



# The Friends of St. Jude

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The mission of the Shrine of St. Jude is to further the devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult Cases," and to support the education and formation of worthy students for the Dominican Priesthood and Brotherhood.

St. Anne Novena July 2009

## Special Points

- **A Letter from our Chief Administrative Officer, Stedman Matthew**
- **A Word from our Novena Preacher: Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.**
- **Novena Masses:**
- **M-F: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm**  
**Sat: 8:00 am**  
**Sun: 9:30 am & 11:30am**
- **Milestones**

## Calendar

### 2009

- **St. Anne Novena (preached)**  
July 18-26, 2009
- **St. Jude Novena (preached)**  
Oct. 20-28, 2009
- **St. Jude Pilgrimage**  
Oct. 24, 2009
- **All Souls' Remembrance**  
November 2, 2009
- **Christmas Novena (not preached)**  
Dec. 25– Jan. 2, 2010

## The Saints in Our Midst

### Dear Friends of St. Jude,

Preachers frequently urge us to acclaim the saints in our midst, those everyday folk whose lives, lived in fidelity to God, inspire us to be like them. They, like the saints whom we've venerated throughout the life of the Church, serve as models of spiritual attitudes and virtuous behavior, and as channels of God's grace to a needful world. Often they are to be found right under our noses: in our workplaces, or in our homes.

These thoughts come to mind as we approach our novena in honor of Jesus' grandmother, St. Anne, and his cousin, our beloved patron, St. Jude. We wonder: What was Jesus' human family like? But a more urgent concern, says Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P., "is deciding what it means to be a member of Jesus' family today. How do we care for the Jesus in our midst? How are we Jesus' grandmother, or brother, or sister, or cousin?" To put it another way, how are we *saints* to one another?

Fr. Reginald returns, by happy coincidence, to preach this year's St. Anne novena, July 18-26. He gives us below a foretaste of what's to come.

May God bless you and keep you safe this summer.

In Christ and St. Jude,

Stedman Matthew

### A Word from Our Novena Preacher: Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

In 1987, when my superiors allowed me to study for a graduate degree, I had the great pleasure of working part-time at the Shrine of St. Jude. The director in those days was the legendary Fr. John Victor Kane, O.P. and I quickly grew to share his devotion – not only to St. Jude, but to the many individuals who consider St. Jude their special patron. Some time later, I was honored to be named director of the Shrine of St. Jude, and I count those years among the happiest of my thirty-five-year priesthood.

My association with the Shrine goes back much further, however, to 1969, when I began studying for the priesthood in the Western Dominican Province. From the first day of our studies, my classmates and I learned that the devotees of St. Jude were our patrons, underwriting not only our studies, but the very necessities of our life. When I was ordained a priest, in 1974, I had many people to thank, not least the countless individuals who support the Shrine of St. Jude, and whose faithful prayers supported me through the years of my priestly formation.

When I was director of the Shrine, one of my Dominican brothers preached a novena in which he said, "If the Shrine of St. Jude were to close its doors

tomorrow, our Dominican School would close its doors the next day." He could not have spoken a greater truth. The fact is the Western Dominican Province is altogether indebted to the prayers and support of those who seek solace at the Shrine of St. Jude. Without you we could accomplish very little.

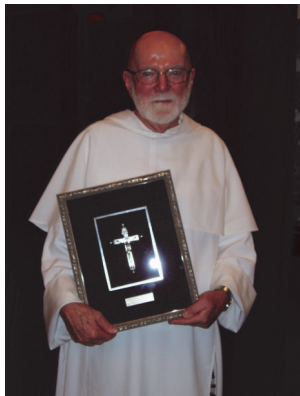
Over the years, I have been invited to preach each of the novenas sponsored by the Shrine of St. Jude. I am particularly happy to preach this year's novena to St. Anne, who seems to me a wonderful symbol of what the St. Jude Shrine stands for – the human family of Jesus, whose members pray for one another, and who share the joys and sorrows, the triumphs and defeats of those whom Christ calls to be His sisters and brothers.

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St. Anne fresco, National Museum, Warsaw. Coptic, 8th Century

### Milestones



**Fr. Martin de Porres, Walsh, O.P., Director of the Shrine of St. Jude.**

We join with the rest of the Western Dominican Province in marking two important milestones this year, both involving key members of our St. Jude family: 1) the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Thomas (Tommy) Hayes, O.P. and 2) the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P. Fr. Tommy was director of the St. Jude Shrine from 1987 to 1997, and Fr. Martin is our current director.

On April 18, both men (together with a third Dominican friar) were honored by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) of Berkeley, California with the Alemany Award for exemplary service to the Church. The Award is named for Joseph

Sadoc Alemany, a Dominican friar, who was the first Archbishop of San Francisco (1853). The DSPT trains Dominicans for the priesthood; donations to the Shrine of St. Jude go toward the education and formation of these future priests.

The Award ceremony was a stirring event attended by nearly 250 of the honorees' friends, family and Dominican brothers, and highlighted by the actual presentation of the Award by Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., president of the DSPT. It was a wonderful evening of celebration. We know you join us in extending our congratulations and blessings to Frs. Tommy and Martin and we wish them many more years of service to the People of God. For more on the DSPT, log on to [www.dspt.edu](http://www.dspt.edu).



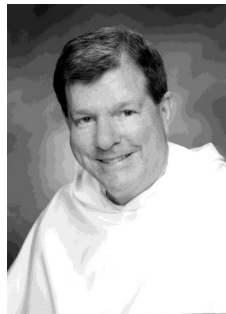
**Fr. Thomas J. Hayes, O.P., former director of the Shrine of St. Jude.**

### A Word from Our Novena Preacher: Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. (cont'd)

To save us, Jesus took on the dusty stuff of our humanity, becoming a member of a human family, sharing everything that contributes to who we are as human beings, and showing us what our redeemed humanity is capable of. What a privilege we have to honor his human grandmother!

In the course of our novena I plan to preach on the theological and moral virtues, which call us to a deeper life with God, and set the pattern for our lives with one another.

You have been a part of my religious and priestly



life for more than forty years; I beg you to join your prayers to mine during this novena, asking God to bless everyone who approaches Him through His servant, St. Jude, and the human grandmother of His Incarnate Son.

*(Fr. Reginald was Director of the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus from 1997-1999. A former Vicar Provincial of the Western Dominican Province, he has also served as Director of the Newman Center, University of Oregon, Eugene, and as Prior of St. Dominic's Priory, SF. Fr. Reginald is currently Director of the Dominican Rosary Center, Portland, OR.)*



### *St. Anne Spiritual Bouquet at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus July 18-26, 2009*



*Dear Father,  
Please pray for* \_\_\_\_\_

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*My donation is* \_\_\_\_\_.

Please place this slip with your donation in an envelope and return it to the Shrine of St. Jude either by mail or by depositing it into the black candle collection box at the Shrine.



