



Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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Now in our eighty-fourth year

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena, February 3–11, 2020

Calendar of Events, 2020

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

St. Monica Triduum
August 25 – 27

St. Jude Novena
October 20 – 28

St. Jude Pilgrimage
October 24

Month of All Souls
November 2 – 30

Christmas Novena
December 25 – January 2 (2021)



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.

From the Director:

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Very Rev. Vincent M. Kelber, O.P.
Director

Dear Friends of St. Jude:

At the baths of Lourdes, a Christian is laid body and soul, bare before his Mother. Naked, the visitor is lowered backward into the cold waters by the hands of attendants. Yet, the moment is saturated completely with trust in the intercession of our Lady, whose maternal presence imbues the entire Shrine. In this moment of childlike vulnerability, the wounds of the flesh and heart are exposed before the Mother of Mercy. The warmth of her maternal embrace heals all the hurts of life. In the baths at Lourdes the Christian catches a fresh glimpse of that original simplicity for which he was created, the innocence of his rebirth at baptism and the joy of the saint in eternity before the Lord.

Her apparition to the shepherd-girl, St. Bernadette, is humble and unassuming. At first the reports almost describe a possible peer of Bernadette. Our Lady appeared as a young girl of sixteen or seventeen (only a couple of years older than Bernadette at the time) and speaking not in French, but in the local language of Occitan. Like other apparitions, our Lady is dressed in a manner bold yet modest, unassuming yet feminine. She holds on her right arm a Rosary of white beads with a chain of gold shining like the two golden roses on her feet.

At Lourdes our Lady said so little, but accomplished so much. Though in appearance a girl, our Lady becomes a teacher and a guide, a physician and a healer. Her statements to Bernadette are few and not often what is remembered by history. Her

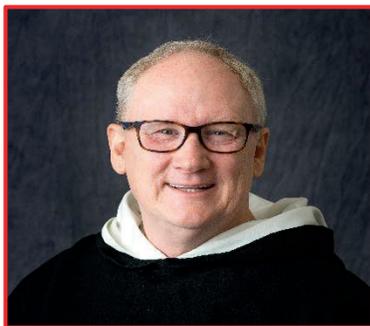
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words are wrought by the pained wisdom of an ancient matriarch. Suffering and penance are her message as much as she seeks a chapel to be built at the place of her appearances. Above all she declares, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This is a statement of identity as the Mother of God and of her own "approval" of the same dogma declared by Pope Bl. Pius IX only four years prior to the apparitions. Her mission to Christians to become what they are truly called to be is clear. Our mother seeks all humanity's return home to her Son.

To visit Lourdes as a pilgrim is a powerful and unique experience, but her maternity is not limited to one place. Throughout history she has been the pilgrim seeking those who cannot make pilgrimage. She prays for the lost and intercedes for all who call upon her name. As such, each February she makes a special visit to the Shrine of St. Jude in San Francisco, where a nine-day novena of prayer and preaching is offered in her honor. For us it is a time of grace and healing in Christ her Son, by our Lady's powerful mediation on our behalf.

This year's Lourdes Novena preacher is Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P. He is a friar of the Dominican Province of the Holy Name of Jesus here in the western United States. For more than thirty years he has been very committed to working with the young Church.

Since his priestly ordination in 1997, most of his pastoral assignments have been at Newman Centers or university parishes served by the Western Province: Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, and Tucson.



Fr. Bart Hutcherson, O.P.
Novena Preacher

In July 2018, he began a new phase of ministry as a member of Western Dominican Preaching, a team of itinerant preachers who take the Gospel far and wide offering retreats, parish missions, and special programs for evangelization. His retreats and missions are rooted deeply in his love for the Word of God and a deeply Catholic understanding of Sacred Scripture.

In the fall of 2019, Fr. Bart began another new dimension of his preaching apostolate when he became an adjunct professor of homiletics at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA. In this ministry Fr. Bart hopes to bring his years of education, formation, and pastoral experience to assist the next generation of preachers. We look forward to his spiritual guidance during our novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Bart currently resides at St. Albert's Priory in Oakland, CA.

You can learn more about him and his preaching ministry at www.FrBart.com.

In Christ our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Vincent" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Vincent

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena February 3 – 11, 2020 Masses:

**Sun 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Mon – Sat 8:00 am & 5:30 pm**

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.