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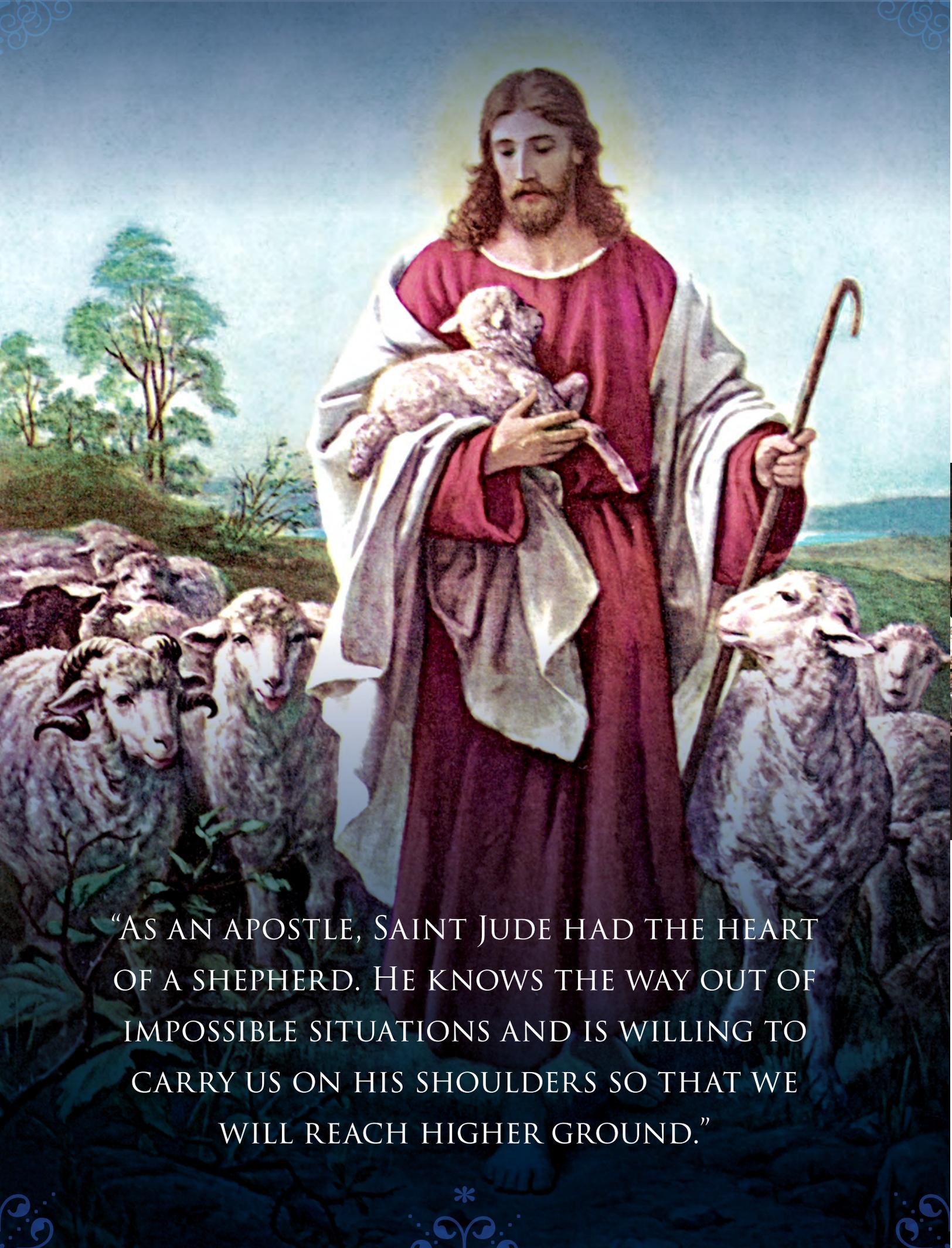


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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friend of Saint Jude,

I prayed for your intentions as I walked in the footsteps of Jesus and Saint Jude in the Holy Land. After picking up a lamb, I wanted to share with you my reflection on Christ as the good shepherd who goes in search of His sheep to bring them safely home.



