



The Friends of St. Jude

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Our Lady of Lourdes Novena 2008

SPECIAL POINTS

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M-F: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Sat: 8:00 am
Sun: 9:30 am & 11:30 am
- Ash Wednesday: 8:00 am & 5:30pm

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS 2008

- Our Lady of Lourdes (preached) Feb. 3-11, 2008
- Easter Novena (not preached) Mar 22-30, 2008
- Mother's Day (not preached) May 3-11, 2008
- Father's Day Novena (not preached) June 7-15, 2008
- St. Anne & St. Joachim Novena (preached) July 18-26, 2008
- St. Jude Novena (preached) Oct. 20-28, 2008
- Christmas Novena (not preached) Dec. 25- Jan. 2, 2009

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Dear Friends of St. Jude:

On this past Nov.30, Pope Benedict XVI issued his newest encyclical SPE SALVI. The title comes from St. Paul's words to the Romans IN HOPE WE WERE SAVED. As we approach our annual St. Jude Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, I invite you to reflect on the closing lines of the Holy Father's encyclical: HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, TEACH US TO BELIEVE, TO HOPE, TO LOVE WITH YOU. SHOW US THE WAY TO HIS KINGDOM! STAR OF THE SEA, SHINE UPON US AND GUIDE US ON OUR WAY.

With this meditation on Mary in mind, we invite you to join us in this year's Our Lady of Lourdes Novena. The No-

vena begins on Sun., Feb.3, and ends on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mon., Feb.11. Masses with the novena devotions and blessings with the St. Jude relic will take place at the mass times in the left hand column. Fr. Cassidy will lead the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary before each of the Novena Masses. Confessions will be available before each Novena Mass.

Our Novena preacher will be Fr. David O'Rourke, O.P. In recent years both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have put emphasis on Our Lady of Lourdes being the special patroness of healing. Thus "healing" will be the theme of Fr. O'Rourke's meditations.

As the Novena ap-

proaches, please send in your petitions and intentions. Your petitions will be placed before St. Jude and will be invoked each day during the Novena. We encourage you to tell your family and friends how St. Jude has intervened for you and invite them to visit the Shrine in person or to send in their petitions.

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

Fr. Martin Walsh O.P.

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Decree by Pope Benedict XVI

We just received notice of the following announcement by Pope Benedict XVI on the year 2008 as being the anniversary of the apparitions of the

Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes in 1858. "Benedict XVI has decided to concede the gift of plenary indulgence to the faithful under the usual

conditions--sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer in keeping with the intentions of the Holy Father--in the following way...

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Novena Preacher: Father David O'Rourke, O.P.



Fr. David O'Rourke, our novena preacher

Our preacher for Our Lady of Lourdes Novena is Fr. David O'Rourke, O.P. In 2000, Fr. O'Rourke arrived in Lithuania to begin a new assignment. Communism had fallen and 50 years of Soviet oppression had ended. Our Dominican church in Vilnius, which had been a warehouse for 50 years and was in shambles, had just been given back to our Do-

minican Order. Only one elderly Dominican was still alive in Lithuania. Fr. O'Rourke arrived and brought hope to the Church of Lithuania. Within a short time he found himself working with the Vilnius Archdiocesan Center, setting up marriage preparation programs, teaching in the state university, and conducting education courses for state licensed counsel-

ors and teachers, as well as carrying out parish ministry. He is now working on a documentary on Lithuanian resistance to the Soviet Union. Part of the year when he is not in Lithuania, he serves as administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond, California.

We look forward to Fr. O'Rourke's preaching.

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Decree by Pope Benedict XVI —continued

If between Feb. 2 and Feb. 11, 2008, the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes and the 150th anniversary of the apparition, they visit any Church, grotto or decorous place, the blessed image of that same Virgin of Lourdes, solemnly exposed for public veneration, and before the image participate in a pious exercise of Marian devotion, or at least pause for an

appropriate space of time in prayer and with pious meditations, conclude with the recital of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith...and the invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

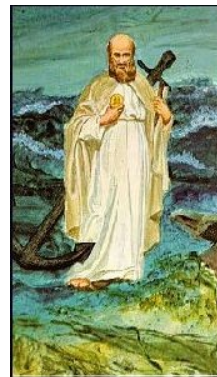
A statue of Our Lady of Lourdes will be placed at the Shrine of St. Jude during the Novena and so by fulfilling the above requirements, our St. Jude

devotees will receive the indulgence offered by the Holy Father.



Recent Visitor to the Shrine

Monsignor Pedro Agustin Rivera Diaz, the rector of the original Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, was a recent visitor to our Shrine of St. Jude. He is pictured here with Rosa Pinto. Rosa will now be available on Fridays to answer inquiries and questions in Spanish.



USTED HABLA ESPAÑOL?

Rosa Pinto estará trabajando en la oficina, los días viernes, para atender a nuestros devotos de San Judas Tadeo en Español.



Monsignor Pedro Agustin Rivera Diaz and Rosa Pinto

