Novena in Honor of St. Jude

Procession
(please stand)

Entrance: Glory and Praise To Our God

Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings He bears,
To those who trust in His ways.

1 - We the daughters and sons of Him,
Who built the valleys and plains.
Praise the wonders our God has done,
In every heart that sings.

Refrain

2 - In His wisdom He strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save.

Refrain

3 - Every moment of every day,
Our God is waiting to save.
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray.

Refrain
Devotions to St. Jude
(continue standing)

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Greeting

Presider: With confidence that God answers all prayers offered in Christ's name, we give our needs and desires over to St. Jude Thaddeus, apostle and martyr. United with St. Jude, the Blessed Mother, and all the Saints, let us pray together:

Opening Prayer to St. Jude
(continue standing)

All: St. Jude, cousin and friend of Jesus during His life on earth, † you were chosen by Christ to be His Apostle † and to learn directly from Him His redeeming love. † Join us now in prayer before the Father. † We acknowledge your apostolic role in forming the foundation of Christ’s Church † and in taking to many distant lands the message of Christ’s love for all people. † We rejoice at your generous love for Christ and humanity, † which ended in martyrdom. † We fully believe you now exult in the happiness of heaven † and share forever friendship and intimacy with Jesus. † As the patron of hopeless and difficult situations, we ask your help. † We are aware of the complete trust we must have in God’s mercy and love. † Intercede with God to give us the strong faith to live with the sorrows and trials of life, and help us to see in our troubles God’s guiding hand.
Hymn: Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
And in our hearts take up your rest;
Come with your grace and heav’nly aid
To fill the hearts which you have made,
To fill the hearts which you have made.

Reading from Scripture
(continue standing)

Homily and Reflection
(please be seated)

Invocations
(please kneel)

The response is “Listen to our prayer!”

Presider:

St. Jude, Apostle of Christ…
St. Jude, who shared in the love of the Blessed Mother for Jesus and His Disciples…
St. Jude, who was present at the Last Supper, to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with Jesus…
St. Jude, who suffered during the passion and death of Jesus…
St. Jude, who witnessed the glorious Ascension of Christ into heaven…
St. Jude, filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost…
St. Jude, patron of the despairing…
St. Jude, intercessor for difficult cases…
St. Jude, consoler of the distressed…
The response is “St. Jude intercede for us!”

Presider:

That God will grant wisdom and prudence to our Holy Father, our bishop, to all bishops, priests, deacons, and ministers, and the leaders of all nations, states, and communities…
That the light of faith will be brought to all people…
That the church will be strengthened with an abundance of priestly, religious, and lay vocations…
That all nations will strive to live in peace and with respect for other nations…
That people of every race, language, and way of life may strive to live in social harmony…
That the poor and hungry peoples of our Earth will find nourishment…
That the ties of love and affection among family members will be strengthened…
That God will protect families from violence, on the streets and in the home…
That all those suffering from drug, alcohol, and other addictions might have a spiritual awakening and commit to their own recovery…
That those who suffer from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses will find strength and hope in their faith…
That those we love will be blessed with health, and that the sick, especially…(mention names)…, will regain their health according to God’s holy will…
That God will grant us respect for the unborn and the aged…
That God will grant eternal rest to our departed relatives and friends whom we now recall,……
Eternal rest to these and to all the departed……
That God will answer all the prayers of the people asking to be remembered in the devotions offered to you at the National Shrine of St. Jude…
“St. Jude intercede for us!”

**Prayer for those with Cancer**
(said 1st Wednesday of each month)

**All:** God of healing mercy, in Jesus your Son you stretch out your hand in compassion, restoring the sinner, healing the sick, and lifting up those bowed down. Embrace us now in your loving care, particularly those afflicted with cancer, for whom this intention is offered. May the Spirit of Jesus bring us all health in soul and body, that with joy and thanksgiving we may praise you for your goodness, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Let Us Pray**
(continue kneeling)

**All:** Glorious Apostle and martyr, St. Jude Thaddeus, you used your gifts and talents to bring Christ’s love to many people. Pray for us today, that the love of Christ may increase in our lives. May we safely reach heaven to adore with you the most Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.
Letters of Thanksgiving to St. Jude
(please be seated)

(Letters of Thanksgiving recently received at the St. Jude League will be read aloud.)

