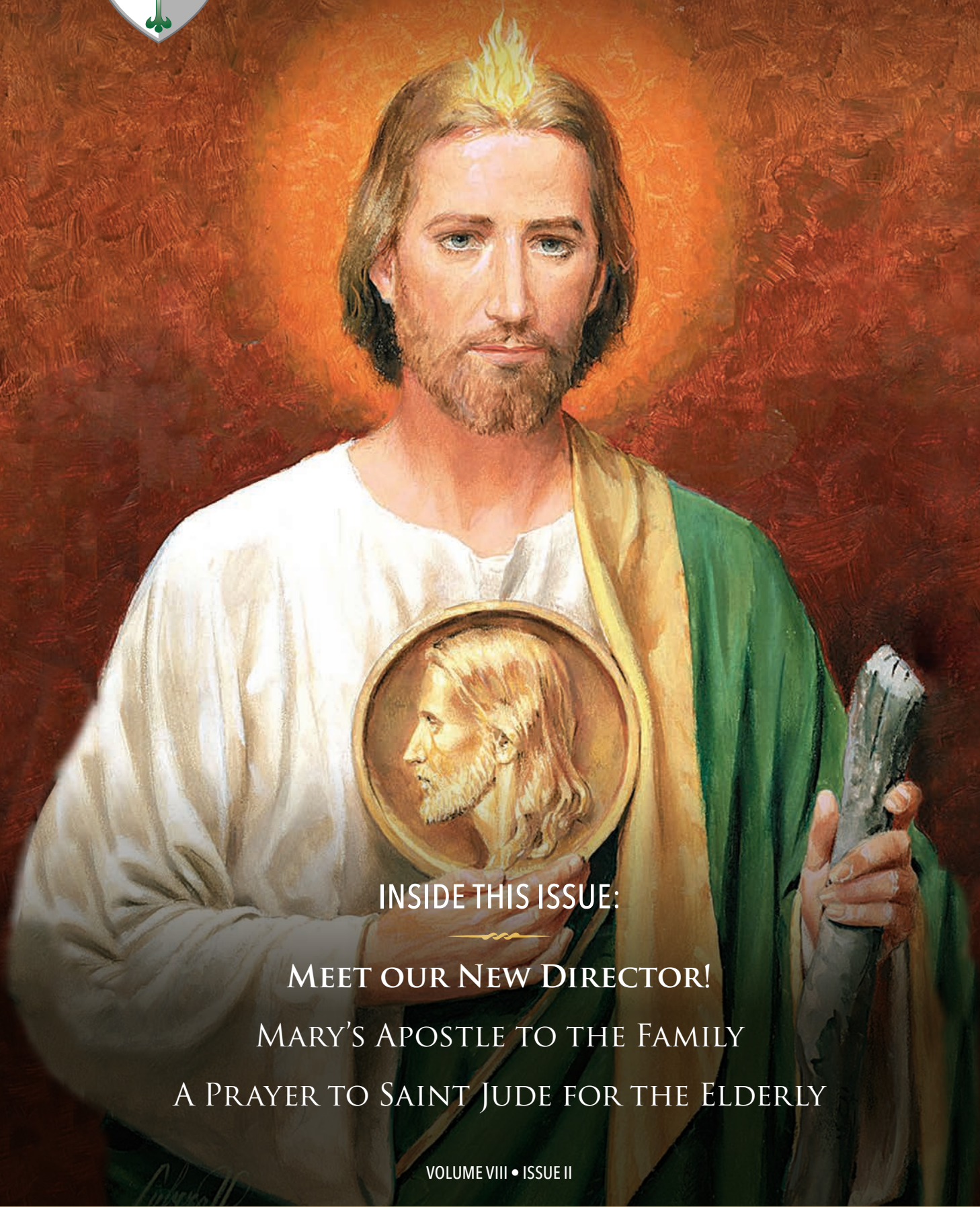




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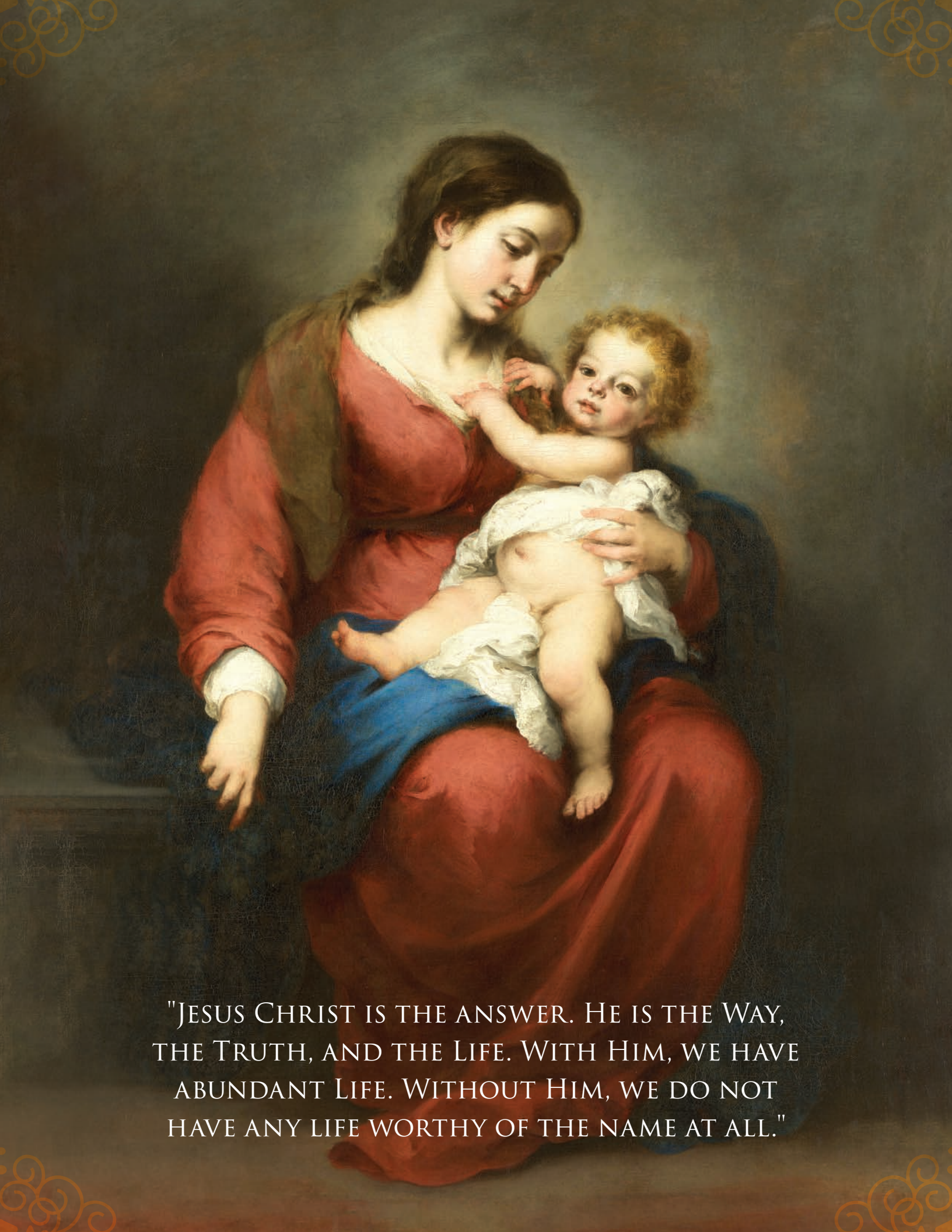
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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

It is with great joy and a deep sense of mission that I take the helm as the Director of the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude. Most of all, I am excited about praying for and getting to know you, our benefactors, who share in our devotion and our zeal in praying for the salvation of souls and blessings for those we love through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Jude.

For the past ten years, you have partnered with my brother priest, Father Gabriel Gillen, O.P., to build up devotion to Our Lady, Saint Jude, and the Order of Preachers. You have made sacrifices for those reached by our preaching, and it is only right for you to be continually remembered before God for your generosity. I take that part of my job very seriously.