FR. GABRIEL GILLEN, O.P., VISITS A FARM IN THE HOLY LAND.

Years ago I visited a family in Wyoming who had sheep. During the summer months, the ranchers would lead their flock up into the mountains for greener pastures after the lower fields became barren. Going up into the wilderness requires vigilance in protecting the flock from wolves and bears. The mountains can also be hit with snowstorms in the early Fall. This too is a danger for the sheep because they can get buried under snowdrifts and suffocate.

One day we saw a snowstorm approaching and started to gather the flock out of a ravine. But a small group of sheep could not be reached on horseback and remained in a dangerous spot. I'll never forget how the rancher got off his horse and walked down the steep ravine to pick up the smallest lamb and place it on his shoulders. At first I thought he was just going to rescue the one sheep before the storm hit, but as he started walking back, the mother of the lamb started crying and began following him up the mountain. Soon the

remaining sheep followed her as they moved up to higher ground.

Sometimes God takes a little lamb from our midst and we don't understand what the shepherd is doing. We don't realize that being on the shoulders of the shepherd is the safest place possible. We also can't see the approaching storm that would suffocate us if we were to remain where we are. Saint Jude understands our sorrows and questions because he did not know what the Good Shepherd was doing on Holy Thursday, which is why he asked Jesus the question during the Last Supper: Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world? (Jn 14:22).

Saint Jude certainly didn't understand what the lamb of God was doing on Good Friday. But all of that changed on Easter Sunday when the light of the Resurrection broke through the storm of death itself. After Pentecost, Saint Jude was on fire with the Holy Spirit as he followed the lamb of God wherever he would go. As an apostle, Saint Jude had the heart of a shepherd. He knows the way out of impossible situations and is willing to carry us on his shoulders so that we will reach higher ground.

Saint Jude, Pray for us!

Father Gabriel

Fr. Gabriel Gillen, O.P.
Director, Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude

THANK YOU, SAINT JUDE!

LETTERS FROM PATRONS OF THE ROSARY SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE

For generations, Catholics have publicly thanked Saint Jude for favors received through his intercession. In these pages, patrons of the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude carry on the tradition!

RING FOUND

I wish to thank Saint Jude for helping me find my sister's ring she had let me wear. I thought it was gone forever. My youngest sister had made this ring as a symbol of our family name. I was very upset. I prayed to Saint Jude and on the fifth day I found it. I have been thanking him every day since.

-Karen

I prayed for my daughter's healing from breast cancer and my prayers have been answered: she is 13 years cancer free. THANK YOU SAINT JUDE!

-Frannie

Thank you, Saint Jude, for blessing my new truck and for my family and friends. You have always been there for me. Amen.

-Edmundo



LOST 70 POUNDS

Father Gabriel,

I received a favor from Saint Jude on Saturday, as I was driving from my home in Hutchinson, Kansas to Saint Mary's Catholic Church at 8th and Main in Newton.

While driving on Highway 50, I encountered a truck pulling a trailer with a 12' ladder on top. As I was trying to pass the truck, the ladder flew off the trailer and was spinning toward my windshield! I applied my brakes as hard as I could. As I prepared for the ladder to hit my windshield, the ladder disappeared! I looked in my rearview mirror and saw it lying across the road - right where I had just driven.

I have been praying to Saint Jude since February 1, 2018, to help me lose weight. He helped me lose 70 pounds! I also believe he was taking care of me on the highway to Mass.

Prayers do get answered!

-Frances

Nelda Thank you, Saint Jude, for all your blessings. 🙏🙏
You are my Rock. ❤️❤️

I can't put into words the love I have for Saint Jude. He has answered many prayers for me since I was seven. When I was 38, I had open heart surgery to remove a tumor, I prayed to him to please let

me live. I still had two children under 18 who I needed to be there for. The doctors said my life expectancy was five years, so I have kept praying. I had to have the surgery a second time six years later. Now I am 60 and still praying. So if you need to pray for something you think is impossible, just pray and believe.

