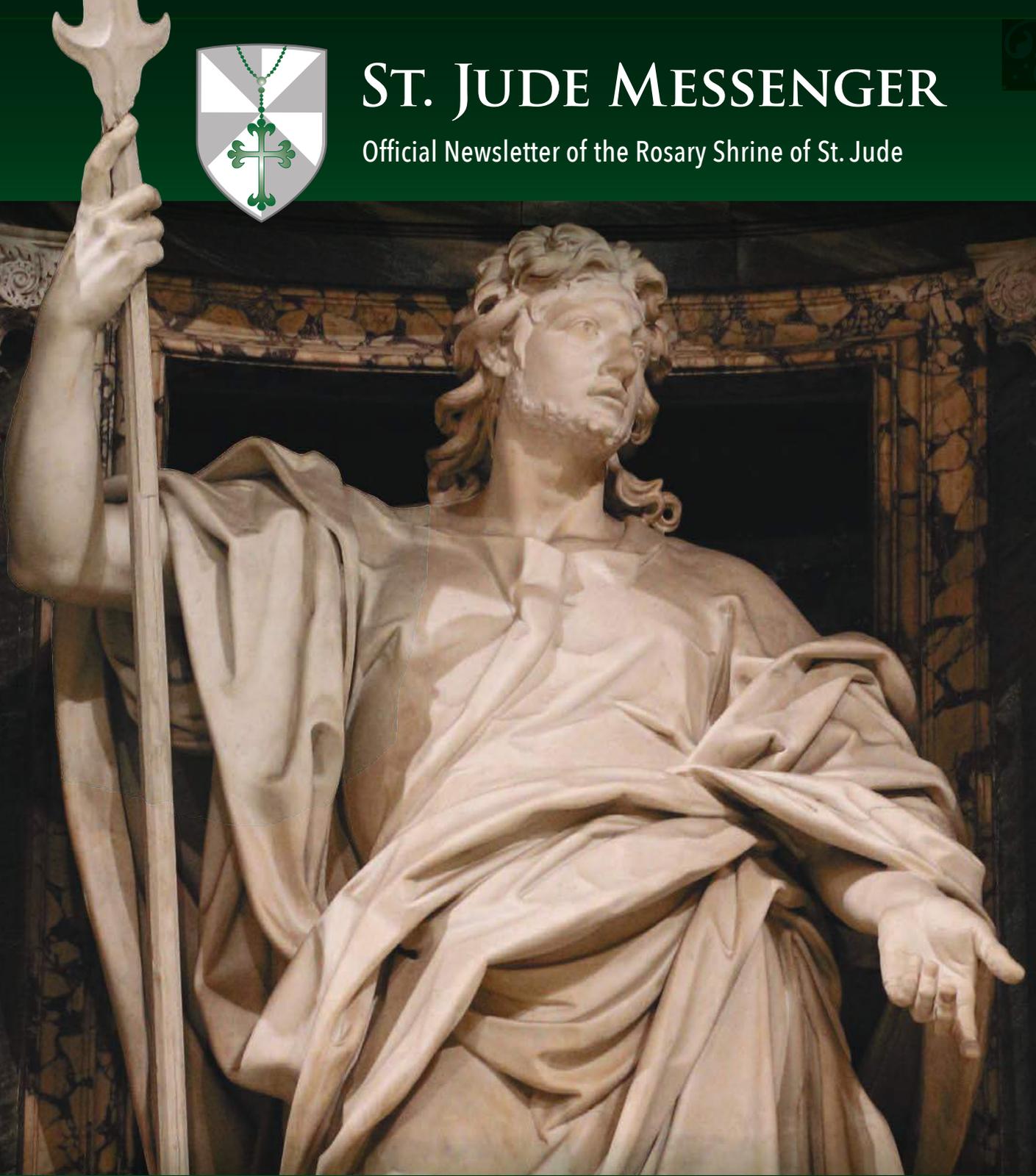


# ST. JUDE MESSENGER

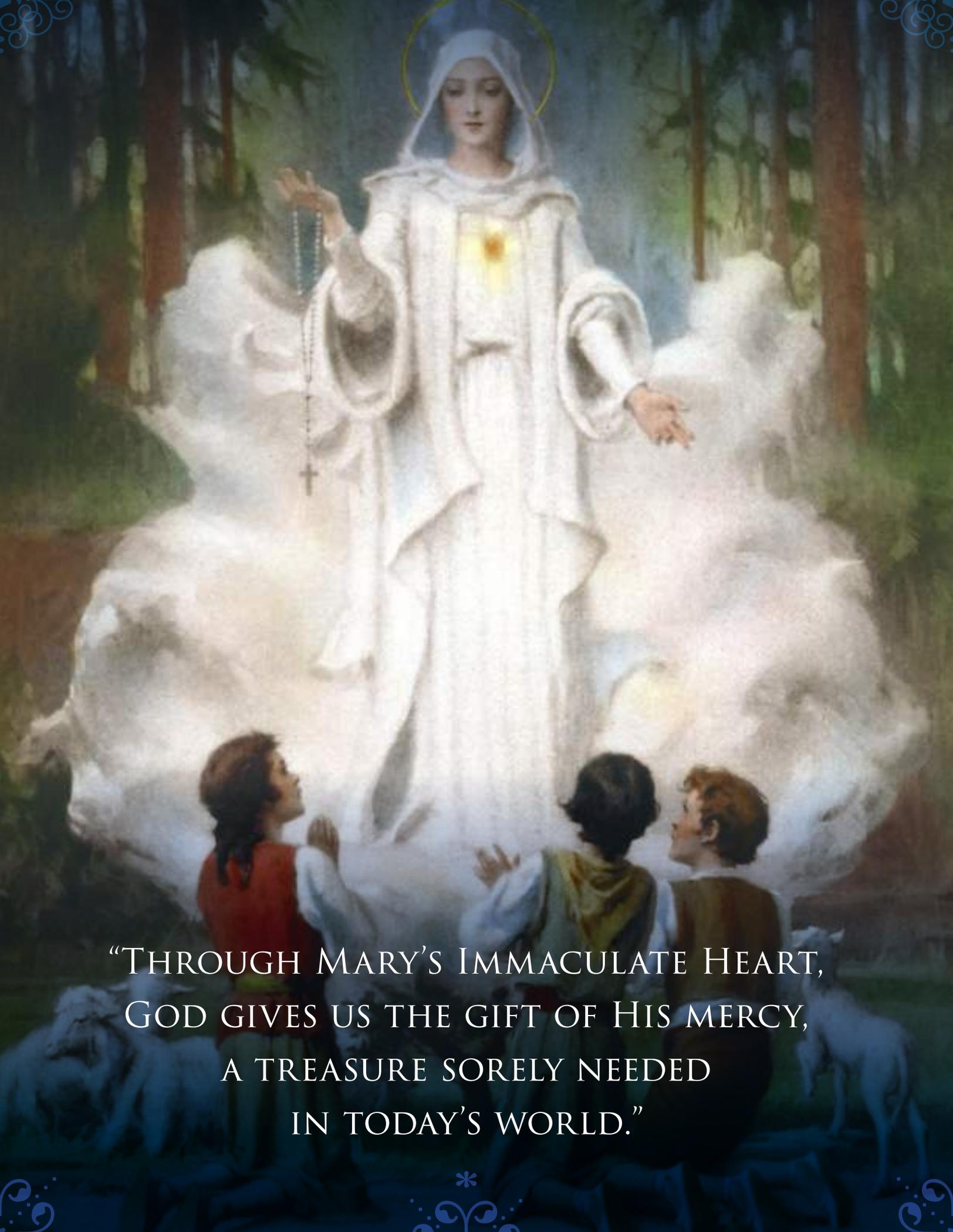
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# DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friend of St. Jude and Our Lady,

This January marked the closing of the 800th jubilee of the Dominican Order, in which I am a priest. I was privileged to attend the closing mass of the Jubilee, celebrated by Pope Francis at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, the oldest Christian church (dedicated in 324) in the west and the official “mother church” of all Roman Catholic faithful.