I come to you most recently from serving as campus chaplain at the University of Louisville. From my recent experience I know that young people are searching for answers but they are drowning in confusion. It is not only the young but our society as a whole that is confused and searching for answers.

Jesus Christ is the answer. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. With Him, we have abundant Life. Without Him, we do not have any life worthy of the name at all. We must shout the saving truth of Jesus Christ from the rooftops. Together, we can proclaim Him anew.

I have also noticed that for many people today there is a temptation toward discouragement and even despair. Making our way through difficult times, whether they're societal ills or our own personal struggles, can sometimes

seem impossible. But with the help of God, the intercession of our patron, Saint Jude, and the motherly love of Our Lady, we can persevere in faith.

Father Bede Jarrett, O.P., explains that "hope is the greatest need." This issue of the Saint Jude Messenger highlights several beautiful testimonies of God's work in the lives of our friends and benefactors through the powerful intercession of Saint Jude.

Our hope also extends to our loved ones who have died and the souls of the faithful departed whom we remember in a special way through the Masses offered at the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude for the poor souls in Purgatory during the entire month of November.

The words of Jesus to His disciples, "Be not afraid," are addressed to us as well. Placing ourselves and our loved ones under the mantle of Our Lady and entrusting our needs to Saint Jude, we find hope and peace knowing that God loves us tremendously.

I look forward to collaborating with you for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Father John Paul Kern, 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!

My daughter was recently diagnosed with two forms of aggressive cancer. On the eighth day of my first Novena to Saint Jude, the surgeon said he misspoke and that she had only one form. After the second Novena, the scans showed no trace of cancer.

-Mary

Rock Bottom

Not only was I addicted to drugs and alcohol, I had cancer and was going through a divorce. Eventually, I got a DUI and lost my license. Around the same time, my divorce lawyer refused to continue representing me. In this sorry state, I visited my cousin, an agnostic. She took one look at me, went upstairs, and came back down with a Novena prayer to Saint Jude. Since it came from her, I knew I had to say this prayer. Now I'm sober, cancer free since 2003, and happily married. Saint Jude truly saved my life.

-Stanley

I have been praying to Saint Jude to help me pay my bills on a fixed income. Well, today I received my answer. My landlord called and reduced my rent to an amount I can work with! Now I can pay my bills on time with no worries.

-Barbara

Litany Restores Lost Loot

I had lost my wallet, which contained checks, credit cards, and cash. At around the same time, the Saint Jude Messenger arrived containing a prayer card with a Litany to Saint Jude. That night I prayed the Litany, asking for my wallet to be returned to me. The very next day, an Arabian man came to the door with my wallet! Everything was there, just as it had been when I lost it.

-Donna



Someone to Share My Life With

Saint Jude has always meant a lot to me, growing up, as I did, in Saint Jude's parish and attending Saint Jude primary school. As an epileptic—complete with seizures—since age ten, I was avoided and ignored by all except my family. That isolation led to 17 years of prayer to Saint

Jude for what I thought was impossible: finding someone to share my life with. This year my wife and I will celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary. I even wear my wedding ring on a chain with a Saint Jude Medal. Up with Saint Jude!

-John

Pounding the Pavement with Saint Jude

I had been out of a job for two years, so I prayed a Novena to Saint Jude. The day after I finished the Novena, I found a good job—the kind I had always wanted. I was also able to resolve my financial problems. Thank you, Saint Jude, for your intercession!

-Mary Therese

Vania. I thank Saint Jude and the Infant of Prague from the bottom of my heart. With your help, my son James Jude finally found a job after his previous company closed due to the pandemic! 🙏🙏❤️❤️

I work in the healthcare services industry on a contract basis. Recently, my contract ended, and I became unemployed. Things were getting very tight for me financially towards the end of last year, so I prayed the Daily Prayer and the Novena to Saint Jude. I soon received a call out of the blue from my employer about a new contract for the new year! Saint Jude has always come through for my family and myself in times of desperate need!

