

Happy Feast Day
Blessed Seelos!



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from the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Dear Devotees of Blessed Seelos,

October will be a busy month for us at the Shrine. First and foremost, we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Seelos on Tuesday, October 5th. We want to alert you to the fact that on that day, there will be a special program offered in a segment called "They Could Be Saints" on EWTN at 5:30PM, ET. The broadcast can do much to help us spread devotion to our Blessed.

Here at the Shrine, we celebrate Blessed Seelos in a special way by our Seelos Healing Mass on October 10th. We haven't been able to have a Seelos Mass for more than a year and are looking forward to gathering together to celebrate our Blessed. Like other venues in New Orleans as diverse as sports stadiums to restaurants, we will require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test and insist that everyone wear masks. I hope many of you will be able to attend this Mass.

There are some other feast days we celebrate in October – "The Little Flower" St. Therese of Lisieux on October 1, The Holy Guardian Angels on October 2, Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, and very much a favorite of ours, St. Gerard Majella on October 16. St. Gerard was a Redemptorist who was revered for his holiness. He is listed as the patron of unborn children, childbirth, expectant mothers, motherhood, falsely accused people, good confessions and lay

brothers. As such a powerful intercessor, we give him special honor on his feast day each October.

As we move into another month of the year, may you be greatly blessed and protected from all malady.



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SEELOS HEALING MASS

FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Confessions 12 pm ~ Mass 1 pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church, 919 Josephine St.

Shrine, Welcome Center and Gift Shop

10 am - 12:30 pm & 2 - 3 pm

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED along with valid vaccination card or recent (w/in 72 hours) negative COVID test results.**

WATCH THIS!

Blessed Seelos will be featured on EWTN's "They Could Be Saints" program on his feast day. Be sure to tune in!

October 5 ~ 5:30 pm Eastern



Celebrating the lives and works of special souls in October



BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, C.Ss.R.

Preacher, Miracle Worker, Friend

The heroic and miraculous religious life of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. inspires legions of the clergy, religious, laity and specifically those seeking a miracle of healing throughout the world. Fr. Seelos possessed great mystical gifts due to his life of intense prayer and penance. His innate kindness, understanding and dedication to the needs of the faithful from all walks of life make him an outstanding model for those in religious life and laity alike. As a missionary preacher and friend of the poor and destitute, Seelos was a spiritual father to tens of thousands, giving counsel and hearing the confessions of all who

came to him. Despite his untimely death at age 48, so profound was his apostolic zeal that sickness, persecution, and even the upheaval caused by civil war could not deter him from his mission.

Pope St. John Paul II declared Father Seelos “Blessed” in St. Peter’s Square on April 9 of the Solemn Jubilee Year 2000. There is one official miracle attributed to his intercession and other cases are currently under investigation. If the Vatican approves a second miracle, Blessed Seelos will be proclaimed a saint. His feast day is October 5.

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

The Little Flower



Thérèse of Lisieux was a Carmelite nun who died in obscurity at the age of 24. Her philosophy was that what was important was not doing great works, but doing little things with the power of love. Thérèse defined her doctrine of the Little Way as “the way of trust and absolute surrender.” She was canonized on May 17, 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Her feast day is October 1 and she is a patron saint of missions and of florists.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Lady of the Rosary



In the 1400s, Turkish troops brought a large portion of the Christian world under Islamic law. On October 7, 1571, Catholic fleets sailed to stop them. On the morning of battle, crew members on 200 ships and Christians throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. All but 13 of the 300 Turkish ships were captured or sunk. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to Mary’s intercession and declared October 7 the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

ST. GERARD MAJELLA, C.Ss.R.

The Mother’s Saint



Gerard Majella was a Redemptorist brother. His intercession is requested for unborn children, childbirth, expectant mothers, motherhood, people falsely accused, good confessions and religious brothers. He was a mystic and a reader of hearts, ever seeking to be perfectly obedient to the will of God. Gerard was canonized on December 11, 1904 by Pope St. Pius X. His feast day is October 16.

Blessings for the Sick

*Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix
(Only family members may request)*

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GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

OMAHA, NE

In the fall of 2017 I was diagnosed with my third malignant melanoma, this time in my right shoulder. The doctors wanted to determine whether it had spread so they removed the sentinel node for examination. They found that the melanoma hadn't spread, but discovered breast cancer cells in the node. It took a team of doctors to find the primary cancer in my right breast. I then underwent a lumpectomy and 20 radiation treatments.

In December 2017, our pastor prayed over me with a relic of Blessed Seelos. My husband and daughter were by my side as I held the relic to my breast and father prayed for Blessed Seelos' intervention. Since then, I have my skin checked four times a year and I have mammograms and various other scans to look for cancer in most of my organs. I'm very blessed to report that I have not had a return of any cancer and I thank Blessed Seelos' intervention for this miracle.

LORANGER, LA

My mother and uncle were admitted to the hospital for covid complications. They never required anything more than supplemental oxygen therapy, even though they had viral pneumonia that attacked their lungs.

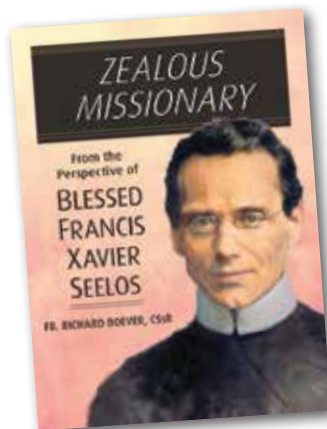
Both are now home and doing fine. Our family prayed for the intercession of Father Seelos and we know he aided in the healing of our family members. Thank you Blessed Seelos!



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With abundant joy and deep devotion to Jesus and Mary, Fr. Seelos blessed all the lives he touched. Written in the first person and accompanied by excerpts from letters Blessed Seelos wrote to his family, confreres, and others, Fr. Rich highlights the struggles and successes of missionary life, with a personal touch.

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Novena Rose Prayer to St. Therese

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands: *(mention in silence here)*.

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen



HOT IN THE SHOP ~ SAY YOUR PRAYERS



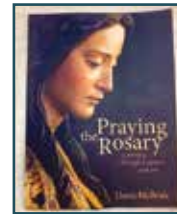
MASK UP FOR MASS! SEELOS FACE MASK – \$10

Joining us for Mass? Make a statement with this dark blue reusable 3-layer face mask with adjustable straps, featuring a timely quote from Blessed Seelos.



ST. GERARD PRAYER CANDLE – \$18

Made in New Orleans by artist Heidi Groat and adorned with a St. Gerard medal.



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Portrayals of the mysteries of the Rosary by master artists add new perspectives to familiar Scripture.



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