-Kathryn



Saint Jude has answered many prayers for me. I received a Saint Jude statue for my first communion when I was seven. I am now 61 and pray to him every day. He is working on a prayer for me now.

-Dennis

Saint Jude has answered many prayers throughout many years. Through his power from Jesus, Saint Jude helped me to pass my RN exam over 40 years ago. He has also healed many illnesses of family and friends, and still continues to do his work!

-Mary

Cancer two times, both contained. I am considered cured, all from the intercession of Saint Jude. Saint Jude, pray for us!

-Diane

FINDING DIRECTION

I prayed that my 35 year old son would find some direction in his life. He was never interested in college and refused to go in debt for it. He has been freelancing for a few years but had no regular paycheck, no insurance, no retirement plan, no vacation pay. He also had all of the hassles with self-employment taxes. A few weeks after I prayed to Saint Jude, my son called to tell me he had found a program of study he would like to take. He is in his first weeks of this program and I pray it is the beginning of a successful career. Thank you, Saint Jude!

-Elaine

A YEAR TO LIVE

Eight years ago I was given six months to a year to live. I prayed to Saint Jude every day. He answered my prayers. I am still here.

-Chicky

CURED OF ASTHMA

I developed asthma at the age of 19 due to living with six cats at home as a child. After being diagnosed, I was treated with pills and then progressed to an inhaler, which I carried with me at all times, not knowing when an attack might come upon me. By age 34, I had enough. I decided to reach out to Saint Jude and ask for his help as there was nothing I could do to stop it. I prayed his nine day novena and I am happy to report that I received a true miracle. I never had another asthma attack again and I will be 58 in a few weeks. Saint Jude is a true wonder and miracle worker and I have never ceased to be grateful for the healing I received!

-Elizabeth-Anne

HE WANTED TO DIE

I was married to an abusive, manipulative sociopath who didn't like to work and was beating our children when I was at work. My middle child

took the brunt of the abuse because my ex became jealous of him (my ex put me through so much hardship when I was pregnant with my son, that he was born sickly and needed special attention from me). I was unaware of my ex's treatment of my son until, at eight years old, my son told me he wanted to die.

For ten long years we were in therapy, and I put my son's life in Saint Jude's hands. I promised to pray his Novena perpetually, and, little by little, my son improved, and I didn't have to give him up to a special home for disturbed children. Saint Jude helped me through everything and was my constant companion.

I love Saint Jude and will always be grateful that he saved my son.

-Carmen

Saint Jude has been my patron saint for many years. It started in high school when a friend of mine gave me a prayer card, and I have been devoted for over 40 years. Four years ago, I was diagnosed with cancer. The night before my surgery I received a strong sign from Saint Jude. My surgery went well, and I continue to receive positive news at doctors appointments. I know in my heart this has been possible through Saint Jude's intercession.

-Donna

Janice I prayed a Novena to Saint Jude for a Child. We waited almost six years before our first. Prayers were answered indeed: I now have four sons. 😊😊



Have you received an answer to prayer from Saint Jude, Our Lady, or any other of the powerful intercessors we invoke in our Novenas at the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude? Let us know using the reply envelope attached to this issue, emailing rssj@dominicanfriars.org, or contacting us on Facebook at facebook.com/rosarysaintjude.



STRESSED?

BY BR. SIMON TELLER, O.P.

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Are you stressed? Are you overwhelmed with work? Does your day feel like one, big, exhausting effort just to survive? Are you so desperately busy that you've started identifying with Wile E. Coyote in his feverishly frantic and fatally futile sprints through thin air as he tries to race back to the top of the cliff he's just hurled off?

If your answer is yes, then read on, my dear friend, (and perhaps call your doctor) because this article is for you!

God loves us all the time. He especially loves us when we're weighed down with stress, overburdened

by anxiety, and sinking under the busy demands of life. Even as we're drowning in a turbulent sea, God is doing good things for us:

He drew me forth from the mighty waters. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he loved me (Ps 18:17-20).

