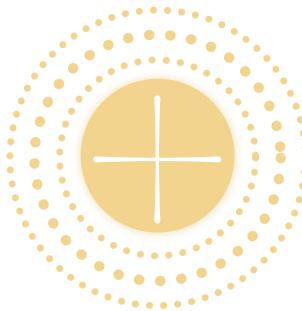


**May mercy, peace, and love  
be yours in abundance!**

~ Letter of St. Jude, 1:2



Dear Friend,

Whatever the pacing of our gifts in life, we know we are blessed because God is with us without fail on our paths through the wonders as well as the challenges. And very true to our devotion to St. Jude, the reality of hope is a powerful part of our everyday focus.

Maybe the two letters you received from me the last few months have already inspired you to include St. Jude in your prayer life. That would be wonderful!

My invitation to you today is to discover the many benefits of our St. Jude League in this national ministry of hope and devotion. We formed the St. Jude League in 1929 to ensure that the Claretian Missionaries had a ministerial organization dedicated to providing a constant path to a real connection with the National Shrine for their devotion to this Patron Saint of Hope—regardless of where they live or their ability to travel.



The Vigil Light room at the National Shrine.

Membership is not based on any dues or any subscription. It is based only on you connecting your petitions to St. Jude through us. True, the majority of members choose to make a gift at some point in the year as an offering to help our ministries. But many of these gifts are very small in dollar value, yet are hugely significant gifts on each donor's part. We are grateful for everything.

While each member's devotion to St. Jude remains extremely personal, the League offers everyone opportunities to participate in communal prayer for the needs of its members. Our members grow in faith and hope as they experience the challenges and blessings in their lives with the support of St. Jude and the Masses offered on their behalf by the Claretians.

Throughout the year, the National Shrine celebrates five solemn Novenas to St. Jude. The League sends its members the preparation and the prayer materials

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for each Novena, providing nine days of dedicated prayer to St. Jude. Our other prayer services include special Weekly Devotions, monthly prayer services for healing, Sunday Masses, and many other unique opportunities. In all, we plan around 160 days of prayer every year, in addition to the visitations occurring on a daily basis.



The peaceful calm and warmth of the National Shrine make this a unique space of prayer.

St. Jude League members can also request that their prayers be remembered with a Vigil Light at the Shrine. The lights will burn in our Vigil Light Room next to the altar of St. Jude and are constant signs of your prayer.

One of our most special events at the Shrine is the celebration of the Feast of St. Jude on October 28th. I invite you to send me your special intentions. The intentions we receive before the Feast Day will be taken to the Shrine, placed at the altar of St. Jude, and remembered during the celebration Mass.

Our League also provides members with materials for prayer and reflection that can help inspire and encourage your spiritual life. These materials offer ways to explore and develop your active prayer life throughout the year. On the next page I've included some samples of the materials available to our St. Jude League members. While the photos are too small to be easily legible, I hope they give you a good idea of the range and depth of what we provide.

A devotion to St. Jude and his ministry of hope is another way to connect with the presence of God in our lives. Through his intercession, we receive the grace and strength we seek from God. In both times of difficulty and joy, St. Jude keeps us in his care.

I invite you to share your petitions with us so we can remember them during the Feast of St. Jude, October 28th. I look forward to welcoming you to the St. Jude League, and praying for you and your intentions. May God bless you, and may the hope of St. Jude be with you every day.

Yours in prayer,

*Father Mark, CMF*

Fr. Mark Brummel, CMF  
Director, St. Jude League

# St. Jude Materials for Prayer and Reflection

The photos that follow are a few examples of the materials we offer to members of the St. Jude League. In each package, we provide reflections and prayers to inspire and support you in the devotion to St. Jude. We also include opportunities to send your petitions to the National Shrine of St. Jude to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the Claretians.



The National Shrine of St. Jude  
Glorifying the Name of St. Jude Thaddeus  
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## Dear Friend of St. Jude,

Our June Solemn Novena comes at a time of transition for many of us during the year. While we are grateful for the many blessings we begin to receive recognizing the gifts God has given us, we also know that we must be grateful for the gifts we have received.

God's plan for us, they come to us with unique challenges and opportunities. We are asked to pray, to find hope, encouragement, and strength in our petitions to St. Jude. We know that when we pray to him, we are in good hands.

The Solemn Novena to St. Jude will give June 16-24 to the National Shrine of St. Jude to offer special intentions and petitions to St. Jude for our blessings and to ask St. Jude for his intercession.