Prayer for Particular Needs
(please kneel)

All: St. Jude, the Church honors you universally as the patron of hopeless and difficult cases. † Pray for us in our needs. † Make use, we implore you, of this powerful privilege given to you, † to bring visible and speedy help where help is needed. † Pray that we humbly accept the trials, disappointments and mistakes which are a part of our human nature. † Help us to see the reflection of the suffering of Christ in the tribulations of our own lives. † Let us see in a spirit of great faith and hope † the part we even now share in the joy of Christ’s resurrection, † and which we long to share fully in heaven. † If it is God’s desire for us, † we seek the following favors: † (Here make your request.) St. Jude, we ask that all be accomplished according to the will of God, and thank you for your intercession in response to our prayers. † Amen.

Blessing with Relic of St. Jude
(continue kneeling)
**Hymn of St. Jude**  
(Sung to the tune of Ode to Joy)

Christ who fed th’apostles’ hunger,  
With your body and your blood,  
Faithful to their teaching, show us  
How to long for heav’nly food.  
For St. Jude, your friend and cousin,  
We give thanks and praise today.  
Through his intercession, help us.  
Lead us on your hope-filled way.

Christ, who poured the Holy Spirit  
Out upon that fearful band,  
As you led them, so now lead us  
With your strong and loving hand!  
For St. Jude, your friend and cousin,  
We give thanks and praise today.  
Through his intercession, help us;  
Lead us on your hope-filled way.

**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**  
(continue kneeling)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
(continue kneeling)
O Saving Victim

All: O Saving Victim, op’ning wide
    The gate of heav’n to us below!
    Our foes press on from ev’ry side.
    Your aid supply, your strength bestow.
    To your great name be endless praise,
    Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
    O grant us endless length of days
    When our true native land we see.

Dedication Prayer
(continue kneeling)

All: Lord Jesus Christ, our mediator and brother, we offer
    our prayers today. ♠ We acknowledge the special
    friendship that your Apostle, St. Jude, has with you. ♠
    To his love and friendship with you, we unite our
    prayers. ♠ Be present with us today and each day of
    our lives. ♠ Deepen our love for our Father and each
    other. ♠ May these graces and favors for which we pray
    be granted through you, who live and reign with the
    Father in union with the Holy Spirit, ♠ One God
    forever and ever. Amen.

An extended period of silent prayer
(continue kneeling)

Tantum Ergo

All: Bowing low, then, offer homage
    To a sacrament so great!
    Here is new and perfect worship;
    All the old must terminate.
    Senses cannot grasp this marvel:
    Faith must serve to compensate.
Praise and glorify the Father,
Bless his Son’s life-giving name,
Singing their eternal Godhead,
Power, majesty, and fame.
Offering their Holy Spirit
Equal worship and acclaim. Amen.

Presider: You have given them bread from heaven.
(Alleluia)

All: Having all sweetness within it. (Alleluia)

Presider: Let us pray…

All: Amen.

Blessing with Blessed Sacrament
(continue kneeling)

Divine Praises
(continue kneeling)

All: Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.
Closing Hymn
(please stand)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore thee.
    Infinite thy vast domain,
    Everlasting is thy reign.
    Infinite thy vast domain,
    Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
    Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
    Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
The National Shrine of St. Jude was founded by a Claretian missionary, the late Father James Tort, C.M.F., pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church from 1927 to 1936. Many of Tort’s parishioners were laborers in the nearby steel mills, which were drastically cutting back their work forces early in 1929.

Tort prayed for and with his people, more than 90 percent of whom were without paychecks and in difficult financial straits. He had started construction of a church; but with money extremely scarce, he felt the building project would have to be abandoned.

Tort prayed to St. Jude Thaddeus, who was relatively unknown to the general Catholic population at that time, asking his intercession and promising to erect a shrine in the saint’s honor if the church could be finished.

In an effort to lift the spirits of his parishioners, Tort began regular devotions to St. Jude. The first novena honoring the saint was held on February 17, 1929. Eventually the church was completed and a modest shrine to St. Jude was established.

Word of the devotions to St. Jude gradually spread from that tiny corner of Chicago to other parts of the country. During the Great Depression and World War II, thousands of people attended novenas at the shrine. Devotion to St. Jude, patron saint of seemingly impossible or difficult causes, continues today around the world.
SHARE YOUR THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE
Take a moment to write down a brief account of your experience with St. Jude, and give it to the shrine director or send it to us so that we may share it at a Novena service.

WEEKLY DEVOTION TO ST. JUDE
Every Wednesday
(please call 312-544-8230 for specific times)

SOLEMN NOVENAS TO ST. JUDE
Monday - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Pocket-sized Novena booklets are available for purchase in the Shrine gift shop for $1.50.

During this season of joy, join us in prayer online at www.shrineofstjude.org. Strengthen your devotion to St. Jude with weekly e-mail reflections from Father Mark, Director of the Shrine, and please know the Claretians pray with and for you.
May God bless you.

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