-Christopher



Watching Over Our Veterans

I suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of my service in Vietnam. I had anxiety, depression, and lack of energy. I felt worthless and I experienced ugly thoughts and negative feelings. Through many dark days, I kept faith in the Holy Trinity and the Catholic Church. I kept praying. Eventually, Saint Jude helped get my health back to where it should be.

-Rolando

I've been praying to Saint Jude since I was in high school and I'm now in my 70s. He has gotten me through many trials, including bringing my husband home safe from Vietnam.

-Elizabeth-Anne

The Gift of Life

11 years ago, my wife of 48 beautiful years was told her kidney was failing. She was going to go on dialysis, when our oldest son spoke up and said, "Mom, you gave me life, now I am giving it back to you." I prayed to Saint Jude for full recovery for my wife and our son. That was 11 years ago, and both are doing fine. Thank you, Saint Jude for the gift of life for both my wife and son.

-Arthur

Saint Jude saved my son after he was in a rollover accident due to a tire blowout. He was on a ventilator and feeding tube for three weeks and had to have surgery for head trauma. His doctor didn't give us much hope. I and many others prayed for him. My son pulled through, and the doctor said it was a miracle.

-Anna



My granddaughter was told that her baby would not survive more than a month after delivery. I prayed to Saint Jude and her mother bought her a Saint Jude bracelet to wear. After the most recent tests, my granddaughter was told that the baby looks fine and that she does not have to worry!

-Anonymous

I wasn't able to get pregnant for ten years after having my first born. After finally getting pregnant, I had a miscarriage. My husband and I were devastated. We walked to church and prayed and cried together. I asked God to please give me a child if it was His will. God answered our prayers, and my baby is now three years old. The power of prayer is amazing!

-Cinthya

Ten Years of Suffering

For almost ten years my grandson had been suffering from acute depression and anxiety. Last year I started praying to Saint Jude and the Infant

of Prague. Today my grandson has graduated from nursing school and has a good job. Thanks be to God!

-Marie

Inspired

Saint Jude inspired my friend, Rob, to find the right words to end his novel, which he had been working on for three years. When Rob mentioned his dilemma to me, I entrusted the problem to Saint Jude. Before the month was over, he had completed the novel.

-Janet

A car dealership was trying to charge me \$590 for an unnecessary repair. I spent a long time trying to get up the courage to call them about it. Before making the call, I prayed to Saint Jude Thaddeus. To my surprise, they were willing to forego the charge!

-Veronica

Surgery Not Needed

My elderly dog had a corneal ulcer. The vet thought she'd need surgery. After my prayer to Saint Jude, her eye healed remarkably. The vet was shocked, due to the age of my dog, that she had healed so well that surgery was no longer needed! I am so thankful and blessed!

-Maria

Share your Saint Jude story
by using the reply envelope
included in this issue, emailing
rssj@dominicanfriars.org,
or contacting us on Facebook at
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HOPE IS THE GREATEST NEED

REV. BEDE JARRETT, O.P. (1881-1934), WAS AN ENGLISH DOMINICAN PRIEST,
NOTED HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR.

Faith is the basis of life, and charity is the crown; but hope is the greatest need. Most of the difficulties of life come because man is so prone to lose heart.

The whole of life tends to depress a man who is at all conscious of his capacities, responsibilities, and his failures. Is he, then, a great sinner? Not at all. Has he lost his faith and love? Most certainly not. What, then, is wanting to him? Hope. He has given up hope; he is disheartened; he is too discouraged to go on. He is very human; oh yes, but he is very foolish also; for when hope is gone, all is over.

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WORK, BUT INFINITE DESIRE.”

Failure counts for nothing, defeat, disappointment—these matter nothing at all, so long as hope sits patiently, stirring the embers, watching and tending the fire, coaxing the flame, never despairing and never leaving the wind to work its will. That the clouds should come up over

the sky, or that darkness should encircle the earth, bring no real terrors, for we are sure that the dawn will come out again and that the sun will break through with its golden glory.

