



The Friends of St. Jude

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The Shrine of St. Jude is a ministry of hope that fosters devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult Cases," thereby bringing devotees to a deeper faith and closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena, February 2016

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Walk & Retreat for Healing

February 6

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Father's Day Novena (not preached)

June 11 – June 19

St. Jude Novena (preached)

October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage

October 22

Christmas Novena (not preached)

December 25 – January 2, 2017

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

On February 3 – 11 Our Lady of Lourdes will come to us as a messenger of forgiveness and hope as once again our Novena in her honor transports us to the Grotto in France where she appeared to St. Bernadette over 150 years ago. St. Pius X describes Lourdes as "the seat of her immense kindness," to which pilgrims stream from across the world, answering her call to penance and prayer.

Everything about Mary directs us to her son, by whose mercy all our miseries of soul and body flow away, leaving us renewed, sanctified. In many ways, our Novena is, like the pilgrimage to Lourdes itself, a work of sanctification. By our uniting with others in fellowship over the nine days, and observing their sincere fervor and devotion, we are drawn more deeply into prayer and charity; we learn to forget ourselves as a key to unlocking the spiritual graces to which Our Lady invites us.

She schools us not only by invitation but also by example: the example of her "Yes" to God, in complete trust of His providence. With this in mind, I too have said Yes to a new Provincial assignment which brings

to an end my time as director of the St. Jude Shrine.

I am pleased to say that my successor, Fr. James Moore, O.P., is a priest of deep devotion to Our Lady and great zeal for service to the people of God. By happy coincidence, he will preach the Lourdes Novena, so devotees will get a chance to meet him "up close" and benefit from his insightful preaching.

During the past four years of my stewardship here I have been moved by the warmth of your devotion, the strength of your support, and the conviction with which you have embraced our mission. I will be forever grateful for your prayers, from which no doubt innumerable graces have flowed to us. I know that Fr. James will enjoy the same support as together you continue this noble work of bringing hope to those who come to St. Jude seeking his intercession..

Let us unite once again with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Jude. You will find enclosed the petition slip for inclusion in the Novena Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Fr. Allen Duston, O.P.

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(Silhouette by Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.)

Welcome Our New Shrine Director and Novena Preacher Fr. James Junipero Moore, O.P.

Fr. James is a priest of the Western Dominican Province. He hails from the small town of Coalinga in Central California, where he grew up. Fr. James did his undergraduate studies at Santa Clara University in California, majoring in music (organ performance) with a double minor in History and Catholic Studies. He graduated *cum laude* in 1998.

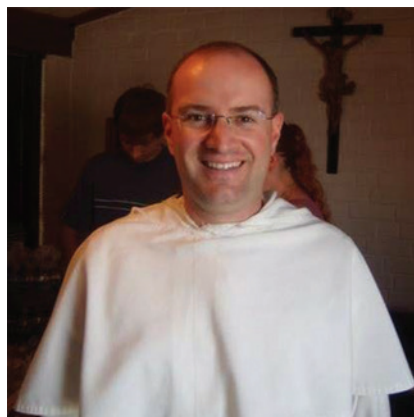
In 2000 Fr. James earned the Master's in Music (organ performance) from the University of Notre Dame, augmenting his studies by serving as a graduate assistant organist at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In the fall of that

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year he entered the Dominican novitiate in Oakland, CA to begin his formation for the priesthood, earning thereby a Master's degree in philosophy, writing on the subject of Music and Morality.

Fr. James was ordained to the priesthood in 2008 and served for two years as a college chaplain at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Further studies beckoned, however, and in the fall of 2010, he began work for the doctorate in Musical Arts (DMA – Sacred Music), at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., studying under Dr. Leo Nestor, the renowned professor and composer. Whilst at Catholic University, Fr. James served as the director of the *Schola Cantorum*, an all-male choir composed of Dominican seminarians and priests at the

Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C. The *Schola* released their first CD, "*In medio ecclesiae: Music for the New Evangelization*," in 2013, followed a year later by their second, "*Ave Maria: Dominican Chant for the Immaculate Conception*."



Fr. James Junipero Moore, O.P.

Fr. James' wide-ranging musical pursuits include study of the Sacred Music of Mexico from the 17th and 18th centuries; study of Anglican Choral Music, especially from the 20th century; and music of the Portuguese Baroque. He currently serves on the liturgy committee for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Now a new chapter begins as Fr. James becomes director of the Shrine of St. Jude in San Francisco, starting in January 2016. He looks forward to sharing with Shrine devotees his strong devotion to Our Lady and St. Jude, helping thereby to foster a deepening of faith in Jesus Christ. He will also be on the adjunct faculty at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, educating future priests of God. We warmly welcome him to our Shrine apostolate.

