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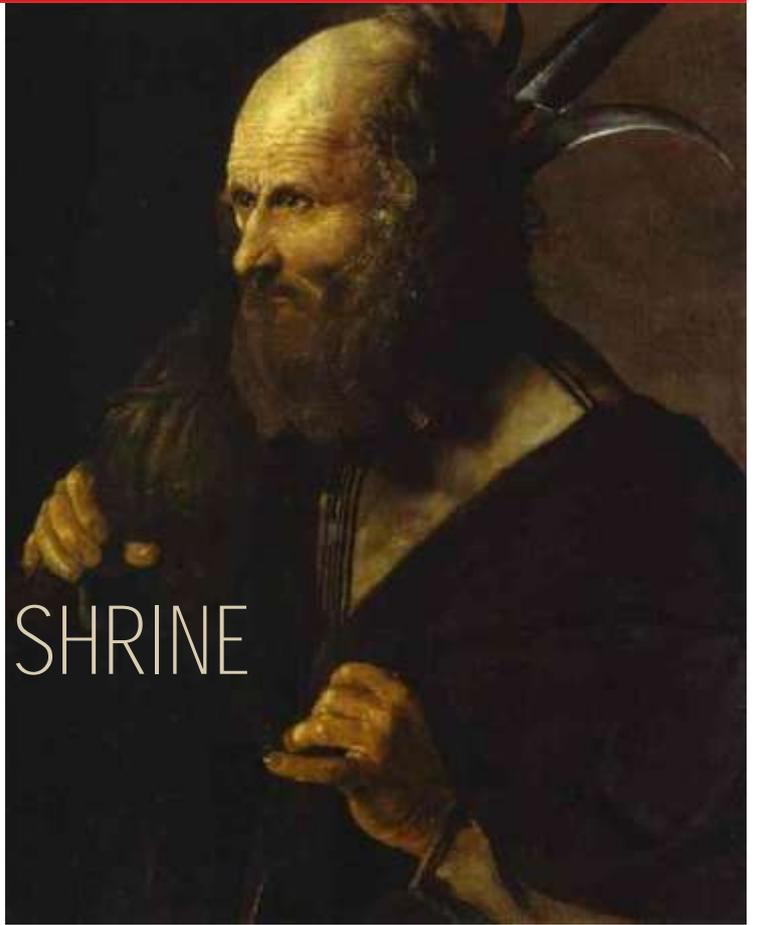


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SAINT JUDE

Thaddeus SHRINE



Established in 1935 - St. Dominic Church
San Francisco, California

We know very little about Jude Thaddeus. That he was an apostle of Jesus and a martyr for the faith is certain, but what little else we do know is derived from his only epistle. In that letter to the Christian community, Jude Thaddeus describes himself as a “servant of Jesus Christ” and “brother of James.” This description places Jude in committed service to our Lord, and in relationship to others in the world. His epistle addresses this dual commitment by addressing the dangers we find in the world, and by pointing the way to our salvation in Christ Jesus. This is why St. Jude is often regarded as the Patron Saint of Hope.

by Georges de La Tour

St. Jude’s epistle warns us of the dangers found within the faith community. From those who are “mischief-makers, grumblers, governed only by their own desires, with mouths full of boastful talk, ready with flattery for other people when they see some advantage in it.” But Jude warns us not to condemn others, but to “wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ... When there are some who have doubts, reassure them; when there are some to be saved from the fire, pull them out.” And for those who are a true danger to our souls, Jude warns that we must still “be kind with great caution.” This insistence on the merciful reply to the evils we often face in life is the hallmark of the Patron Saint of Hope.

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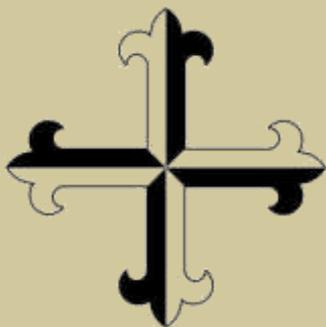
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From the Provincial ...

Dear Friends,

The first six months of my ministry as Provincial have taught me so much, as I have toured the Province visiting our brothers and ministries. It has been an opportunity to share the joys and challenges we encounter in our various ministries. In my last letter I mentioned a few of the issues we face, and how important your prayers and support are to us. I am pleased to announce that we are tackling our challenges with renewed enthusiasm and energy.



One new initiative is our *Mission West: Campaign for the Dominican Friars*. This campaign will help us address our current financial needs and put us in a position to confront future obligations. More news of the campaign can be found in this issue. I ask for your support and prayers as we present this campaign to our various ministry sites.