God does not ask from me perfect prayers or perfect sacraments. He does not ask me even to overcome my temper or my want of charity or my untruthfulness. He does not ask these things for He knows He could not get them from me. What, then, does He ask? That I should try to overcome them: only that and nothing more—that I should try day after day, despite failure, repeated and certain, to overcome these obstacles to my union with Him. For goodness consists not in the love of God, but in the attempts to love Him.

If, then, I fail, let me not be discouraged, but, realizing my own weakness and confident only in God's strength, let me go on striving my best, for my business in life is really little else than to continue to fail without losing courage or lessening effort. The phrase of Saint Catherine should ring always in my ear: “God does not ask for a perfect work, but infinite desire.”



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Call (212) 535-3664, visit rosaryshrineofstjude.org/monthly, or use the enclosed envelope and reply card to become a monthly donor.



MARY'S APOSTLE TO THE FAMILY

BY BROTHER FINBAR KANTOR, O.P.

"The family that prays together, stays together." "A world at prayer is a world at peace." You may have heard these phrases, but may not know anything about the man who made them famous. Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.—popularly known as "The Rosary Priest"—is the founder of the Family Theater radio and television program and the Family Rosary Crusade, a worldwide campaign to unite families through daily praying of the Rosary.

These two foundations drove a worldwide cultural evangelization that drew crowds of up to two million to pray and promote the family Rosary. Father Peyton tells the story of his life and the foundation of these ministries in his autobiography, *All For Her*.

In telling his story, Father Peyton shows that his mission was founded on two principles that any Catholic can appreciate: 1) the family can be united and strengthened through prayer; and 2) the Blessed Mother is a powerful intercessor, and she will hear and answer all prayers brought to her with loving devotion.

He realized the first principle early on in his childhood through his family's "one inflexible rule" of participating in the family Rosary. He first realized the effect of his family's daily Rosary when he went to work at a neighboring farm and saw a lack of loving care among that family. He attributed this lack to their not following the practice of family prayer. In response, Father Peyton gave his first "homily," at age fifteen, to the father of that family about the importance of family prayer and the Rosary, and he accredits his preaching with leading that family to take up the practice with great effect.

The second principle was manifested in a crisis during his theological studies. Diagnosed with tuberculosis and rapidly approaching death, he was counseled by a Holy Cross Father

to place his trust in the Blessed Virgin, telling him that "Mary is omnipotent in the power of her intercession." Recalling his family's devotion to the Blessed Mother, he placed himself in her hands. She responded to his trusting prayers, and he was miraculously cured of his illness and soon ordained.

Father Peyton sought to repay Mary for her kindness in his time of need. World War II was ravaging Europe, and he saw the American homefront being similarly corrupted by the breaking up of families. Inspired by the Battle of Lepanto, Father Peyton conceived of a modern crusade to unite families and the world under Mary's guidance and protection. From a classroom in Albany, New York, he began a worldwide evangelization that attracted men and women of every walk of life: from poor, rural farmers in the Philippines and Latin America, to Hollywood stars like Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, and James Dean.

In 2017, Pope Francis declared Father Peyton to be Venerable, in recognition of his heroic virtue and sanctity of life.



FATHER PATRICK PEYTON, C.S.C. PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES (USED WITH PERMISSION).

PLACE YOURSELF UNDER THE MANTLE OF THE VIRGIN MARY WITH THIS PRAYER

BY PHILIP KOSLOSKI

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While hanging upon the cross, Jesus said to John the Apostle (as well as to all of us), “Behold, your mother” (John 19:27). This was not simply a sweet way of Jesus caring for His aging mother, but a bold declaration that all of us are called to share Mary as our true spiritual mother.



The Blessed Mother may not be physically present on this earth, but she does remain at the side of her son, Jesus, and listens attentively to the cries of the world. On account of this heavenly position, she can make her presence felt anywhere on earth and can comfort us in our sorrows and rejoice with us in our joys.