During mass I noticed that one of the massive marble sculptures lining the church was none other than our friend and protector, Saint Jude! How fitting that St. Jude, Apostle and cousin of the Lord, should have a place at the very heart of the Catholic Church, the official *cathedra* of the pope. Seeing our Holy Patron, I thought immediately of you and brought your petitions before God and St. Jude in this magnificent church.

Petition, one of the four basic types of prayer, is at the heart of what it means to be Christian. God wants us to bring all our needs, great and small, to Him. To open the door to His fatherly love for us, God sends us His saints, especially St. Jude and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who never tire of interceding for us.

God sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to us in a special way 100 years ago, when Our Lady of Fatima appeared before three simple shepherd children on a hillside in Portugal. She called herself “The Lady of the Rosary” and told Lucia:

“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the . . . mysteries of the Rosary.”

Through Mary’s Immaculate Heart, God gives us the gift of His mercy, a treasure sorely needed in today’s world.

As patrons of the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude, be assured that the Dominican Friars are praying the Rosary daily for you and your loved ones. In this 100th anniversary of Fatima, I invite you to consider praying the Rosary more often, whether that means returning to an old devotion for you or starting a new one. It is one of the best ways to meditate on the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to become aware of God’s presence in our hearts and in our lives.



Fr. Gabriel Gillen, O.P.

Director, Rosary Shrine of St. Jude



FR. GABRIEL GILLEN, O.P., AT ST. JOHN LATERAN IN ROME



# SAINT JUDE HELPS A SINGLE MOTHER

BY MARY ANNE MILLER

“I HAD RECENTLY GONE THROUGH A DIVORCE THAT BLIND-SIDED ME AFTER A FIFTEEN-YEAR MARRIAGE WITH THREE CHILDREN. LIKE IT OR NOT I BECAME A SINGLE MOM.”

Several years ago St. Jude interceded for me not once but twice. I had recently gone through a divorce that blind-sided me after a fifteen-year marriage with three children. Like it or not I became a single mom. I had been in the workforce before, but the role of provider was new to me. My ex did support the children; however, there was still a lot on my shoulders.

I decided to have some work done on our home by adding onto the two existing bedrooms above the garage to give my children more space, getting new windows in the front of the home, adding a cold air return, and adding a floor and pull down staircase in the attic. The home improvement projects were a bit much for me to tackle on my own; however, I thought it was the right thing to do. My job was rock solid so I went forward with all the home improvement projects. I used all my savings but thought it was worth it.

Towards the end of the project, one of the bids ended up \$6,000.00 more than the initial bid. I didn't have that much cash on-hand, so I was really beside myself and thought that maybe I wasn't as responsible as I should have been.

I began a novena and prayers to St. Jude, making daily visits to a local church during my lunch break. Towards the end of the novena, a savings investment I had made matured with the exact amount I needed. Thanks to St. Jude for his intercession!

A few months later I found out my “rock solid” job was going to be eliminated along with every other job in my department. By the grace of God, our boss shared the information with all of us to give us a “heads up” and some time to find another job. My search began immediately. I began another novena and prayers to St. Jude, again making daily visits to a local church during my lunch break.

“I FINISHED THE SECOND NOVENA AND HAD PEACE THAT GOD WOULD TAKE CARE OF ME AND MY CHILDREN.”

I finished the second novena and had peace that God would take care of me and my children. At work, the day came when each of us was brought into a room to get our walking papers. I went to unemployment on Tuesday to sign up for assistance. It was very hard. I learned how much I had associated a job title with my identity. It was very humbling.

I received a call on Wednesday of the same week to come in for an interview. I got a job offer that

Friday to start work the very next week! I was only without work for a few days. Praise God! I know St. Jude's intercession worked on my behalf.

God is so good to give us powerful saints that we can count on for assistance. St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless cases, came through for me and I will be forever indebted to him.



## WHAT ARE RELICS AND WHAT DO I DO WITH THEM?

BY BROTHER LUKE HOYT, O.P.,  
DEACON OF THE ROSARY SHRINE OF ST. JUDE



**A**s Catholics, we have a great love for embodied spiritual realities. This is why there has always been a place in the Faith for relics – parts of a saint's body or objects which touched a saint's body. Because of this, the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude likes to spread devotion to St. Jude by giving away relics of this Saint. You yourself may have received one of these relics in the mail! And, if you have, you may have wondered: What am I to do with a relic? So here are a few pointers:

✦ Each relic is a holy thing since it is connected in some way to a saint who is in the presence of God. Therefore, we treat relics with respect.

