



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION



St. Mary's Assumption Church  
(side view from Constance Street)

While I was pondering over a little message for August, the thought of the feast of the Assumption came to mind. Since St. Mary's Assumption Church is the last resting place of the mortal remains of Father Seelos, I thought much of the church.

It has been a few months now since the Stations of the Cross have been replaced in the Church and we thought many of you may not be aware of this. I remember these stations from my childhood and I have always felt that they were most beautiful. For those of you in the area why not pay a visit to the church to see them. They have all been restored, with the exception of one which was beyond repair.

Say an extra prayer on August 1 to honor St. Alphonsus, whose order Father Seelos followed. This is his feast day.

God bless our children as they start a new school year this month.

Josie M. Becker

### Father Seelos and the Blessed Mother

Once Father Seelos wrote home. "Dear Mother, how I thank you for having taught us children a great devotion to the Mother of God. Such an inheritance from parents is worth more than gold or silver."

In these troubled times when parents are so worried about the future of their children, we need to be conscious of what heritage we are leaving behind. The old time Catholic always carried a rosary. It behooves us not to abandon the fundamental devotions of our childhood that served us so well. Father Seelos himself learned the rosary at his mother's knees. Too many times to count, as a little boy, he and his mother gathered in the church to pray the rosary together. The rosary meant much to Father Seelos.

## HUMBLE PEOPLE OBEY AND PRAY

*(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

Virtue for August: Humility and Meekness

Patron Saint: St. Bartholomew Apostle

Text: Learn of Me; for I am meek and humble. (Matt. 11, 29)

Tragically, there are many people in the world who deny the existence of God!! This is how God disposes of them through the inspired pen of the Psalmist: "The fool says in his heart there is no God—such are corrupted, they do abominable deeds, all alike have gone astray, they have become perverse, there is not one who does good, not even one." (Psalm 14 in the Old Testament of the Bible.) They call themselves atheists. They do not want God. So the 'fools' say in their hearts, not in their intellects, not with their powers of reasoning—there is no God.

Tragically, there are many Catholics who live as though there was no God. They are their own gods. They are proud, arrogant, self-sufficient, independent. Hear them talk: I don't agree with the teachings of the church. Christ says: If anybody despises the Church, he despises God (K 10/16). Christ tells us for one to possess eternal life he must receive Holy Communion (John 6/55). Christ says: Without me, you can do nothing, so we must ask for all we need, we must pray (ask). The proud man never prays, he says he lives with his brains, with his muscles. He gets no place in the world by praying. Disaster strikes! See him helpless in a hospital, victim of a stroke, a heart attack, a street accident. I hope he prays now. The proud man has his own ideas of sex and going to Mass on Sunday. Don't talk about these things.

God sent Moses to the Pharaoh of Egypt to let His people go free of their slavery. The proud Pharaoh said to Moses: Who is this God that I should heed His voice?? God sends the message: Go to Mass on Sunday and the answer from the old and the teenagers. Who is this God that I should hear His voice. People who miss Mass on Sundays are PROUD PEOPLE.

Humble people like Father Seelos say: 'I am what I am in the eyes of God and nothing more.' (I Cor. 5/10).

Dear Blessed Mother, pray for me to know myself.

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NOTICE: If you receive a big favor, let us know about it immediately. THANKS.

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## SPECIAL LETTERS

From San Antonio:

"My daughter had high blood pressure during her second pregnancy. She was even hospitalized for five days about a month before the baby was born. Thanks to God and Father Seelos, my daughter and granddaughter are now doing fine."

From New Orleans:

"I wish to express my thanks to Father Seelos. It is at the request of my son-in-law that I write this. He had a piece of property up for sale. Until I asked Father Seelos' intercession the situation seemed rather bleak, but as usual, my prayers were answered. I and the rest of my family involved are most grateful."

From Napoleonville, La.:

"Since May I have been saying special prayers to Father Seelos. While in the hospital, my husband received a special blessing with the crucifix of Father Seelos and I do believe that Father Seelos played a big part in his recovery."

From Arnaudville, La.:

Please help me offer prayers of thanks to Father Seelos for continued success in a business that has been opened only two months."

From San Angelo, Texas:

"Thanks to Father Seelos for mercy and compassion on my grandsons in receiving sentences. We are grateful and will continue to pray for his canonization."

From New Orleans:

"I promised publication if I would come through all my tests at the hospital okay, and would be able to take chemotherapy. So far I am doing all right."

From Nesbit, Miss.:

"Please publish that Father Seelos' prayers for me were answered. I now have a healthy baby boy."

From Metairie, La.:

"My grandson had a huge ulcer on his side, and when it was lanced a quart of corruption was removed. It was necessary to irrigate the opening several times a day. I prayed to Father Seelos and applied the cloth memento. It healed without complications. Father Seelos has a powerful intercession."

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70130

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## SPECIAL NOTES

HEALING SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 3:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS

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Some good ladies made and sold Shamrocks at the free-for-all St. Patrick Day party and gave the Center a sizeable check. Thanks, good friends of Father Seelos.

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The Holy Masses at 4:30 on all week days and at 4 on Sunday in St. Mary's Church are for people who work in and for the Center.

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A good Pastor of a small church in Lovelock, Nev. ordered 15 books THE CHEERFUL ASCETIC for Christmas presents for his altar boys.

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The month of August began with the feast of St. Alphonsus! Pray for vocations to the Redemptorists.

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Bring your sick to the HEALING SERVICE in St. Mary's at 3:30 on Sundays and Holy Mass at 4. After Mass all are given an individual blessing with Father Seelos crucifix.

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Please let us know of all new home addresses, with correct spelling and zip.

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We had a postcard from Japan from one of the Father Seelos devotees in the Merchant Marines. There is a big MGILY on top of the picture.

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If anybody would like to do some garden work in Father Seelos yard in back of St. Mary's Church, call at the Rectory at any hour of the day. Bring your own spade, broom, hoe, etc., gloves too. It's volunteer work. THANKS.

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For blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler. 895-6176

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