I am pleased to announce that six men entered the novitiate this past August. In a ceremony called vestition, they received the habit on September 1. Our novitiate is located at the Priory in San Francisco, which is connected to St. Dominic Church. This is a vibrant and busy parish which allows our novices to be formed and educated within a Dominican parish that is dedicated to being a center of evangelization and preaching. The entrance of these men into the order is a sign that our Province is alive and well, eager to be about our mission.

This past summer two cooperator brothers celebrated their 50th Jubilee of profession, Brothers Frederick Narberes and Daniel Thomas. Over the last fifty years Brothers Frederick and Daniel have been involved in a variety of ministries, from high school education to parish and campus ministry. Both of them remain very active in exciting and essential ministries. Brother Frederick assists at St. Therese Center, an HIV and AIDS outreach program, serving southern Nevada and northern Arizona. Brother Daniel is a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya. As a Province we are delighted in their achievements and are proud of their many years of fruitful service.

The vestition of our novices and the celebration of the Jubilees are just two examples of the excitement and enthusiasm we are experiencing in confronting the challenges we face. With your prayers and support we are more confident that the Lord will lead us and bless our preaching mission.

Know that you are in my prayers.

Always,

Father Mark Padrez, OP
Provincial

From the Development Director...

Dear Friends of the Western Dominican Province,

As the newly appointed Director of Development, I wish to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to everyone who has been supporting the work of the Dominicans. Your kindness is a true inspiration to the friars, as are your prayers, your gifts, and your encouragement.

In his adjacent letter, Fr. Mark Padrez, OP, Provincial of the Western Dominican Province, states that the Province is taking a serious and enthusiastic approach to our future challenges and to our mission as preachers serving the People of God. An important, though mundane, aspect of this mission is the funding of our many ministries. We cannot carry out this crucial work without your support, through your generous gifts and your many prayers.

It is my task to bring the mission of the Dominicans of the Western Province to your attention, so that you will come to know who we are, what we do, and how we go about our ministries. This requires that we provide a clear accounting of our needs, transparent reporting of our financial concerns, and an optimistic vision for our future; so that you can make informed, intelligent decisions on how you may wish to support our work.

This fall, we begin *Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars*. This campaign will run for three years, and will reach out to every parish and Newman Center in the Province. *Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars* asks our supporters to make a three-year pledge which may be designated to a specific ministry or towards a special need; or for wherever the need is greatest. The entire Province will participate, and each friar in his own way. Parishes and Newman Centers have been given a set goal to achieve, according to a workable formula. Can you help us achieve our goal?

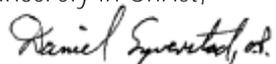
I know these are difficult times. The rising cost of health care impacts us all, just as it affects the friars who need special care. Education is very costly these days, just as it costs our student brothers for tuition, books and housing. I could go on and on, but I trust you understand. Make no mistake; the work of the Province is also the work of the people who support us! We need your encouragement and your enthusiasm, and we depend on your financial backing.

All seventeen of the parishes and Newman Centers we serve, as well as the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, are participating in the campaign. Each are approaching the campaign differently. Should I be invited to visit your parish or Newman Center, I hope to explain our work and listen to your concerns.

You will find more information on the details of the campaign in this *Mission West* Fall Issue.

Again, thank you so much for your continual support, and for being a part of our essential ministry. May God abundantly bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Daniel Syverstad, OP
Director of Development



Friars Retirement:

Providing health and nursing care for our aging friars who have served God and His People with zeal for so many decades.

Initial and Ongoing Formation:

Student formation at St. Albert Priory. Providing tuition, housing, materials and sabbatical programs for studying friars.

Debt Relief:

Relieving facilities and buildings debt. In particular, to help offset the purchase and the refurbishing costs of the DSPT school building.

DSPT - The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology:

Working to advance the education of our Dominican students, the ordained, and lay church leaders.

Wherever There is Most Need:

Allows us the flexibility to meet our most immediate and urgent financial needs.





Ordinations - May 28, 2011

St. Theresa Catholic Church - Oakland, California

When I was lying prostrate on the ground during the liturgy, and as the people prayed and requested the prayers of the saints, I asked God to help me become a saint, like the many whose intercession we now called upon. This moment meant a great deal to me because of an influential homily I had once heard, one which first led me to consider religious life.