✦ Feel free to carry it with you in your wallet or purse, or to place it in some part of your house where it is safe and won't get lost.

✦ It is against the law of the Church to sell or buy relics.

✦ If you don't want to keep a relic, don't throw it away. Instead, give it away, or leave it in the back of a church where someone who would like to have it will find it. Or, as a last resort, a sacred thing like a relic may be disposed of by burning or burying.

Send us your email address  
using the attached reply  
envelope to receive a new video  
of Brother Luke preaching  
at the Shrine!



FROM LEFT: BR. LUKE HOYT, O.P., EDWARD SHEHAB, EDDIE SHEHAB JR., FR. HYACINTH MARIE CORDELL, O.P., PAIGE JUDE SHEHAB, AMY SHEHAB, FR. RAYMUND SNYDER, O.P., FR. ALBERT TRUDEL, O.P., AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED SHRINE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THE RENOVATIONS!

## DONOR PROFILE: THE SHEHAB FAMILY

*In our first newsletter, we brought you the story of how Amy Shehab gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Paige Jude, despite a screening and medical consultation that indicated a high risk of severe genetic illness. The family devotion to Saint Jude, which Amy inherited from her mother and grandmother, gave the Shehabs a protector in their time of trial.*

*We were overjoyed to welcome Amy and Edward and their children Paige Jude and Eddie Jr., to the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude for the annual Feast of St. Jude on October 28th. The St. Jude Messenger sat down with Amy to discuss her family's visit.*

### **Does Paige Jude know the story behind her middle name?**

She understands, as well as a four-year-old can, that her middle name is in honor of Saint Jude and she carries a little medal and relic card in her backpack. Eddie also carries a Saint Jude medal and treats it with great respect. They know he's our family's patron saint.

### **How was your visit to the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude in October?**

It was so special. I looked into the eyes of Saint Jude at the Shrine and I honestly felt he was present. The Dominican Friars really took us under their wing.

My husband, the kids, and I had dinner with the student brothers and talked about sports, the World Series – all sorts of things. It was a great experience for my kids.



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**Have you shared your devotion to St. Jude with others?**

Yes, many times when friends and family have had health problems, we've given them the relics and other gifts we've received from the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude. Paige attends a Presbyterian pre-school, and when her teacher learned about our trip to the



PAIGE JUDE SHEHAB WITH RELIC OF ST. JUDE AT THE SHRINE  
PHOTOS BY FR. LAWRENCE LEW, O.P.

Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude in Washington, DC, she couldn't wait to see pictures. So Paige brought some to school where they were very well received. There's a ripple effect as St. Jude reaches those who need him through those he's already helped.

