's truly something not to miss!

This year, I'll be preaching the St. Jude Novena. It's not common that the Director of the Shrine does this, but I feel like this is a great opportunity for me to be “baptized” into this position. Also, this year marks the 90th anniversary of the foundation of

the Shrine of St. Jude in San Francisco, so I'm especially thrilled to be preaching the novena this year.

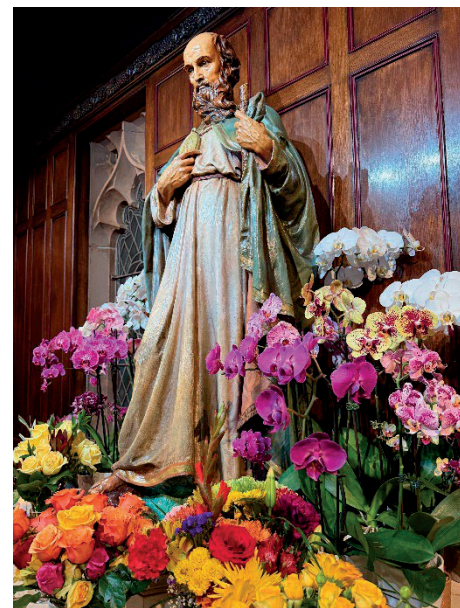
I'm looking forward to seeing you there. If you're a regular reader of the Newsletter, please be sure to introduce yourself to me if you come.

Please pray for us as we prepare for these great events!

In Christ and Saint Jude,

Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford O.P.

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Director



Novena Schedule October 20-28, 2025

*The Novena Masses will be followed by a blessing with **the Relics of St. Jude** (except Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses)*

Mon-Fri ~Morning

Confessions and Rosary: 7:45 am

Mass: 8:00 am*

Followed by Preaching

Mon-Fri ~Evening

Confessions and Rosary: 5:15 pm

Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday

Confessions and Rosary: 8:40 am

Masses: 9:00 am*, and 5:30 pm –
Sunday Vigil Mass.

Sunday

Confessions prior to each Mass.

Masses: 7:30 am, 9:30 am*, 11:30
am, 1:30 pm (Spanish), and 5:30pm

* **Live Streamed also.**

Our YouTube Channels:

“St. Jude Shrine – Santuario de San Judas” or “St. Dominic’s Catholic Church San Francisco”

St. Jude Feast Day Masses Tuesday, October 28th

8:00 am – English

11:00 am – Spanish

1:30 pm – Spanish

5:30 pm – English

Why does God want us to pray?

What’s the point of prayer? If God knows what we need, why bother asking Him? Every prayer to God, regardless of what we are asking, is the beginning of a desire for Him, even if faint and through the shadow of other lesser desires. And the more we expose these desires to God, the more he purifies and heals them. This is also why God wants us to ask others to pray for us, too—especially those who are in Heaven, such as St. Jude— so that in asking for their help, we may not only see the power of intercession, but also look to them to emulate our lives that our desires may be purified and conformed to God, too.

“St. Jude, the Preacher of Christ: Building up in Faith, Waiting in Hope, and Living in Love.”

-Fr. Elias



Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford, O.P.
Novena Preacher & Director

Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford is a Dominican Friar from the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (Western Dominican Province.) A San Francisco native, he grew up coming to St. Dominic’s as every other month or so for confession and to visit St. Jude with his family.

He holds a B.A. in Music from Ave Maria University in Florida and an M.A. in Philosophy from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA, where he wrote on the role of architecture in the development of virtue.

Fr. Elias Guadalupe was ordained priest in May of 2025 and now serves as Director of the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus in San Francisco.

Novena Prayer to St. Jude Thaddeus

St. Jude, glorious apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many. But the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of difficult and desperate cases. Pray for me who am in need of God’s mercy.

Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege accorded to you to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly – (*here make your request*) – and that I may praise God with you and all the elect throughout all eternity. I promise you, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor. I will honor you as my special and powerful patron and encourage devotion to you. St. Jude, pray for us and for all who honor and invoke thy aid. Amen.



Open your camera phone and scan this code to send us electronically your prayer petitions for this Novena.



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Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of our Shrine of St. Jude!

This year, the Shrine of Saint Jude celebrates 90 years since its founding. Devotion to Saint Jude has deep connections with the Dominican Order. When Dominican missionaries arrived in Armenia in the 13th century, they discovered a strong devotion to the Apostle, who, according to tradition, had founded the Church there. Centuries later, devotion to Saint Jude grew in Spain, Latin America, and Italy, spreading widely in the 18th and 19th centuries.

In 1929, as people struggled through the hardships of the Great Depression, Claretian and Dominican friars established shrines to Saint Jude in Chicago, offering a light of hope to the faithful. A few years later, in October 1935, Fr. William Thomas Lewis, O.P., founded the Shrine of Saint Jude in San Francisco at the request of the Prior-Provincial of the Western Dominican Province. What began as a small altar in the Lady Chapel was moved to its current location in 1953.

Since then, the Shrine has welcomed countless visitors who come seeking hope and strength through the intercession of Saint Jude. Each year, thousands take part in the annual pilgrimage, joining together from across the nation and beyond to honor the Apostle of Hope.



St. Jude Shrine, Lady Chapel – 1935

Meet Our New Novices 2025-2026

We are pleased to introduce you to our new ten brothers, who just received their habits last month. Please pray for them as they learn the first steps of Dominican life, and please, continue to pray for our students in formation and for an increase in vocations to our Province.



Back Row (L to R): Br. Moses Paul, Br. Edward, Br. Bede
Middle Row (L to R): Br. Clement, Br. Paul Mary, Br. Charbel Ambrose, Br. John Gabriel
Front Row (L to R): Br. Jacob Mary, Br. Isaac Maria, Br. Joshua Matthew

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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
Province of the Holy Name of Jesus
dba Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus**

5877 Birch Court
Oakland, CA 94618
Tax ID: 94-6081023

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20th Annual Pilgrimage to
ST. JUDE THADDEUS
Saturday - October 25, 2025

Location: Procession starts at 10:00 am from St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond Street (between Elizabeth and 24th Streets) San Francisco; and ends approx. at 12:30 pm at St. Dominic Church (Home of the Shrine of Saint Jude) 2390 Bush St., San Francisco.

Transportation: Buses will be running from St. Dominic Church to St. Philip Church from 7:00 am to 9:00 am only.

Parking: Available at St. Dominic Church only.

Route: Exiting St. Philip Church, head north on Diamond St. towards Elizabeth St., turn right onto Elizabeth St., right on Church St., left on 24th St., left on Guerrero St., continue on Laguna St., turn left on Sutter St., and right on Steiner St. (Approx. 3.7 miles)

Bilingual Mass: 1:00 pm - St. Dominic Church
Celebrant : Fr. Elias Guadalupe Ford, O.P.
Director of the Shrine of St. Jude

Blessing with St. Jude Relics: After the 1:00 pm Mass at St. Dominic's Church.



**St. Jude Feast Day
Masses**

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 am – English
11:00 am – Spanish
1:30 pm – Spanish
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