



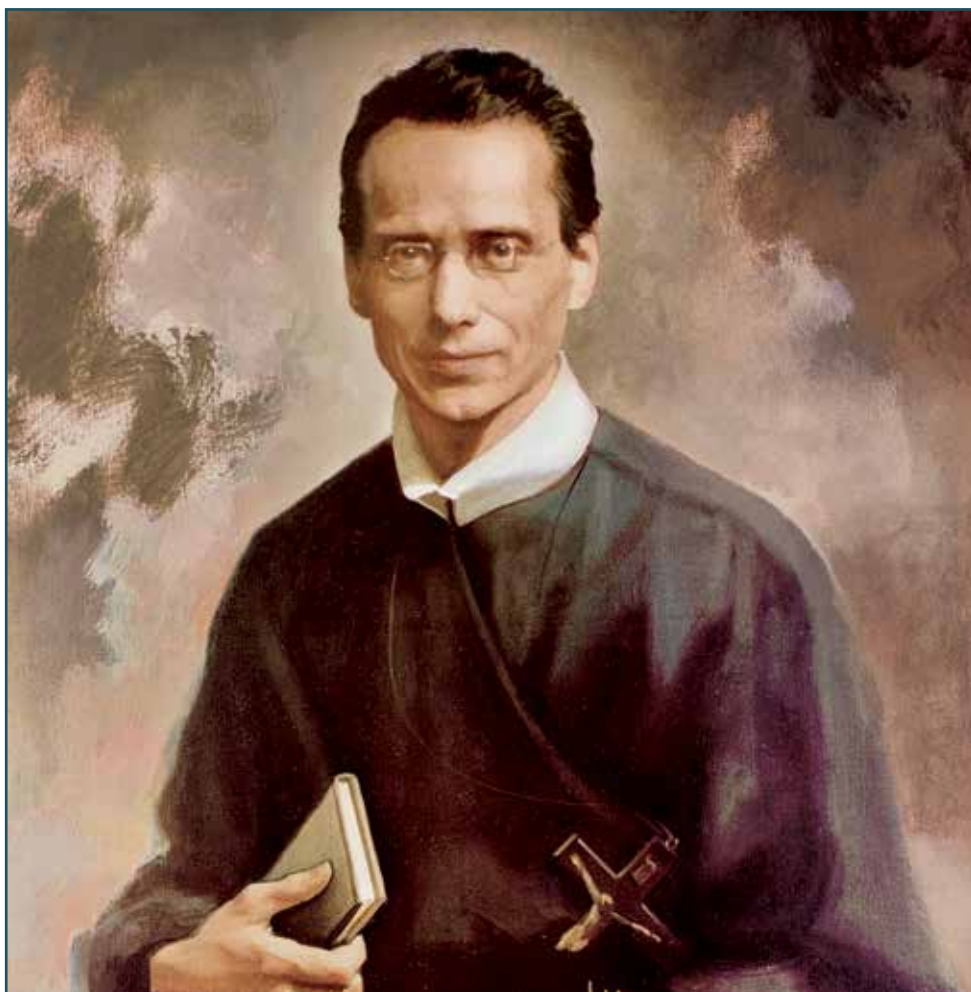
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Happy Feast Day Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos! ~ OCTOBER 5, 2022 ~



SEELOS FEAST DAY HEALING MASS

& ANOINTING OF THE SICK



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2022**

Fr. Kevin Zubel, C.Ss.R., Celebrant

Confessions 12 pm ~ Mass 1 pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church
and facebook.com/SeelosShrine

Shrine, Center & Gift Shop

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

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Salves for the soul: Celebrating two *other* healing saints in the month of October

This month, we recognize the feast day of our dear Francis Xavier Seelos, but here are two other saints who we can look to in times of sickness and strife.



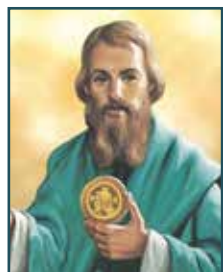
St. Luke, Patron of Physicians & Surgeons

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, was born to a Greek family in Syria and was trained as a physician. He accompanied St. Paul on his missionary journey and likely took care of Paul's health. Luke was with Paul in his last days and final imprisonment in Rome, and Paul spoke of him as "the beloved physician."

St. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in miracles and parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He tells the story of Lazarus and the rich man who ignored him. In the Beatitudes, Luke says "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Only in his gospel do we hear the Magnificat where Mary proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53). Like Blessed Seelos, he also had a devotion to Mary. In his gospel we hear the story of the Annunciation, the Presentation, and of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is of first importance to Luke. In his writings we hear the story of the Prodigal Son and of the woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner. Luke loved the poor, wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone. We celebrate his feast day on October 18th.

Adapted from catholic.org and slparish.com



St. Jude, Patron of the Impossible & Cancer Patients

St. Jude Thaddeus was an Apostle and relative of Jesus. Biblical scholars agree his mother was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Not to be confused with Judas Iscariot, Jude was the Apostle who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection.