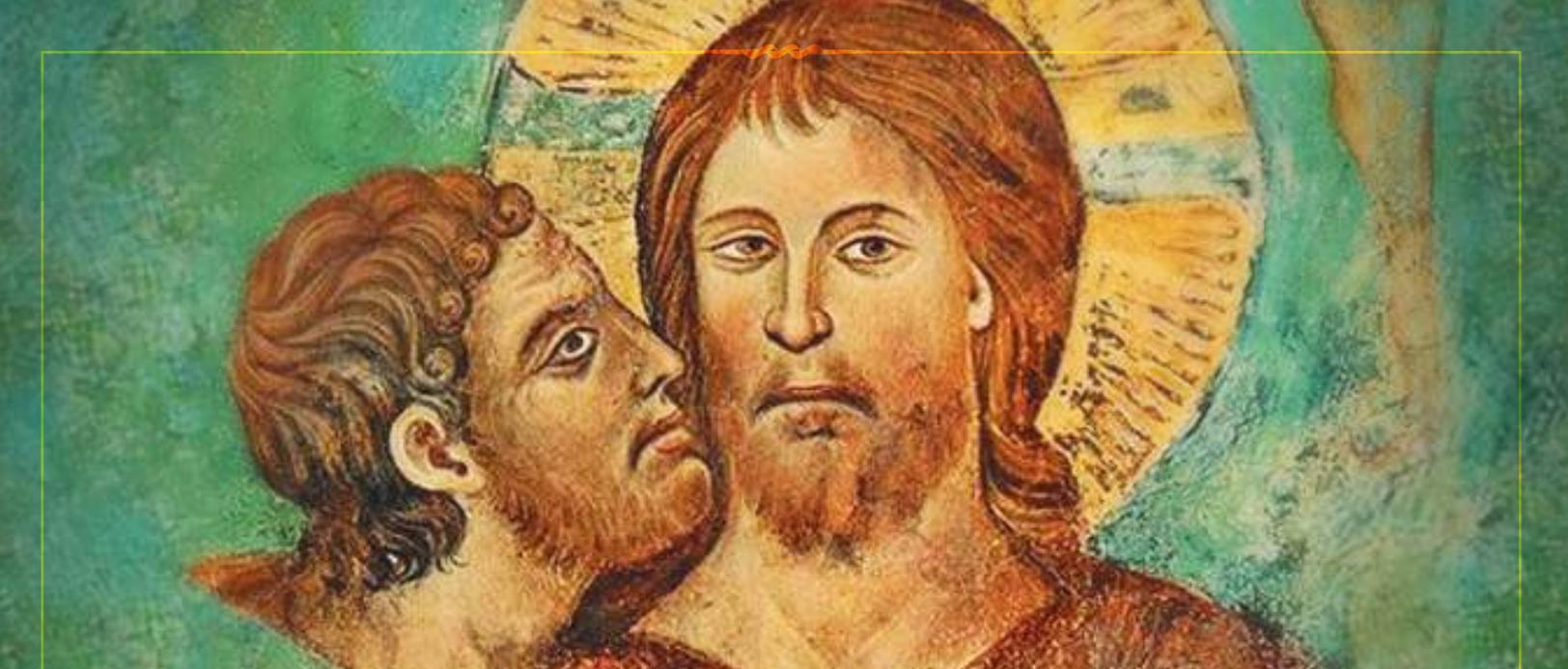


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## TWO PATHS: JUDE OR JUDAS

BY BR. LUKE HOYT, O.P., DEACON OF THE ROSARY SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

**I**t must have been awkward for St. Jude to introduce himself to fellow Christians.

*“Hi, I’m Jude.”*

*“Oh....um....you mean the one who...?”*

*“No, that was Judas. I’m Jude.  
Different guy.”*

For all the similarity of their names, the legacies of Jude and Judas could not be more different. Judas is the ultimate “lost cause.” Jude is the patron of lost causes. What was the distinguishing factor between them? The virtue of hope. Judas is a “lost cause” because his faults drove him to despair. Jude is the patron of lost causes because he had hope.

Jude was called to be an Apostle. So was Judas. Jude lived with Christ and was taught by him. Same with Judas. Jude was guilty of a grave moral failing by deserting Christ after the last supper. Judas was guilty of a

grave moral failing by betraying Christ after the last supper. But while Judas despaired of Christ’s forgiveness in the wake of his grave fault, Jude continued to trust and hope in Christ’s love and friendship.

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“JUDAS IS THE ULTIMATE LOST CAUSE. JUDE IS THE PATRON OF LOST CAUSES. WHAT WAS THE DISTINGUISHING FACTOR BETWEEN THEM? THE VIRTUE OF HOPE.”  
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Each of us is potentially a Jude or a Judas. Like each of them, we have been called to follow Christ. We each seek to live with Christ and receive his teaching. We are each guilty of many moral failings.

But herein lies the distinction: if we focus exclusively on our sinfulness and ignore Christ's promise of hope, then we are on the Judas-path. Conversely, if we live in the hope of Christ, then, despite our moral failings and struggles, we are on the Jude-path. The factor that separates the road to life from the road to perdition is often not so much our great moral accomplishments or grave sinfulness, but simply whether we respond to personal failure with or without the virtue of hope.

