



# Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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Now in our eighty-fourth year

St. Monica Triduum, August 25 - 27, 2019

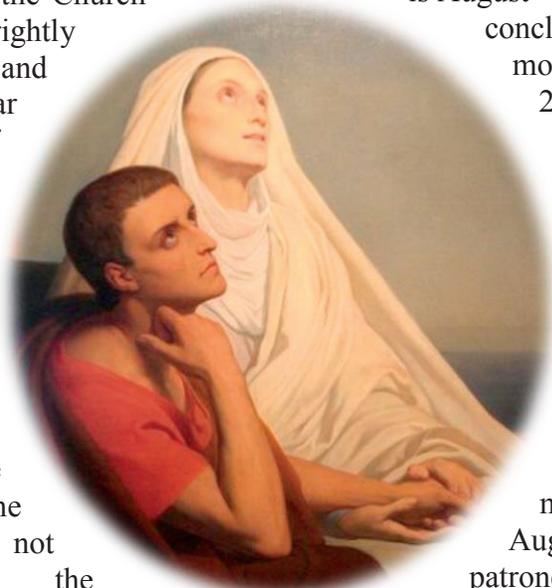
## Calendar of Events, 2019-2020:

- St. Monica Triduum  
August 25 – 27
- St. Jude Novena  
October 20 – 28
- St. Jude Pilgrimage  
October 26, 2019
- Christmas Novena  
December 25 – January 2 (2020)
- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
February 3 – 11
- Easter Novena  
April 12 – 20
- Mother's Day Novena  
May 2 – 10
- St. Peregrine Novena  
June 1 – 9
- Father's Day Novena  
June 13 – 21

## From the Director:

The Catholic faith is founded on the joyful proclamation of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. We acknowledge the effects of his salvific power in our faith-life. In recent decades, the Church has rightly emphasized joy and hope as particular marks of Christian discipleship.

However, we cannot overlook the griefs and anxieties of our current age. We as citizens of the world are not exempt from the burdens of our brothers and sisters or from the crosses we ourselves carry in the heart. While we seek consolation in prayer and God's grace through the intercession of the saints, sometimes we must acknowledge that grief and sorrow are difficult to overcome. There are many legitimate reasons for sadness: sickness, loss, death, discouragement, etc. We should not ignore these feelings, but ever seek God's sustaining power in our lives.



Here at St. Dominic's Church, home of the Shrine of St. Jude, each August is set aside as a special month of celebration and prayer in honor of its great patron, St. Dominic, whose feast day is August 8. At the conclusion of the month (on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) the Shrine will dedicate a (three-day) Triduum to St. Monica. She, as mother of St. Augustine, is a patroness of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), because we Friars follow his Holy Rule. She is also invoked as an intercessor for many needs, from parents of children who do not practice the Catholic Faith to those struggling with addictions.

Our Triduum will highlight St. Monica as an example of hope in the face of an unbelieving world. She struggled with the lack of faith around her; yet, despite her sorrows, she found hope in Christ.

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The Shrine of St. Jude is an apostolate of the Western Dominican Province that fosters devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus, "Patron of Difficult and Desperate Cases," thereby bringing devotees to a deeper faith and closer relationship with Jesus Christ. The Shrine supports the education of young men preparing to be priests of the Dominican Order.

Her husband, a pagan official named Patricius, would not permit her three children to be baptized. We know well how she shed many tears for the sake of her son Augustine who lived a life inconsistent with Catholic morality and thought. St. Ambrose encouraged her with his famous words of support, "Go on your way, and God bless you, for it is not possible that the son of these tears should be lost." Of course, it was not the weeping alone that converted Augustine,

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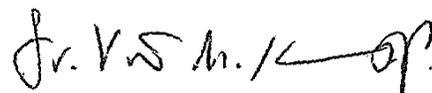
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but Monica's steadfast faith even with an anguishing motherly heart.

I believe that there are many of us who, when facing the demands of our faith in this present age, experience less joy and enthusiasm than sorrow and discouragement. It is not that we do not love our Catholic beliefs; rather, in a world that embraces different values, many of us can feel isolated or fatigued when we attempt to share and live out the tenets of Catholicism. It is good

for us to acknowledge these feelings; yet we must bring them to the Lord for only he can help us to carry such crosses of the heart. Only his Spirit can provide us with the courage we need to witness to his love and truth. We should also take great confidence in the fact that we are not alone, but we stand with a multitude of believers in all places and throughout time: our brothers and sisters in faith here on earth and the saints triumphant in heaven. St. Monica, pray for us!

In Christ our Lord,



Fr. Vincent Kelber, O.P.,  
Director

### **Triduum in honor of St. Monica**

patron of hope in an unbelieving world: August 25, 26 & 27



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### *Prayer to St. Monica*

*St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime, Yet you never despaired or lost faith.*

*With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine.*

*Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for (here mention your petition) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*