It was the Solemnity of All Saints and my parish priest was preaching about the call to holiness, and how each of us has received that same call to be holy. He pointed to the saints above us, pictured in the stained glass windows, and he stated something I have never forgotten: "A saint is someone through whom the Son shines." A pun, yes, but so very, very true.

I pray that through the ministry of priesthood I may be able to encourage others to pursue holiness and help them become the saints we are all called to be.

- Padre Marco Francisco



Photo by Br. Lupe Gonzales, OP

Many people have commented on the simple beauty of our ordination Mass, the richness of the bishop's homily, and the beautiful music sung by the brothers. All of that is true, but what stands out for me most is the awesomeness of what was happening, of what my classmate and I had been called to and had chosen to undertake: to be a priest of God and the instrument of God in the world, another Christ, as is often said.

And yet, the next morning when I awoke, I did not feel different. If anything, I felt even less capable of fulfilling that mission. I was certain that when I walked out to celebrate Mass, one of those shepherd's crooks would appear from the side and pull me away. In the months following my ordination, I have realized that what I learned about the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, falls so far short of the reality of what is happening. And I am often humbled by the goodness of the people who come to me, recognizing that while there is something I bring to the priesthood, it is not so much me who is acting, but Christ who is acting in and through me.

- Fr. Boniface Willard, OP

From the Homily of the Ordination Mass

by the Most Rev. Anthony Fisher, OP
Bishop of Parramatta, Australia

My dear brothers Mark Francis and Boniface, today you offer yourselves to God. Your Dominican brethren, family and friends also offer you for transformation into a new person, a **sacred person, a spiritual father**. In **Anchorage and Mexicali** you have already experienced God's People sharing with you the key points of their lives: their births, marriages and deaths, their sins and aspirations, their moments of touching heaven and of feeling like hell. Share now joyfully in the work of Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church, and united with your superiors, seek to bring people together into one family and to lead them, in the Holy Spirit, to God the Father.

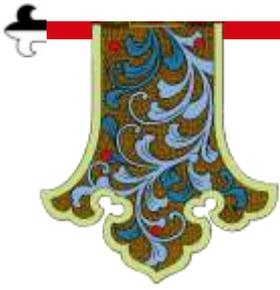
For so grave a task you must turn continually to God in prayer, like Jeremiah begging for words, **like Peter professing undying love**. You will need your brethren's help also, so keeping asking for their mercy. From today Christ will speak in you and through you: always be His larynx. From today He will make Himself present through your hands: always ponder this mystery as our Mother Mary did. We pray for you, dear sons, dear brothers, soon our dear Fathers. We commend you to the care of the Virgin Mother, Protectress of the Order of Preachers. Pray for us at the altar of God and draw us closer to that same altar. May you be found worthy to wear the halo of the preachers.



Fr. Mark Francis



Fr. Boniface



Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars

THE DOMINICANS OF THE PROVINCE OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS are committed to evangelization and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the western United States, and beyond.

Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars is a capital campaign which will raise critical funds to support our mission of evangelization and preaching the gospel. We begin by forming and educating our novices and student brothers to become excellent priests and brothers. We must also care for our aging friars in their retirement. This is why our new, three-year effort to raise \$15 million is subtitled *Campaign for Dominican Friars*.

An actuarial study estimates that the number of elderly and infirm Dominicans requiring special care will triple in the next decade. Further, the Province finds that it does not have the facilities for this coming need. In order to grow its retirement fund and provide suitable care for our retired friars, the campaign will address this crucial need.

A major portion of the budget for the Western Dominican Province is expended on education. We support our House of Formation at St. Albert Priory so that there may be future priests and brothers to serve the Church. The Province has covered the tuition for our students at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) in Berkeley for seven years. The entire cost of the Novitiate in San Francisco is also paid by the Province. Even after finishing their education at the DSPT, students may continue their studies for higher degrees, a cost we cover as well.

Key to the work of the Dominican friars in the western United States and beyond is the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. Although 2012 will mark the 80th anniversary of the school, we have only been in our current facility since 2006. It is a beautiful campus which became available for purchase at the same time our school was displaced. It now provides a superb setting for instruction in philosophy and theology to both lay and clerical students, as they prepare for future leadership roles in the Church.

Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars is the most ambitious and necessary capital campaign the Western Dominican Province has ever undertaken. The Province cannot care for its elderly and infirm nor educate future priests and brothers without new, financial means. The Province and its ministries cannot expand their work nor secure new loans without eliminating the building debt for the DSPT. Your participation in *Mission West: Campaign For Dominican Friars* will ensure that the Western Dominican Province is debt-free, ready to train both clerical and lay church leaders, and able to provide appropriate care for our Dominican friars in their retirement.

