



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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Anniversary Mass of Father Seelos

On Sunday, October 2, a special Mass will be offered in St. Mary's Assumption Church on Josephine and Constance Streets, New Orleans, to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the death of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R., who died in 1867 of yellow fever. The time of the Mass will be 11:30 a.m. Most Reverend Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., D.D., auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of New Orleans, will be the principal concelebrant of the Mass. Rev. George Corbett, C.S.S.R., of Glenview, Illinois, will be the homilist.

All are invited to attend this anniversary Mass.

There will be parking on the school playgrounds on St. Andrew Street.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.



The Main Altar of St. Mary's Assumption Church

HOW TO SPEND THE DAY WITH GOD

The Monthly Conference of Father Grangell

Virtue for October: Recollection

Patron: St. Simon, Apostle

Text: And having dismissed the crowd, Jesus went into the mountains alone, to pray. (Matt. 14/23)

We live in a world of a thousand distractions, day after day. Rarely during the day do we think of the good God. Isn't that true? If we wish to change this, to be recollected, to live in the presence of God, to talk to Him often, as we work and even as we play, we must have reminders to pray around us. Father Seelos spent his early years, up to his 24th, when he came to America, in a Catholic town, where there were crucifixes and shrines at the street corners and along the mountain sides. He was not afraid nor ashamed to kneel at these holy reminders and say a prayer. His Catholic home was filled with these sacred images. (Your home?) In this way he learned early in life to be recollected. When he became a Redemptorist he found these reminders all over the house. The word SILENCE in big letters was on the walls of the corridors. It was a reminder to talk less to man — to talk more to God. Your lifestyle calls for much talking. 1) However, wouldn't it be wonderful if you could get away from the noise and distractions of the world and make a retreat of a few days in some religious house, to be alone with God? 2) Maybe you could organize a group of people and make monthly Days of Recollection in some quiet church. 3) Surely you can visit the Blessed Sacrament in your neighborhood from time to time, possibly daily, and sit and talk with your God about time and eternity. That's recollection at its best. 4) Find a few minutes daily to dialogue with your crucifix. Meditate on this thought: When Jesus was nailed to the cross He could do but two things till He died — to suffer and to pray. That's everybody's life in miniature. 5) "MY GOD I LOVE YOU" ALL DAY LONG.

Be recollected for a few minutes daily as you say your Rosary and meditate with the Blessed Mother on the Fifteen mysteries. CARRY YOUR ROSARY ALWAYS. IT'S A REMINDER.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Harahan, La.

"Several months ago I had heart surgery and for some time I thought I would not make it, but thanks to Father Seelos' prayers I am now doing fine."

S. R.

New Orleans, La.

"For years I have been praying for my brother who is 90 years old to make his Holy Communion. He finally did so and was confirmed."

J. D.

Washington, D.C.

"Thanks for favor received through Father Seelos' intercession. Have had four major operations — toe and leg amputation. Everyone from many states and foreign lands prayed to Father Seelos for me."

H. A. B.

New Orleans, La.

"Several months after receiving my Master's degree in education I looked for a job in vain. I followed a suggestion of substitute teaching. I then had an offer to teach in a Catholic high school. The job seems ideally suited for me. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

C. Q.

Violet, La.

"One year ago I started getting abscesses in my abdomen from surgery three years ago. The occurrence continued and within the past year I have been in the hospital five times and have had surgery four times. I wore the cloth memento of Father Seelos and prayed fervently. I am now on the road to recovery and very grateful for this answer to my prayers."

C. P.

Metairie, La.

"After working 39 years for the same company, due to business becoming slack, my son lost his job. Through Father Seelos' intercession he secured a better job and more pay."

R. R.

New Orleans, La.

"A doctor whom I know was in the hospital dying of leukemia. I gave his wife a prayer to Father Seelos. His condition improved almost miraculously. He is also recovering from a stroke, thanks to Father Seelos' intercession."

D. G.

SPECIAL NOTES

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Does your family ever say the Rosary together?

Gather a few people on any Sunday afternoon and come as pilgrims to Holy Mass at 4 o'clock in St. Mary's Assumption Church, and pray at the tomb of Father Seelos, and venerate his crucifix after Holy Mass.

When you meet someone who talks about his (her) failing health or a coming operation give her the prayer of Father Seelos found on his picture card. Carry these pictures with you always. Talk about miracles.

When you have read your FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY give it to your neighbor. Better still, give us his name and we will send him a copy every month.

Father Seelos used to meet people with the prayer: "Praised be Jesus Christ" and they would answer: "For all eternity". Meet your friends with: "M.G.I.L.Y." They answer: My God I love You. Don't be afraid to be pious and devout.

We invite children of any class, of any school (with their teachers) to come to St. Mary's Assumption Church on any day. If you let the office know when you are coming (522-6748), a priest will describe the beautiful church for them.

To arrange for the blessing of the sick with Father Seelos' crucifix, call Miss Addie Buhler: 895-6176.

October 16 is the feast of St. Gerard Majella, C.S.S.R., the young mothers' saint. Write to us for information about St. Gerard.

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