



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. Jude Thaddeus Novena, October 2008

Special Points

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- St. Jude Novena, October 20-28
- Novena Masses:
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 - Sat: 8:00 am
 - Sun: 9:30 am & 11:30am
- Novena Preacher: Father Jerome Cudden, O.P.
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St. Jude Thaddeus Novena

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

This Newsletter goes out in advance of our upcoming Novena in honor of our holy patron, St. Jude Thaddeus (October 20-28). We hope it helps you worthily to prepare for this special occasion of grace, as you join in prayer and devotion with us and all the other Friends of St. Jude.

The schedule for the Novena is shown on the left (green) column. It is designed, as always, to bring us into a sustained and an intimate encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ through the wise and loving agency of St. Jude Thaddeus, Patron of Hope in Impossible Cases. As the Novena approaches, please send in your petitions and intentions. Your petitions will be placed before St. Jude and will be invoked each day during the Novena. Remember also to tell your family and friends how St. Jude has interceded for you and invite them to visit the Shrine in person or to send in their petitions as well.

We are pleased that this year's preacher will be Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is the schedule for our fifth annual pilgrimage on Satur-



day, October 25. A highlight of our annual calendar, it promises to be even more successful this year than last, when nearly 2,000 pilgrims, some taking turns carrying an enormous statue of our holy patron through the streets of San Francisco, journeyed from St. Ignatius Church to St. Dominic's Church, the home of the Shrine. It was a profound witness of our faith to people of San Francisco, especially the enthralled residents along the route. Please call the Shrine office for further details about this year's pilgrimage.

Also included in this edition is an account by our Director Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P. of a recent "Youth Pilgrimage from the Land of St. Jude." It is a moving testament to the workings of faith in the lives of the young and it fills us with hope.

All of us at the Shrine of St. Jude look forward to welcoming you in person at the Shrine or receiving your intentions and petitions.

Our Novena to Sts. Anne and Joachim (July 18-26) was a great success. Thanks to all of you who made it so, whether you attended in person or prayed with us from home. Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P. offered inspiring preaching throughout the nine days. You may read his homilies by logging on to our website (www.stjude-shrine.org) and clicking on the link to www.opwest.org/preaching. Please keep Fr. Bernhard in your prayers, as he has gone on to doctoral studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

St. Jude, Patron of Hope, pray for us,

Stedman Matthew
Chief Administrative Officer



Stedman Matthew



Fr. Jerome Cudden,
O.P.

Novena Preacher: Father Jerome Cudden, O.P.

There's a similarity, yet a uniqueness, to the stories of those whom God has called to special service. Fr. Jerome Cudden's goes something like this: First the call, then the incredulous response, "Who me?" Then the call, again, insistent: "Yes, you." Then the wrestling: "But why me? There are so many other young men who would make great priests." But again God answers: "You. I want you to be a priest in my church." Then the surrender: God is

calling me to the priesthood; who am I to question him?

Fr. Jerome heard the call as a young adult at the All Saints Catholic Newman Center on the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe. He joined the Dominicans in September 1999 and was ordained a priest on June 2, 2007. He is currently the Development Director for the Western Dominican Province, combining his business experience with his deep love of the Order to advance the

Dominican project. "I am so grateful that God chose to call me to this life," he says, "a life based on contemplation, study and community, so that I can be an effective preacher of the Word of God."

The theme of Fr. Jerome's preaching will be how to explain certain aspects of the Catholic faith to those who are seeking, and answer those who question the Catholic faith.

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Meditation: St. Jude, Advocate of Difficult Cases

(excerpted from Fr. Richard O'Keefe, O.P.)

St. Jude was not only a follower of Jesus but his friend as well. His close relationship to Jesus not only changed his life but also made him a powerful advocate on our behalf. From Jesus he learned about God's boundless compassion and infinite power. He learned not to doubt God's wisdom but confidently to trust divine mercy.

Sometimes our suffering can

make us forget, even despair of, God's love and provision for us. We ask, "Why has this happened to me? Where is the Lord when I need him?" We might even wonder whether He hears our prayer.

We go to St. Jude because we believe that he is a man of faith and understands that nothing is impossible for God. From Jesus he would have learned this. He believed what

Jesus had told him at the Last Supper: "If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:14) He heard Jesus say, "...with God everything is possible." (Mark 10:27).

And, harkening to those words, we ourselves regain our balance; we find the strength to go on trusting in God's wisdom and mercy.

5th Annual Pilgrimage for St. Jude, October 25, 2008

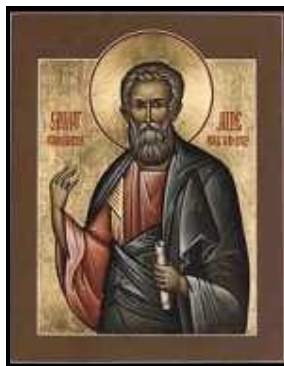
Several years ago, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., former Master General of the Dominican Order, preached at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco and issued a stirring call for more pilgrimages. He noted their centrality to the European faith tradition (Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, etc.), highlighted their spiritual rewards, and exhorted our congregation to "get on your feet!" We at the St. Jude Shrine have well and

truly taken up Fr. Radcliffe's challenge.

Our Fifth Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2008. We'll begin at 8:00 a.m. with an hour of prayer and devotions at St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church, 1122 Jamestown Avenue, San Francisco. We will process through the city starting at 9:00 a.m. to arrive at approximately 1:00 p.m. at St. Dominic's Church where we

will have a bilingual solemn Mass in honor of St. Jude.

Transportation will be provided from St. Dominic's Church to St. Paul's from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. We expect at least 3,000 devotees of St. Jude from across the Bay Area, California, and even Mexico. Call our office for more information on this year's pilgrimage.