To have hope is to firmly trust that God is not lying when he tells us that he will give us everything we need to reach our goal of

happiness with Him. To have hope is to trust that whatever our faults and whatever our challenges, Christ is not lying when he says, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Without the hope of Christ, each of us is a lost cause. But by living in the hope of Christ, we can achieve all things.

May the hope of Christ which filled St. Jude fill our lives as well, that we may trust in Jesus as He leads us to the Heavenly Father.



## ST. JUDE REUNITES A FAMILY

BY KATIE CONNOR\*



I would like to thank St. Jude for answering my prayer. I have been praying to him for over two years and this past July I received an answer. People are not too sympathetic to my story because it is not something they like to discuss.

In 2013 my husband committed a nonviolent crime. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison and started his sentence in 2014. My husband has always been a loving spouse and father. He was truly sorry for what he did and confessed his crime numerous times while incarcerated. Since day one of his sentence, I started praying to St. Jude for my husband's early release. It seemed like forever, but in 2016 - the Year of Mercy - my husband was granted early release. He came home the next month. Through prayer, our family is together again and closer than ever before.

Thank You so much, St. Jude! My family loves you for helping us and I gratefully encourage anyone who feels their situation is hopeless to turn to you (I felt that way many times). Prayer will fill you with comfort, love and, above all, hope.

*\*This name has been changed to protect the family's identity.*

Have your prayers been answered  
through the intercession  
of St. Jude or Our Lady?

Let us know by emailing:  
[RSSJ@dominicanfriars.org](mailto:RSSJ@dominicanfriars.org).

# THE SCULPTOR-PRIEST OF FATIMA

BY FR. HUGH VINCENT DYER, O.P.

**F**atima has been present in my imagination for nearly as long as I can remember. I grew up in Albany, New York, in the 1980s. Albany is the place where Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., began his apostolate of the Family Rosary Crusade. He had two great sayings: “The family that prays together stays together” and “A world at prayer is a world at peace”. That prayer is the Rosary. In my neighborhood, there was a woman of faith, Mrs. Giminiani, who promoted the message of Fatima and encouraged others to pray the Rosary for conversion.