St. Jude is traditionally depicted carrying the image of Jesus in his hand. This depiction comes from a Biblical story in which King Abgar of Edessa believed Jesus would cure him of leprosy, so he sent an artist to bring him a drawing of Jesus. Impressed with Abgar's great faith, Jesus pressed his face into a cloth and gave it to Jude to take to Abgar. Upon seeing Jesus' image, the king was cured. He converted to Christianity along with most of the people under his rule.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Jude traveled throughout Mesopotamia, Libya and Persia with St. Simon, building up the foundations of the early Church. Around 60 A.D., Jude wrote a Gospel letter to Christians in Eastern churches who were under persecution. In it, he encouraged them to persevere in the face of their difficult circumstances, to keep their faith, and to stay in the love of God. His inspirational support of these early believers led to him become the patron saint of desperate causes. Jude died a martyr's death and his body was placed in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, where it is visited by thousands of pilgrims a year. No petition seems too great for him and many have reported his powerful intercession. We celebrate St. Jude's feast day on October 28th.

Adapted from catholic.org, stjude Shrine.org and shrineofstjude.org

Healing Prayer to the Divine Physician

Divine Physician,

You infused Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos with the gift of Your healing. By the help of his prayers, sustain in me the grace to know Your will and the strength to overcome my afflictions. For love of You, make me whole. May I learn from the example of Father Seelos and gain comfort from his patient endurance.

(Mention your special intentions)

Amen.



Blessings for the Sick

Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix

(Only family members may request)

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GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

FULTONDALE, AL

I am a cancer survivor and my family and I always visit the Seelos Shrine when we are in New Orleans. Due to COVID, we have not been in several years, but we frequently ask him to pray with us. In May of this year, doctors found irregular

tissue in my breast and scheduled a biopsy. During the biopsy, the doctor could not find any irregular tissue and called a radiologist in to confirm – it was gone. God bless Father Seelos and the power of prayer.

SILVER SPRING, MD

In August, I was given a diagnosis of prostate cancer. I was told the cancer was widely present and significant. Because of this a bone scan and MRI were ordered to determine if metastases had occurred. The days between the diagnosis and scans was a time of inner pilgrimage. I sought the intercessions of St. Peregrine, St. Benedict, St. Marianne Cope, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed Seelos. I asked specifically for a "fair fight" against the cancer. Blessed Seelos' story called to me because of the care and

comfort he provided to those suffering from yellow fever who also just wanted a fair fight! For a long time in my life, I was a member of St. Mary's Parish in Annapolis, Maryland, where Seelos was once stationed. A lovely statue of him is in the Mary Garden – where I will soon visit and give him thanks for this favor – the bone scan was negative and the MRI showed the cancer is still contained within the prostate! My "fair fight" request was heard and favor granted! My prognosis is excellent!!

METAIRIE, LA

Recently my seven year old daughter had been sick for a few days, waking in the middle of the night with a terrible headache and vomiting. Her pediatrician ordered a CT scan of her head. A few hours later the doctor called us and stated there was a suspicious calcification on the left basal ganglia and said she would need an MRI. We were very worried

and prayed to Father Seelos. That night I had her hold the relic from the Shrine and told her about Father Seelos. The next day right before she went back for the MRI, I had her hold the relic again. About an hour after the MRI was done the pediatrician called us to say the results were normal. Praise God and thank you, Father Seelos!

STRATHFIELD, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Several years ago, my father was admitted to the hospital with prostate problems. Initially we thought it would be a short stay but it was extended to two weeks. I requested a relic of Fr. Seelos after I saw Mother Angelica mention it. I

took the relic I had just received and prayed with my dad at the hospital. He was discharged the next day. My father shares a birthday with Blessed Seelos, January 11, and he is currently 93 years young.



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Novena to St. Agatha, Patron Saint of Breast Cancer Patients

O Saint Agatha, who withstood the unwelcome advances from unwanted suitors, and suffered pain and torture for your devotion to our Lord, we celebrate your faith, dignity, and martyrdom.

Protect us from breast cancer and other afflictions of women, and inspire us to overcome adversity.

O Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr, mercifully grant that we who venerate your sacrifice may receive your intercession.

(Mention your request)

Amen.

HOT IN THE SHOP ~ PINK POWER!



NEW! SWEET ANGEL SCENTS "HOPE" CANDLE – \$28

This 8oz pink organic soy candle is infused with Seelos holy oil and features a St. Agatha medal, a tiny breast cancer awareness ribbon charm, and a pink ribbon. Candle burns up to 25-30 hours.



SEELOS BEADED GOLD NECKLACE – \$28

Made in New Orleans, this necklace features delicate beading and a gold Seelos medal.



SEELOS MUSIC BOX – \$26

This tiny clear acrylic box features an image of Seelos with gold accents and plays "Amazing Grace".



PINK PRAYER BOOK ST. AGATHA PRAYER CARD SET – \$28

This inspiring book comes with a laminated prayer card to the patron saint of breast cancer patients.



SEELOS INSULATED TUMBLER – \$30

This blue 20 oz. insulated metal tumbler with a clear slide lid features a Seelos image and quote to get you through your day.

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