A Youth Pilgrimage from the Land of St. Jude

By Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P., Director of The Shrine of St. Jude

Through the years, we have received at the Shrine of St. Jude, pilgrims from many parts of the United States and even from other countries. Recently, a pilgrimage came from St. Peter's Chaldean Church in San Diego, CA. The pilgrims consisted of Fr. Andrew Younan, Sister Tarvytha and Sister Miskenta, along with some fifty young people from the parish.

When we read about Christians in Iraq we hear about the Chaldean Church, which is the most populous Chris-

tian religion there. The Chaldean Church is a rite of the world-wide Catholic Church under Pope Benedict XVI.

All of us here at the St. Jude Shrine were inspired by the vibrant faith of these young pilgrims. They shared with one another, and with us, their hopes and dreams of service to God's church. They expressed pride in the rich heritage of the Christian people of Iraq. Some of them are from Mosul, the site of ancient Nineveh in the Bible, and others from

Baghdad. We recalled together how St. Jude, after healing the King of Edessa, traveled through Iraq and may have even preached through the streets of Mosul and Baghdad.

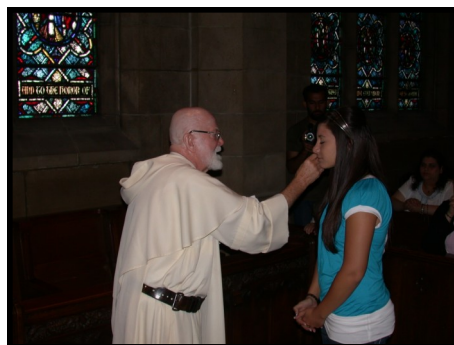
During the pilgrimage, Fr. Younan celebrated Mass according to The Rite of the Divine Mysteries of the Church of the East of the Chaldeans and Assyrians, and we discovered that, according to tradition, part of the liturgy was composed by St. Jude.



Fr. Andrew Younan in our Lady Chapel



The Chaldean Youth Group from St. Peter's



Fr. Martin Walsh, O.P. blessing a pilgrim

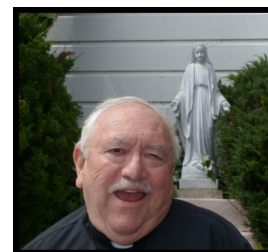
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"The Mystery Lends to the Legend"

The story of St. Jude and the King of Edessa receives compelling treatment in Liz Trotta's book of 1998, **Jude: A Pilgrimage to the Saint of Last Resort**. The book is available in paperback from the Shrine for \$17.00 (includes shipping and handling). It features, as well, an absorbing interview with Fr. Thomas Hayes, O.P., former director of the Shrine of St. Jude, who continues to be a fount of wisdom and support to the staff of the Shrine. Here's part of what he has to

say in the book, in amplifying upon Jude's question at the Last Supper: Why is it, Lord, that you do not tell the whole world about all this, but only speak to us? "Anybody associated with the life of Christ is submerged in 'I must decrease. He must increase.' Like John the Baptist – out of the picture. Their role is to shed light on Christ, and that's why St. Jude's question is very appropriate: 'Why don't you tell the rest of the world? Why just tell us?' The

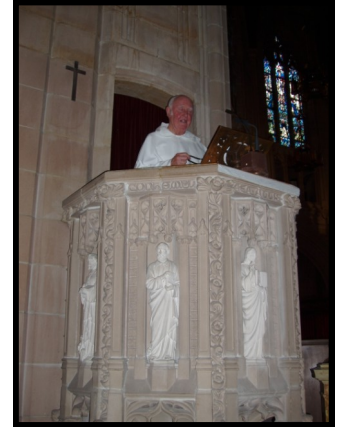
mystery lends to the legend. The whole purpose is to push Christ... Jude asked the question and Jesus said, 'Look, you've seen it. You've seen me. You've heard me. You know all there is... and you are the ones who are going to tell the people, to go and tell the whole world. That's what an apostle is. You do the talking.' And that's the answer to Jude's question." Inspiring words from our former director.



Father Thomas Hayes, O.P.

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P.

As he has done for years, Fr. Felix Cassidy leads the rosary every day before the Novena Masses. We have some audio tapes and CDs wherein Fr. Cassidy prays the rosary with our Novena attendees. These are available while supplies last. We ask just a small donation to cover shipping.



Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P.
leading the Rosary



The Shrine office and gift shop is located just a block away from the Shrine of St. Jude. The address is 2510 Pine Street between Pierce and Scott Streets. We are open 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Monday-Friday. St. Jude gift items and religious articles are available, including rosaries, statues, and medals. Mass requests and enrollment into the Apostolate of St. Jude Thaddeus, and blessed St. Jude oil may be ordered. We look forward to meeting you.



HOW TO PUT THE SHRINE OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS IN YOUR WILL:

After providing for their families and loved ones, devotees may want to put the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus in their wills, thus ensuring that this ministry endures to fulfill its mission to educate young Dominican priests and brothers for the glory of God. Bequests are free of estate tax, and can substantially reduce the amount of your estate claimed by the government. You can give needed support to The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus by simply including the following words in your will: *I give, devise, and bequeath to the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, 2510 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 (insert the \$ amount being given) to be used to support the ministry of The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus.* A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, stocks or bonds or other securities, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus as a contingent beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living; or you can name The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement fund. We recommend that a lawyer help you draft or amend your will.

St. Jude Thaddeus Spiritual Bouquet

Dear Father,
Please remember _____

so that they may share in the Novena of Masses at the Shrine of St. Jude in observance of the St. Jude Thaddeus Novena, October 20-28, 2008.

Donation: _____

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.