*"I am going to live Christ everyday as he is my mission. He taught me to be challenging, yet deeply fulfilling as a follower of Jesus. It takes very little to do this. I am going to live my life everyday as if it were the most important need to God and his help. Consider what is enough for me to do this. I am going to live my life everyday as if it were the most important need to God and his help. Consider what is enough for me to do this."*

- Father Michael

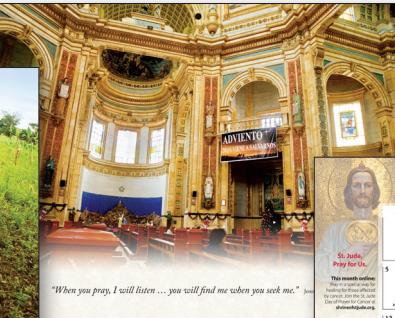


The National Shrine of St. Jude on  
Solemn Novena 16.

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Diocese of St. Jude League

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The St. Jude Calendar highlights the works of the Claretian Missionaries around the world and marks all the saints' feast days and Church celebrations, in addition to the St. Jude Novenas and prayer services at the Shrine throughout the year.

### Faith Reflections

Dear Friend of St. Jude,

You know already, a life well lived is full of gifts and blessings. More often than not, these gifts help lead us to a greater spiritual and social purpose. Contrasting to how Christ's examples challenge us to choose the path of reflection over action, we can sometimes feel the reflection to others in our lives can sometimes be more difficult. We must remember that St. Jude's intercession to God for us is a powerful source of hope and strength.

I am grateful you have entrusted the Claretian Missionaries, our missionaries to St. Jude, to run our St. Jude League to be the arm of the advocacy of your support and devotion to St. Jude. Please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for St. Jude's intercession on your behalf are tokens to the Shrine. May the grace you receive continue to bring Mass at the Shrine.

As we all know, our faith, Our Catholicism, is the backbone of the St. Jude League's countries in a vibrant mission. We have evaluated the range of the various materials we develop in our efforts to keep the St. Jude League's mission alive. We are happy to introduce you to our new Faith Reflections series that will come to you a couple times a year full of reflections and prayers to further nurture the connection between you and our Patron of Hope.

We will also continue to seek ways to experience more fully the grace, peace, and strength that comes from St. Jude's intercession. Together with his special Apostle, we will continue to grow in our love and devotion to God. The issues will also occasionally give you insight into the challenges that come with being a St. Jude devotee.

We are all blessed as Christians to be a part of the family of God. As we most clearly start with our family, and our local community, we must also strengthen our local Catholic community.

Through the devotion to St. Jude, we are also given the opportunity to do what is the St. Jude League. This devotion is a way to bring people together, to work, and all of the individuals are quickly drawn to St. Jude's intercession for powerful devotion to St. Jude. In our St. Jude Novena and our prayers for help with our intentions, we seek to grow in the love of God. The hope in St. Jude's intercession is to draw us closer to God and to the grace to offer our prayers and by the grace to meet the challenges in our lives.

With love and hope, we are gathered in His name, there are many intentions we have for you. When I have doubts, I always turn to the intercession of the Holy Spirit, who bestows special grace among all the children of God, may he a source of peace and guidance for me. Through my devotion to you, St. Jude, I am able to live a life of love and hope. May it always be reflected in my actions that I am a true follower of Christ. Amen.

Yours in prayer,  
Father Mark Beumont, C.M.F.  
Director, St. Jude League



Through prayers and reflection, the Faith Reflections series celebrates the hope and strength we draw from St. Jude and the reality of his intercession for us.

### Prayers

Monday Morning Prayer to St. Jude

St. Jude, giver of hope, let the promise of this new week fill me. St. Jude, place the light of hope in my heart. Give me the strength to believe in your power to help me. Help me to forgive readily and to do God's will and more. May everything that I am bring glory to God, and lead me closer to Him. Amen.

St. Jude Prayer for Faith

St. Jude, special Apostle of Christ, known the word of great faith in my heart. When I have doubts, I always turn to the intercession of the Holy Spirit, who bestows special grace among all the children of God, may he a source of peace and guidance for me. Through my devotion to you, St. Jude, I am able to live a life of love and hope. May it always be reflected in my actions that I am a true follower of Christ. Amen.

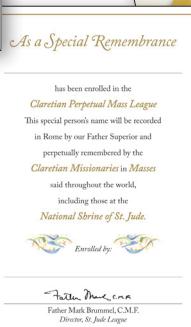
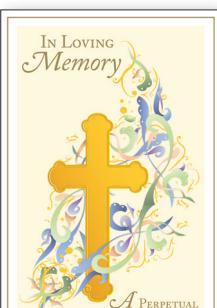
Special intentions to St. Jude

St. Jude, I humbly ask you to pray with us before we leave for loving God for  
 Healing of mind, body, and spirit     Removal from cancer     Employment  
 World peace     Successful surgery     Thanksgiving

Special intentions:

Please also remember my intentions with a Vigil Light.

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St. Jude League members also receive a variety of cards to enroll themselves or someone they love to be perpetually remembered in the Masses and prayers of the Claretians.