Perhaps the best way to fight the spiritual dangers of stress is to remember that even as my head is slipping under the waves, Jesus is there, waiting to immediately reach out his hand and catch me.

All there is for me to do is to say, like St. Peter, "Lord, save me!"



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Help us continue our mission of spreading devotion to the Patron Saint of Hope, Saint Jude, through a gift in your will.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LEGENDARY STATUE OF THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

BY PHILIP KOSLOSKI

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The Infant of Prague statue is one of the most popular Christian statues in the world and yet relatively few people know the origins of it. The statue's history is fascinating, associated with various legends and miracles.

Most historians believe that the original statue was carved in Spain around the year 1340 in a Cistercian monastery. Some traditions claim that a monk had a vision of the child Jesus and fashioned the statue after what he saw.

The statue remained in Spain for several centuries and a pious tradition claims that St. Teresa of Avila possessed the statue in the 16th century.

Whatever the case may be, the statue found its way to Prague during the reign of the House of Habsburg in 1556. At this point it was given by Dona Isabella Manrique as a wedding gift to her daughter Marie Manrique, who married Vratislav of Pernstyn. Some traditions claim that Dona received the statue from St. Teresa of Avila.

The statue was passed down through the family and by 1628 was given to a local Carmelite monastery by Princess Polyxena von Lobkowicz. She reportedly said to the monastery, "I am giving you what I most esteem of my possessions. Keep the sculpture in reverence and you will be well off."

Soon after this gift, Prague was invaded and the statue was almost lost forever. A priest discovered it in the rubble of a church and enshrined it in a new oratory. While cleaning the statue the priest heard the Infant Jesus say to him, "Have pity on

Me and I will have pity on you. Give Me My hands and I will give you peace. The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you." When the priest needed more funds to repair the statue the Infant Jesus said to the priest, "Place Me near the entrance of the sacristy and you will receive aid." What was needed was miraculously provided and the statue was restored.

Since then pilgrimages to the statue have been the source of countless miracles. The statue was copied and disseminated throughout the world and remains to this day an extremely popular statue of Jesus in places such as Portugal, Spain, Ireland, Poland, Philippines and South America.

Novena to the Infant of Prague

Say once an hour for nine hours on one single day

O Jesus, who has said ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek and I ask that my prayer may be granted.

(Mention your intentions here.)

O Jesus, who has said all that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will will grant you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name, that my prayer be granted.

(Mention your intentions here.)

O Jesus, who has said "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass", through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

(Mention your intentions here.)



THE CHARBONNEAU CHILDREN, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: HELEENA (11), CHRISTIANA (3), JOSEPH (9), ANTONIA (15), JOAN (5), AND JOHN-PAUL (13)

SEVEN MIRACLES FROM SAINT JUDE

As a reader of the *Saint Jude Messenger*, you've heard of families receiving a life-saving blessing from Saint Jude at a moment of trial. Maybe you yourself have been the beneficiary of the Apostle's favor in time of need. Jaime and Nicolas Charbonneau have received not one, but seven miraculous interventions from the Patron Saint of the Impossible—one for each of their six children and one for a family member on the brink of death.

According to Jaime, each of her six babies had “been breech up until at least the 37th week of pregnancy. And I've always been recommended to have an external version (manual manipulation of the baby from the outside) or a C-section.” Every time, however, Jaime was determined to go through natural childbirth.

The solution? “We prayed to Saint Jude and each one of them flipped head down by the time I was ready to give birth,” Jaime says.

A new midwife, working with Jaime to deliver her fifth baby, noticed that the baby was breech and said that Jaime might have to have a C-section. Jaime's response was calm and collected:

“I said, ‘Oh, no. We've done this before. We just pray to Saint Jude and the babies turn.’ And she just laughed at me. But after the sixth baby, she said, ‘You're right. You just have breech babies and you pray to Saint Jude and they turn.’”

