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AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH



There are several feast days in March. On the 25th we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation. On this day the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God. At that moment she conceived of the Holy Spirit and this was the beginning of our redemption. For 33 years Mary cared for Jesus and after that she witnessed his passion and death. During this season of Lent let us pray and meditate on the passion of our Lord. All this He did for us, for our salvation. If we spend a prayerful Lent, attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion daily, or if it is impossible for us to do so, if we pray and meditate at home, we should be refreshed when Easter morning dawns and really feel that "This is the day the Lord has made. . ."

Since I am his namesake, I cannot help but remind you of the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. He was the foster father of Jesus and a great saint in heaven.

On March 17 we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick and on March 15 the feast of St. Clement Hofbauer, a Redemptorist.

Keep up your prayers for the cause and say a special one for me.

Josie M. Becker

THE LOVE OF GOD (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for the month of March: LOVE OF GOD

Patron Saint: St. James, the Greater

Text: Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with thy whole heart, with thy whole mind and with all thy strength. (Mark 12/30)

St. Alphonsus Ligouri, founder of the Redemptorists, will certainly go down in history as a man who really loved God, preached it unceasingly, wrote books about it and composed prayers of LOVE OF GOD that are masterpieces.

He wrote a prayerbook entitled VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 31 prayers — one for every day of the month and one for the Blessed Mother.

The opening prayer for every day is this: My Lord Jesus Christ who for the love Thou bearest for men remaining day and night in this Tabernacle, full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling welcoming all who come to visit Thee. . . Beautiful! Analyze it!

In the midst of this prayer: And now miserable, unworthy that I am, I consecrate myself entirely to Thee, I give Thee and renounce my entire will, my affections and my desires. All that I ask is Thy holy love, final perseverance and the perfect accomplishment of Thy will. (Another gem!) All that he wants is God's love.

At the end of this introductory prayer, re-read this prayer: This is a spiritual Holy Communion and also a daily visit in the same book, also a beautiful prayer to the Blessed Mother. In that prayer he asks of the Blessed Mother: Obtain for me a perfect love of God. In the same prayer: Through Thee I hope to die a good death.

I am certain that most Catholics say the Way of the Cross daily and at each station we say: Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Most churches use the little Prayer Book on the visits. A few years ago this pamphlet cost 5¢. If I had the means I would send you a copy of the Visit Book, but it costs over a dollar now. It, with the Way of the Cross, is in every pamphlet rack in every church in the rear. .

This is the month of the Love of God. How should we practice the Love of God? First of all 'desire to have it'. Tell God all day long, MGILY: secondly have no bad habits in your life that offend God. Desire and wish to have the whole world to love God, my God there are four billion, five hundred million in the world, for each one of them offer acts of love of God and offer the Holy Mass for each one of them, including babies just born and people of all ages who will die today.

BLESSED MOTHER OBTAIN FOR ME AND FOR EVERYBODY LIVING
IN GRACE TO LOVE GOD PERFECTLY.

SPECIAL LETTERS

From Arabi, La.:

"My husband was hospitalized for a bleeding ulcer. He was told he needed surgery. I asked Father Seelos to intercede for him that everything would be fine. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers. He is doing well."

From Orange, Texas:

"I was desperately in need of financial help. I prayed to Father Seelos asking his intercession for financial aid and the following morning my request was granted."

From Groves, Texas:

"I had to enter the hospital in January for tests. They found cancer of the uterus and in the pelvic cavity. I took 25 cobalt treatments, and went to the surgeon for a checkup. Surgery was performed and they removed everything and put me on chemotherapy. I feel God cured me through the prayers of Father Seelos."

From Metairie, La:

"My friend, a diabetic, was hospitalized for a foot infection and in a week was able to go home. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers. My niece passed examination and graduated, which seemed impossible. Thanks to Father Seelos for this favor which was granted us."

From Mobile, Ala.:

"My brother-in-law was seriously ill and the doctors could not seem to find his problem. I sent prayer cards and relics (cloth mementoes) to my sister and my daughter's prayer group began to pray the Father Seelos prayer. I am happy to say that the doctors came up with a diagnosis and treatment and he is feeling much better. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession."

From Belle Chasse, La.:

"Some time ago I prayed hard to Father Seelos for my brother, who had cancer. The doctor gave him a few months. Thanks to Father Seelos for his intercession. It is now a year. He is walking good, feeling lots better. I know it was through Father Seelos' prayers that he has done so well. He may not be cured, but at least for the present he is doing well."

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Re-read the conference above.

Win souls for God through Father Seelos. Talk to them about Father Seelos. At present we have an enrollment of 40,000 members. The theme prayer of the Guild of Father Seelos is MGILY (My God I love You.)

Thanks for helping us to have Father Seelos canonized. Use the small gold envelope with a big gift to the Center for expenses of printing and mailing 40,000 copies of Father Seelos and Sanctity. Again thanks

Be sure we have all names spelled correctly and correctly addressed. If you do not receive your monthly Father Seelos and Sanctity, inform the Center.

Let us pray that we love one another.

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

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