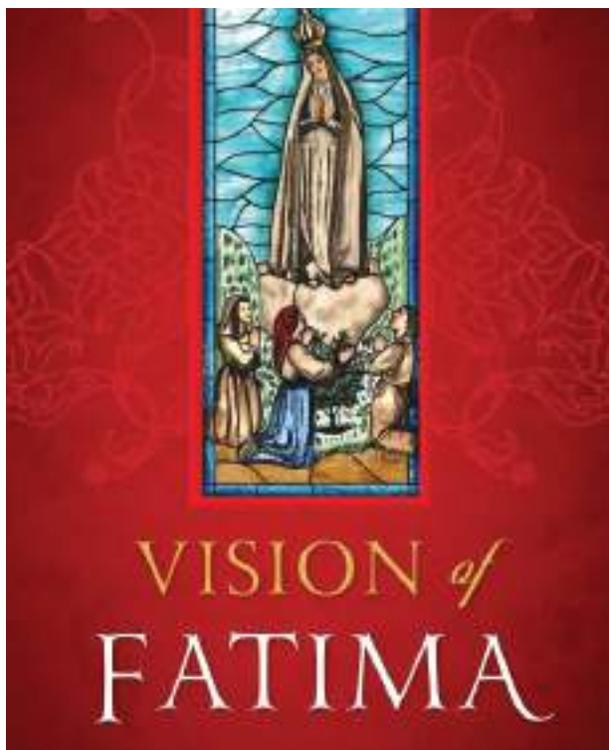
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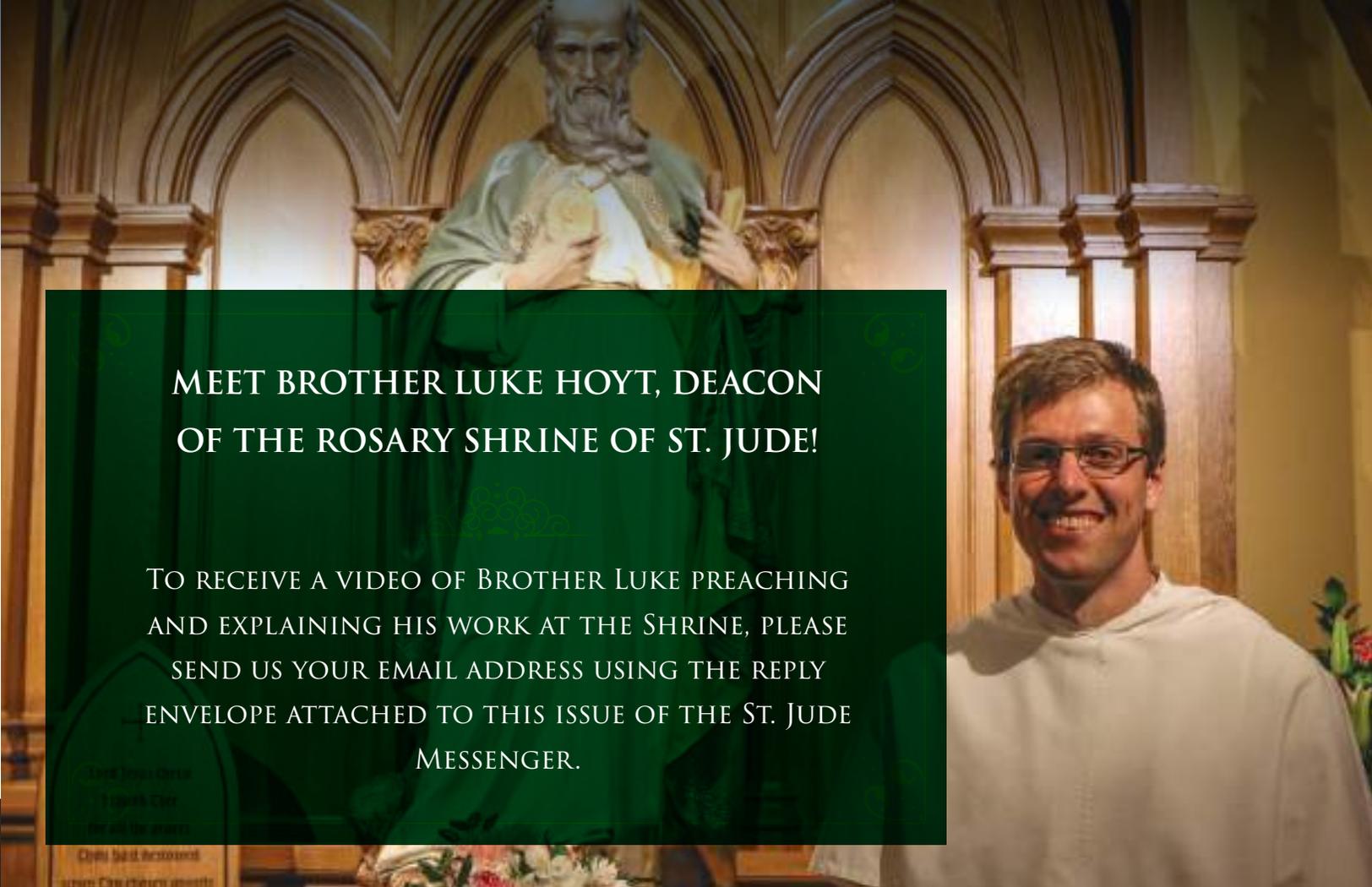
Last year I found an out-of-print book on Marian apparitions, which referenced a rare book entitled *Vision of Fatima* by our own Fr. Thomas McGlynn, O.P. I called the Dominican House of Studies librarian, Fr. John Martin Ruiz, O.P., to track down a copy of McGlynn’s book on Fatima; I also asked him to read it. We both read the book with delight: therein McGlynn recounts his encounter with and privileged access to the last surviving visionary, Sr. Lucia, who personally provided direction as he sculpted a visual representation of Our Lady of Fatima. His statue stands,

centered, above the entrance to the basilica at Fatima, where it is seen by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims every year.