When Jaime was about to deliver their sixth child, who was also breech, she and Nicolas began praying their usual Novena to Saint Jude for the turning of the baby. They also included the intention of the health and marriage of Nicolas' brother, who was deathly ill with a seemingly untreatable condition, had left the Church, and had been living with his girlfriend for five years.

Three weeks after the healthy birth of baby Christiana, Nicolas' brother finally found a specialist who was able to perform the life-saving surgery he needed. On the eve of the procedure, he asked his girlfriend to marry him. But, says Jaime, “what was even more miraculous was they got married in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on October 28: Saint Jude's Feast Day.”

The coincidence was not planned; just a sign that the newlyweds had a friend in Heaven.



THE LIGHT OF LONGING

BY FATHER WALTER WAGNER, O.P.

“FOR THE STRANGER, FOR THE BUSY, AND FOR THE DISTRESSED, THEIR CANDLE STANDS IN FOR THEM AT MASS AND REMAINS LONG AFTER.”



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directions, and our preaching must take into account the beautiful heterogeneity of our listeners. The diversity of the congregation also makes of the communion line an icon for contemplation, as if Pentecost itself were lined up double file in the middle of the church. But if the Holy Spirit gathers a demographic array of souls before God, He also deploys them in different kinds of worship.

Surely we clergy find satisfaction in the good folks who take their places in the pews on a daily basis. They listen attentively, and make their responses with gusto.

But you know what: all kinds of people cannot manage this kind of churchgoing. They do not speak English, or they lack control over their hours of work: perhaps caregiving consumes their time, or anxiety keeps them from crowds. For the stranger, for the busy, and for the distressed, their candle stands in for them at Mass and remains long after.

Our early morning sentinels confirm this story. Many people come in way before the first Mass-goers. With all the alacrity and efficiency they bring to their commute, our vanguard of prayer find their way to an accustomed altar or shrine to offer the morning's petitions, intercessions, or thanksgivings. After a few minutes of quiet intimacy they are gone, off into a day whose long hours belong to another. From dawn to bedtime workday thoughts will crowd the mind, but the light remains behind as a sign that the heart never loses its Sunday longings.



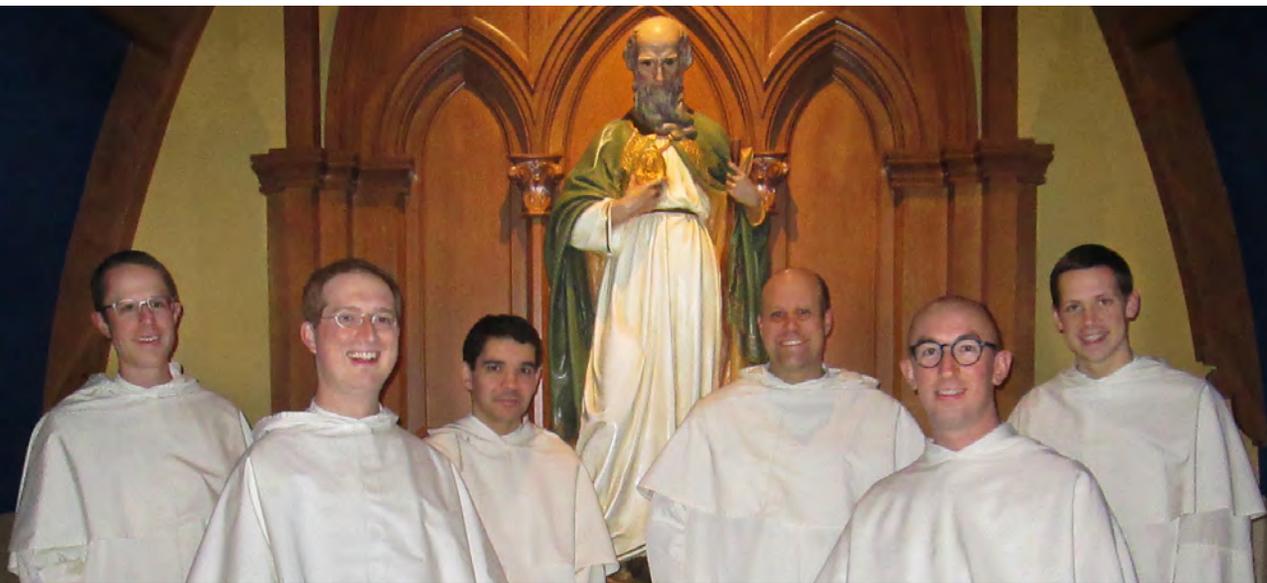
WORSHIPPERS WITH CANDLES AT THE ROSARY SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE

