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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 2017

Dear Friends of St. Jude,

We are blessed once again to have Fr. Brian Mullady return to preach our annual Our Lady of Lourdes Novena. He is not only an excellent preacher, but also a dear personal friend. To most of you I know that Fr. Brian needs no introduction, but for those who have joined our St. Jude family since Fr. Brian was last here, we offer in this newsletter a brief account of his life and ministry.

As a foretaste of his Novena preaching Fr. Brian herein discusses Mary as the model and intercessor of our growth in grace.

Do send in your petitions for the Novena, using the enclosed slip, and if you can't be with us physically, join with us in prayer for all or part of these nine days of grace.

In Christ, Our Lady and St. Jude,

Fr. James Junípero Moore, O.P.

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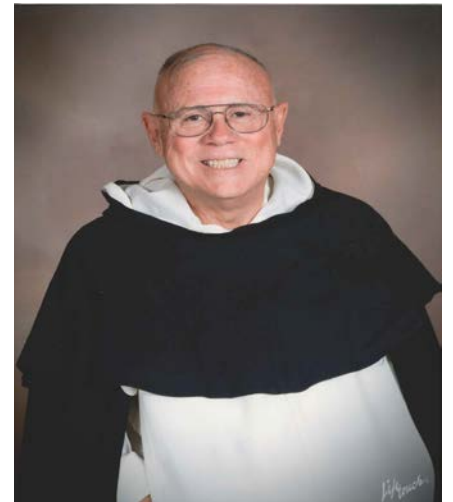


Novena Preacher: Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.

Fr. Brian Thomas Becket Mullady, O.P., is the son of an Air Force officer and was raised throughout the United States. He entered the Dominican Order in 1966 and was ordained in Oakland, California in 1972. He has been a parish priest, high school teacher, retreat master, mission preacher and university professor.

Fr. Brian received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD) from the Angelicum, the Dominican University in Rome, Italy, and was professor there for six years. He has taught at several colleges and seminaries in the United States, including Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT, where he teaches two months out of the year. He is currently a mission preacher and retreat master for the Western Dominican Province.

Fr. Brian is widely known for his appearances on the late Mother Angelica's EWTN television network, where he has presented twelve series of discourses. He is the author of four books and numerous articles, and writes the "Answer" column in *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*.



Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.

Mary, Model of Christian Living

From February 11 until July 16, 1858, a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, astonished all of 19th-century Europe, dominated by the atheist philosophy of the time, by claiming that she saw a beautiful lady in a grotto. At the conclusion of these experiences, Bernadette, at the invitation of the Lady, brought forth a hitherto hidden spring with marvelous healing powers.

Many took "the Lady" to be the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the urging of the faithful, including the clergy, Bernadette asked her name and the Lady replied in the native dialect of the Pyrenees, "I

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am the Immaculate Conception.” Science scoffed at this, and the modern error that religion was superstition and only material, scientific progress could foster an ideal society went on assuredly to produce the horrors of World War I and World War II.

For those who have been to Lourdes the place has no value at all except as a place of faith. Some unbelievers come there searching for something they miss. The spring is still an occasion for healing. But the most impressive part of Lourdes, as indeed of any Marian shrine, is the vast crowds from every culture on earth who express their faith in processions of the Rosary, the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Mass.

I spent only three days there but these are among the most treasured days of my life. There is something at once divine and very human in two simple girls’ being vessels of faith in Christ, the one his Mother, the other a simple believer. One is happy to know that, despite all the trouble in this world and the inhumanity of man, simple faith is still best.

Mary is, of course, the model for contemplatives as she treasured all the actions of her son in her heart. She is the model of faith as she conceived by her belief in God. She is also the model of charity because her first action on conceiving Christ was one of practical charity in visiting her cousin Elizabeth, who was elderly but with child.



The Lourdes Novena is an especially powerful occasion, a time to pray and meditate on the faith of Mary in Christ and ask her to intercede with her Son that we may grow in Christian living. Bernadette remained a model of charity even through her untimely and painful death. She also intercedes for us that we may model ourselves after her in Christian living and faith in Christ. After all, the poet Wordsworth, another 19th-century witness, called her “Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast!”

— FR. BRIAN T. MULLADY, O.P.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena February 3 – 11, 2017

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

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.

Also Coming in 2017:

- *Novena to St. Peregrine (patron saint against cancer) June 1 – 9*
- *St. Jude Novena October 20 – 28*
- *St. Jude Pilgrimage Saturday, October 28*