



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.

Now in our eighty-second year

St. Peregrine Novena, June 2018

Calendar of Events, 2018-2019:

St. Peregrine Novena
June 1 – 9

Father's Day Novena
June 9 - 17

St. Monica Novena
August 19 – 27

St. Jude Novena (preached)
October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage
October 27

Christmas Novena
December 25 – January 2, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
February 3 - 11

Healing Retreat
February 9

Easter Novena
April 21 –29

Mother's Day Novena
May 4 – 12

A Spirit of Strength



Fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P.
Director, the Shrine of St. Jude

"How great a need I have of the Spirit of strength! For I am indeed weak and infirm. Still 'I glory in it that the power of Christ may dwell in me.' (2 Cor 12:9) For I would rather be infirm than strong before God, for the infirm He takes into His arms, while the strong He leads by the hand."

-St. Francis de Sales



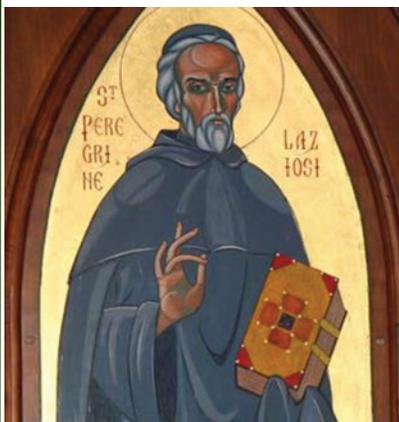
Dear Friends of St. Jude,

Almost ten years ago, after I suffered a debilitating series of back spasms and trips to the emergency room, I ended up at a physical therapist's office for treatment. At one point, we were discussing my future, and I mentioned how I had hoped, God willing, to make my solemn vows, that is, my final vows into the Dominican Order at the end of the academic year.

"Oh, don't worry, of course you'll make it. Nothing bad will ever happen to you – you're a religious!" my physical therapist chirped in. To which I replied, "Remind me again why I'm here on your examination table?"

Cancer is one of those diseases that seems to touch almost every life – if not ourselves personally, then someone whom we know and love. Cancer has taken the lives of people I've known and loved, both religious and non-. God does not seem to prevent it from afflicting His priests, religious, or faithful members of His body. Yet we do have an advantage: we have Christ, "For unto this you are called: because Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow His steps" (1 Pt 2:21). And if we follow Him, whether we be healed or not, we can still glorify God, and be

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assured that at our weakest, He truly takes us into His arms and we are even closer to Him.

This year for our novena to St. Peregrine (June 1 – 9), the holy patron against cancer, I have the pleasure and honor of welcoming someone whom I am well-familiar with: Fr. Gabriel Mosher, OP. I served with him for two years in Portland, Oregon, just before coming here, and during our time serving together, I always found him to be a calm and peaceful presence, attentive to the needs of the flock. We often joked that while we were one of the younger houses in our Province, in many ways we were also the sickest, each one with his own health issues. So I am eager to hear of his theme for this year's novena, "The Via Dolorosa as the Way to Christ."

Brothers and sisters, let us remember each other in prayer during this novena, not only those who suffer from cancer and all dreadful illness, but also those who can but watch as their loved ones suffer. Each is a cross, and a heavy one, that must be shared with Christ and with His body.

St. Peregrine, St. Jude, pray for us and all who call upon your heavenly aid.

In Christ and St. Jude,

fr. Dismas Sayre, O.P.

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Novena Preacher,
Fr. Gabriel Mosher, O.P.

Dominican Friar Fr. Gabriel Mosher, O.P. is parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Parish in Portland, OR. He is a graduate cum laude of Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell, CT, and of the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, where he received his Masters of Arts and Masters of Divinity degrees. He joined the Western Dominican Province in August 2008 and was ordained to the priesthood in May 2015.

When not writing or studying, Fr. Gabriel is deeply engaged in evangelization through social media, giving talks, missions, or leading retreats. He is a member of the Advisory Committee for Lay Catechesis and a Consulter to the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for the Archdiocese of Portland, Or. Fr. Gabriel is a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher, and a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, whose Council #157605 he serves as Chaplain.

St. Peregrine Prayer

O great St. Peregrine, you who have been called "The Mighty," The Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you; you who for so many years bore in your own flesh the same debilitating illness of cancer: I seek God's healing, but right now help me to imitate your enduring faith in the face of this great challenge, that I may trust the Lord as you did in your moment of distress. Help me to find the strength to proclaim God's presence in my life despite the anguish and fear this disease causes in me and my loved ones.

O glorious St. Peregrine, aided in this way by your powerful intercession, I will sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.
Amen.

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