

St. Jude Novena- Feast Day

October 28, 2021

Mark your calendar now for the Annual St. Jude Novena and Eucharistic Adoration. This annual “parish retreat” gives our community the opportunity to pray and to foster our devotion to our patron, St. Jude Thaddeus—Apostle and Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases.

A novena means nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention. Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. Over the centuries many novenas have been highly indulged by the Church.

To make a novena means to persevere in prayer asking for some favor over a period of nine days or weeks in succession. It means fulfilling our Lord’s teaching that we must continue praying and never lose confidence. This confidence is based on our Lord’s words: “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks finds; whoever knocks is admitted” (Luke 11:9-10).