What a joy, and constant renewal, to live and work at a crossroads in New York City. The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Vincent Ferrer welcome worshippers from all

The pre-dawn lamps soon find company in the lights added by Mass-goers and church visitors all the way through to closing time. On Wednesday nights, after holy hour at St. Vincent's, or in St. Catherine's on Sundays, we Friars get to turn off the bulbs and see the church radiant with the gentle flickering light of prayer. For me the faith, hope, and love of hundreds becomes palpable at this moment and I go to bed truly warmed by the spiritual communion of the Church.

“IN THAT FLAME I SEE THE CRUCIAL THINGS IN MY LIFE THAT I CANNOT DWELL ON AT THE MOMENT. I AM BUSY AND DISTRACTED BUT THE MATTERS AT THE CORE OF ME DO NOT THEREBY LOSE THEIR IMPORTANCE.”

The faith-formed realism of candle-lighting comes clear in the brief prayer of Jacob Astley before the Battle of Edgehill in 1642 during the English Civil War, “O Lord! Thou knowest how busy I must be this day: if I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me.” The soldier's quip with God speaks to the truth of us. In a silent moment we realize how thick with concerns is our heart; there abide memories of our dead, concern for the beloved of the present, anxiety for ourselves, and worries for the challenged world we live in. But as each day envelops us with its concerns how much time can we give to the longings deep inside? The candle we light proclaims the bifurcated truth of us: we came to pray, but we had to leave. In that flame I see the crucial things in my life that I cannot dwell on at the moment. I am busy and distracted but the matters at the core of me do not thereby lose their importance.



MEET THE MEN PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Your offerings to the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude support the formation of young men for the priesthood. These six Dominican student brothers will be ordained as priests on May 25, thanks to your generosity and the prayers of Saint Jude.

Thank you, Saint Jude!



SEND US YOUR INTENTIONS
FOR OUR SAINTS ANNE &
JOACHIM NOVENA OF MASSES:
JULY 18-26

2019 SUMMER/FALL NOVENAS

JUL 18 - 26

SAINTS ANNE & JOACHIM NOVENA

SEP 8 - SEPT 16

BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY NOVENA

SEP 29 - OCT 7

HOLY ROSARY NOVENA

OCT 20 - 28

SAINT JUDE FEAST DAY NOVENA

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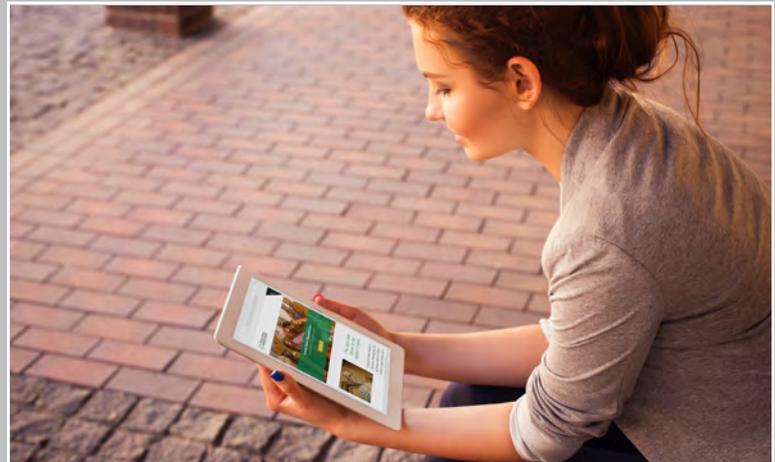
CHRISTMAS NOVENA

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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