Please join us by generously supporting *Mission West: Campaign for Dominican Friars*. Thank you and God Bless.



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When we face situations that cause us to lose hope, focusing on the things of this world alone, we can become despondent. These wars without end, diseases without cure, disasters without relief - the betrayal of friends, loss of employment, or the end of a cherished relationship - these trials can shake the very foundation of hope in our lives. St. Jude reminds us that the risen Lord is the source of all hope, which is never confounded, even in the most desperate of cases. If we place our trust in God, and our hope in the Lord, we shall be prepared for unexpected and indescribable joy.

The Shrine of St. Jude



Thank you, St. Jude!

The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, at St. Dominic Church in San Francisco, was founded at the request of Fr. Leonard John Callahan, OP, fourth provincial of the Province of the Holy Name. In October of 1935, Fr. William T. Lewis, OP, began the Shrine Devotion to offer hope for those who were suffering from the Great Depression, and for a world gearing up for war.

The Shrine of St. Jude is a form of preaching through the mail, a practice that has been long neglected. Through mail requests, rosary devotions, Masses, and novenas, the Shrine serves thousands of devotees worldwide. Proceeds from the Shrine ministry not only promote devotion to St. Jude, but also help fund the education and formation of men studying for the Dominican priesthood and brotherhood. Fr. Allen Duston, OP, was appointed Priest Director of the Shrine in 2011. The Shrine may be contacted at info@stjude-shrine.org or 415-931-5915.

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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag, Panagsinan, Philippines

By Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, my mother and I had the honor of flying to the Philippines. I was asked to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass of my aunt and uncle. However, by reasons of divine providence and for the Glory of God, the Blessed Mother, and for the Order, I was there to concelebrate the Mass in which St. Mary Major in Rome was officially affiliated with the Marian Shrine, Our Lady of Manaoag, in the State of Pangasinan, where my parents are from. This is also the site of the Dominican Novitiate for the Philippine Province, and an honored pilgrimage site.

According to the documentation, in 1610, a native man was walking along and heard a woman's voice. Looking around, he saw a radiant Lady with a rosary in her right hand and the Child Jesus in her left. The history says that he soon told others of this apparition, and immediately, the site was named "Manaoag." Tradition states that the town emerged from Mary's call. "Taoag" means "to call," "manaoag" means "she calls." Thus, this is a Shrine where the Blessed Mother continually calls her children to her and her Son.

When I had learned of the affiliation, my first question was, "What does it mean that Manaoag was 'affiliated' to the papal basilica?" Most Reverend Socrates Villegas, DD, Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan said it best in his homily when he said, "This shrine of our Lady is the first, and until now the only church in the Philippines to be given the title 'affiliate' of one of the four papal basilicas. This shrine, among all other shrines, has been honored by the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, with a special bond of spiritual affinity in perpetuity! The spiritual benefits that you can gain by visiting the papal basilicas, you can also receive by visiting the Shrine of Manaoag." To the delight of the Filipino people, the Archbishop is saying that making a pilgrimage to Manaoag is just as spiritually beneficial as making a pilgrimage to St. Mary Major itself.



The day of celebration arrived the morning of July 22, beginning with lauds and the rosary. The Bishop preached very well. He started recounting the Dominican Order's first missions in the Philippines. He complemented the Order, saying that this Shrine had continually promoted the Catholic faith and the Order's perseverance has been rewarded with the great honor of affiliation. There was a dinner for the friars and their guests after the celebration of Mass. My mother and I, as well as many of our family members, were reunited at this dinner. Soon after, it was time to go. I found the Prior, Fr. Stephen Rodillias, OP, amidst the crowd and said my courtesies. He looked me straight in the eyes. Grabbing me by the arm he said to me slowly, and in English, "Come back soon. This is your home. You are always welcome in your own house." And for a while, and perhaps in the future, it was.

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Parroquia de Santa Maria de Guadalupe
Mexicali
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Fr. Samuel Raymond Parsons, OP
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May 28, 2011

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September 17, 2011

Br. Emmanuel Taylor, OP

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Santo Domingo, Antigua, Guatemala
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Prayer of St. Dominic

May God the Father
who made us bless us.

May God the Son
send his healing among us.

May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give
us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and hands that
your work might be done.

May we walk and preach the Word of God to all.

May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at
last by god's grace to the Kingdom.

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