The book *Vision of Fatima* is more than an enjoyable travelogue. Fr. McGlynn reminds us that Fatima, like Cana, is a place of miracles. He also points us to the penitential character of Mary’s message. Penance seeks justice and communion with Jesus crucified. The rosary is a prayer whereby we grow in the virtues of Mary’s contemplative heart. Fatima has long been an impetus toward prayer, and Fr. McGlynn’s work supports this motivation. His book is again a gift to Our Lady of Fatima in this centennial year of the apparitions.

***Vision of Fatima* has been re-published by Sophia Institute Press and is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.**





**MEET BROTHER LUKE HOYT, DEACON  
OF THE ROSARY SHRINE OF ST. JUDE!**

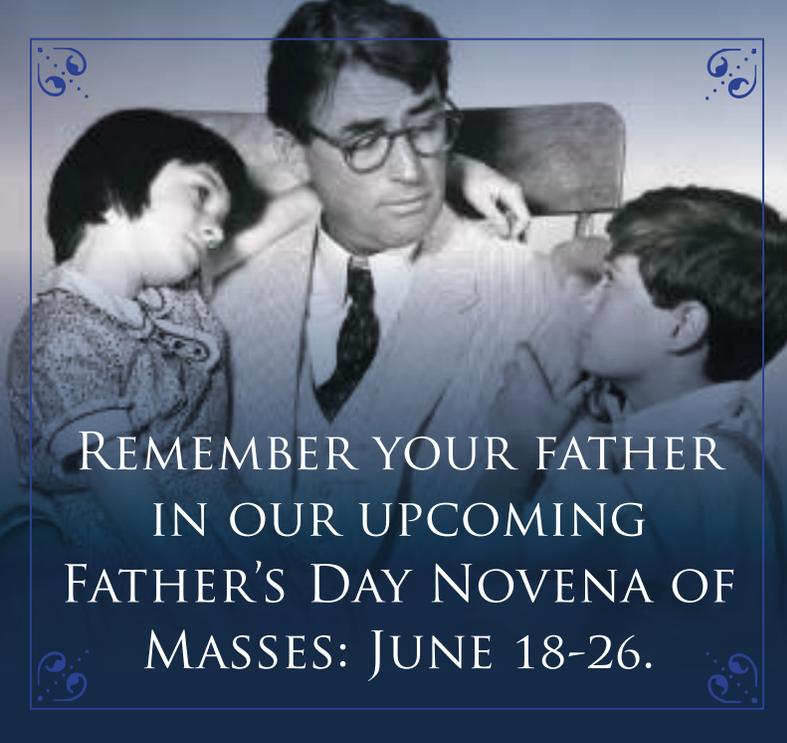
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AND EXPLAINING HIS WORK AT THE SHRINE, PLEASE  
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ENVELOPE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE ST. JUDE  
MESSENGER.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO VISIT THE ROSARY SHRINE  
OF ST. JUDE FOR THE FEAST OF STS. SIMON & JUDE ON OCTOBER  
28TH! FOR THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE KNOW  
THAT YOUR INTENTIONS ARE REMEMBERED IN THE PRAYERS OF THE  
DOMINICAN FRIARS.



FR. GEORGE SCHOMMER, O.P., CELEBRATING MASS AT THE ROSARY  
SHRINE OF ST. JUDE BEFORE THE FIRST-CLASS RELIC OF ST. JUDE.



REMEMBER YOUR FATHER  
IN OUR UPCOMING  
FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF  
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## UPCOMING NOVENAS 2017

JUNE 18-26

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

JULY 18-26

ST. ANNE/ST. JOACHIM NOVENA

SEPTEMBER 8-16

BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY NOVENA

OCTOBER 20-28

THE HOLY ROSARY/ST. JUDE NOVENA

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

POOR SOULS REMEMBRANCE

### PRAYER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROSARY SHRINE OF ST. JUDE PATRONS

*"For all the intentions entrusted to the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Jude the Apostle: that the Lord will ease the burden and suffering of those in difficult and desperate circumstances and give them grace and peace."*

This prayer is included at all weekend (Vigil/ Sunday) Masses at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, DC, where the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude is located.

The Rosary is also prayed daily for the intentions of patrons of the Rosary Shrine of St. Jude, and on Fridays there is veneration of the first-class relic of St. Jude following the midday Mass.



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