Many saints over the centuries have urged the Christian faithful to view Mary as a spiritual mother to whom we can run in our time of need. A helpful image is to imagine ourselves running like a little child and throwing our heads into the lap of the Blessed Mother. Once there, the Virgin Mary will caress our hair and cover us with her soft and warm mantle, ensuring us that all will be well.

Here is a short prayer that can help internalize this image and call upon Mary as a mother who is ready to help us, no matter what happens.

*I love thee, most lovable Lady,
By the love which I bear thee,
I promise ever to serve thee,
and to do as much as I can,
that thou be loved by others also.
I put all my hopes in thee,
all my salvation.
Receive me as thy servant
and cover me with the mantle of thy protection,
thou the Mother of mercy!
Amen.*



A CAREGIVER'S LESSONS

BY LYNN WYVILL, A FAITHFUL PATRON OF THE ROSARY SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE

I closed my business in August 2011 and was looking forward to retirement. My plans changed when Mom took a serious fall in September that started the downward spiral of poor physical health and dementia of both my parents.

I moved them to a Continuing Care Community and became their long-distance caregiver for eight years, managing every aspect of their lives. I was not prepared for how demanding, physically and emotionally exhausting, and difficult caregiving would be.

Why was God asking me to do this work? I told Him that my heart wasn't big enough, and my spirit wasn't generous enough. I knew that the Lord was always with me, but too many days my faith felt smaller than a mustard seed so I asked God to strengthen me.

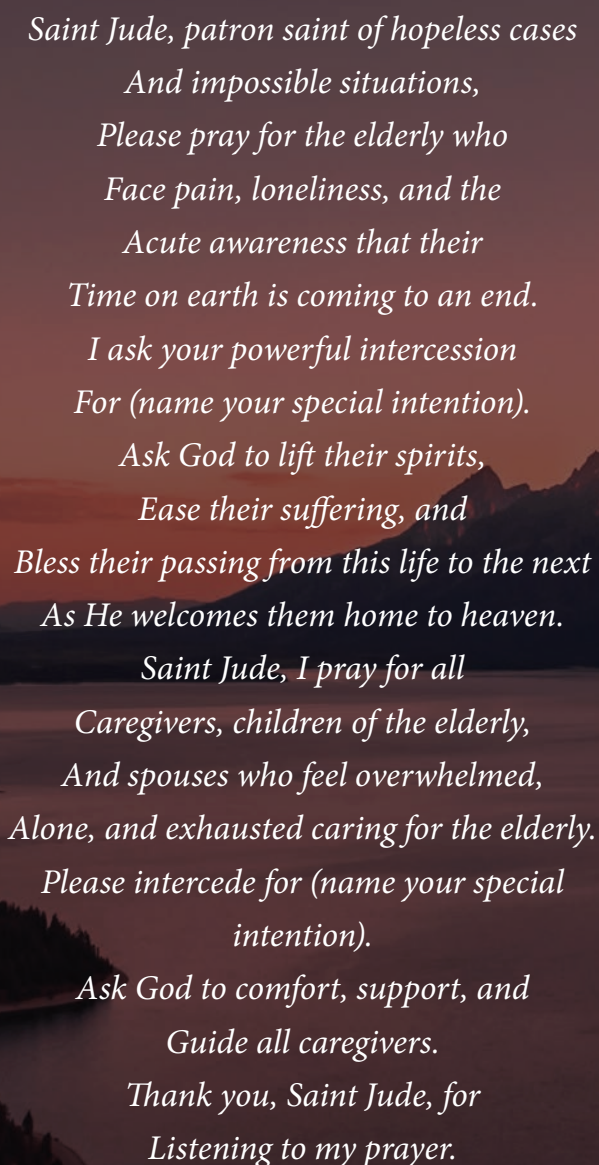
I prayed for guidance when I had no idea how to help my parents. I prayed for empathy to understand aging from their perspective. I asked for patience when I had to repeat many times what I just said because they didn't hear or understand. I prayed for strength and an increase in selflessness when I was weary and overwhelmed. When all of us were overcome with sorrow, I prayed for hope. I prayed with gratitude, too, for every day that no one cried or was in pain, for every day that Mom and Dad could enjoy their food or a stroll in the garden, for every day we could be together.