A Greeting from Fr. James:

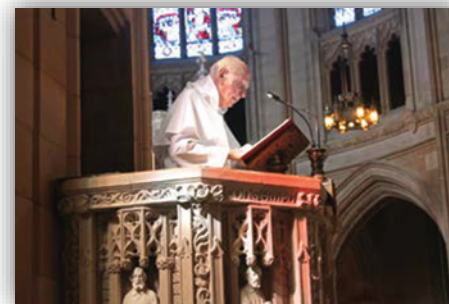
It is my great honor to begin serving you as director of the St. Jude Shrine in San Francisco. Many times when I was an undergraduate discerning a vocation to the priesthood and to the Dominican life, I found myself at the feet of St. Jude at our glorious St. Dominic's Church. Often I entrusted myself and my family and friends to his intercession. Since that time in the mid-1990's devotion at the Shrine has grown. Tens of thousands of pilgrims come to the Shrine each year searching for God's help through the intercession of St. Jude. Oftentimes, people come to St. Jude with little hope. Their lives have been shattered or some great tragedy has befallen them. They may not even go to church on a regular basis; however, their faith in God's providence is ALIVE! God is working in them.

It is my great hope that this Shrine will become a means of the new evangelization - or the re-evangelization of our great state of California and wherever our devotees reside. It is my prayer that our Shrine will serve as a light leading all who seek it to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ - to make Him the center of their lives.

St. Jude, pray for us, and for all who invoke thy name!

**Walk & Retreat for Healing
Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m.
A day of grace with Fr. Steve Maekawa, O.P.**

Scenes from the Novena in Honor of St. Jude Thaddeus



From top left: Fr. Cassidy leads the Rosary before Mass; Novena preacher Fr. Boniface Willard, O.P.; priests in procession; altar servers in procession; Mass attendees receive the blessing with the relic of St. Jude after Mass; Dominican seminarians and novices in attendance; Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P. with Fran De Maria; candle-bearer leads the choir in procession; statues of St. Jude and the Blessed Mother used during the Pilgrimage now wreathed in flowers in the Sanctuary. Photos: Zanna de Sant'Anna; Stedman Matthew

“This Joyful Friar”

On Friday, November 20, 2015, we said goodbye to Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P., who died on the morning of the 13th, aged 88. For many years Fr. Felix had been director of the Shrine pilgrim ministry, welcoming and blessing and consoling pilgrims and visitors, his smiling face a beacon of hope to those seeking relief from their burdens of soul.

At the funeral Mass a packed church joined scores of Dominican Friars and Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., Provincial of the Western Dominican Province, to celebrate the life and ministry of Fr. Felix. The night before, at the Vigil, Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P., the Province’s Master of Novices, delivered a stirring Eulogy before the hundreds who had gathered from all across the Bay Area to remember this beloved priest and San Francisco native.

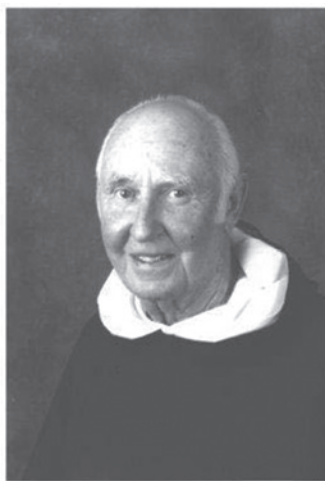
With Fr. Rosevear’s kind permission, we offer here a few excerpts from his Eulogy:

Our hearts are sad at his passing – naturally we embrace the tears of that reality, not denying our grief or sorrow – but as disciples of Christ, we embrace and are embraced by the hope that He gives. So we can be joyful, not just in remembering this joyful friar, but in the assurance that his life and indomitable goodness go on – and he calls us to follow his example and one day join him in the joy of eternity...

If God is All Truth, Goodness and Beauty, we surely saw Him mirrored in the life of [Fr. Felix]: in the integrity of his priestly life, the genuine goodness that he radiated, and

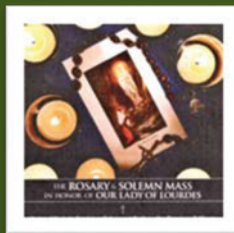
the beauty of this simple soul whose smile and joy lifted the hearts, especially of those dejected and burdened. He consistently directed us through his ministry to the healing grace of the confessional and the nourishment and strength of the Bread of Heaven in the Eucharist....

Goodbye, Fr. Felix. Until we meet again, we will be buoyed by your parting words written on your holy card: *“To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.”* (Psalm 73:28)



Fr. Felix Francis Cassidy, O.P.
Jun 3, 1927 – Nov 13, 2015

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Cassidy



This fine CD of a Lourdes Novena Mass features Fr. Felix leading the Rosary. A beautiful memento. \$12 plus postage. Call our gift shop or go to our website to purchase your copy. You can also request Masses, votive lights and more online at:
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Novena Prayer:

Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world.

Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities – whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore, I come to you, with St. Jude as my patron, to implore your motherly intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for Your favors, I will endeavor to imitate Your virtues, that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Novena
February 3 – 11, 2016**

**Masses:
Sun: 11:30 a.m.
Mon – Sat: 8:00 a.m.
& 5:30 p.m.**