God heard those prayers and provided all that I needed. Caregiving was the Lord's way of helping me grow, humbling me, and teaching me to rely on and trust Him more.

As always, I had help from my special intercessor, Saint Jude. To honor and spread devotion to him, I wrote a prayer asking him to help all caregivers and ease the suffering of the elderly. My hope is that it brings others comfort and peace.

A PRAYER TO SAINT JUDE FOR THE ELDERLY

This prayer originally appeared in *Abundant Strength: A Caregiver's Prayers* by Lynn Wyvill and is reprinted with permission.



*Saint Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases
And impossible situations,
Please pray for the elderly who
Face pain, loneliness, and the
Acute awareness that their
Time on earth is coming to an end.
I ask your powerful intercession
For (name your special intention).
Ask God to lift their spirits,
Ease their suffering, and
Bless their passing from this life to the next
As He welcomes them home to heaven.
Saint Jude, I pray for all
Caregivers, children of the elderly,
And spouses who feel overwhelmed,
Alone, and exhausted caring for the elderly.
Please intercede for (name your special
intention).
Ask God to comfort, support, and
Guide all caregivers.
Thank you, Saint Jude, for
Listening to my prayer.*



REMEMBERING AND ASSISTING THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

BY BROTHER COLUMBA THOMAS, O.P.

*Brother Columba Thomas, O.P., first encountered the Dominicans in medical school and completed his medical training before joining the Order in 2016. His translation of the 15th century *Ars Moriendi* (The Art of Dying) can be found at ncbcenter.org. As the Deacon of the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude, Brother Columba looks forward to praying for your intentions over the coming year!*

Nourished by the love of Christ, the souls in purgatory experience both joy and pain—joy, in the knowledge that God has shown them great mercy, and that one day they will be in heaven; and pain, because of the imperfections in their souls that displease Our Lord and hinder complete union with Him. These souls undergo purification in a mysterious fire, similar to earthly fire but more intense, for the length of time determined by His gracious will. We call them the "holy souls" because they are confirmed in grace, enjoy a relationship with God, and ardently long to see Him face-to-face.

Those of us on earth can do much to console the souls in purgatory, and to hasten their entrance into the eternal bliss of heaven. We ought to remember this especially for our deceased family members, united to us by flesh and blood as well as in the Body and Blood of Our Lord. It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray, fast, and give alms for these holy souls, the fruits of which are threefold: assistance to the holy souls, who cannot

assist themselves; favor in the sight of God for our own salvation; and the eternal gratitude and intercession of the souls we assist into heaven. Once in heaven, those souls may intercede for us in turn, and perhaps shorten our own stay in purgatory.

Of the various ways we can assist the holy souls, nothing exceeds the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them. The final wish of St. Monica to her son Augustine was to have Masses celebrated for the repose of her soul. In addition to Mass intentions, lay persons can offer up their holy communions for the deceased. Outside the Mass, we can aid the holy souls through various prayers commended by the Church—particularly, the Rosary and Novenas to Saint Jude and others—and all sacrifices and works of charity offered on their behalf.



Throughout the month of November, daily Masses will be offered for the dead at the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude. Enroll your loved ones using the enclosed envelope or online at rosaryshrineofstjude.org/poor-souls.



SEND US YOUR INTENTIONS FOR OUR
SAINT JUDE CHRISTMAS NOVENA
OF MASSES:
DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 25

2022 WINTER/SPRING NOVENAS

Jan 2 - 10: Saint Jude New Year's Novena

Jan 14 - 22: Infant of Prague Novena

Feb 3 - 11: Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Feb 22 - Apr 5: Lenten Mass Remembrance

Apr 9 - 17: Easter Novena

May 6 - 14: Mother's Day Novena

Jun 10 - 18: Father's Day Novena

PRAYER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ROSARY SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE PATRONS

"For all the intentions entrusted to the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary and Saint 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 Saint Dominic's Church in Washington, DC, where the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude is located.

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



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