



FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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Memorial Mass in St. Mary's



Now that St. Mary's Church has been restored to public use, it will be the scene of the annual memorial Mass for Father Seelos on Sunday, October 5, at 11:30 A.M.

Father Seelos was the acting pastor of St. Mary's when he died of the yellow fever on October 4, 1867.

Father Albert Babin, C.S.S.R., newly elected superior of the Redemptorists in the mid-south, will be the main concelebrant of the Mass and will give the homily.

You are all invited to attend this Mass, at least in spirit, and pray for the beatification and canonization of the Servant of God.

FATHER SEELOS WAS A RECOLLECTED MAN

by Father Grangell

Virtue for October: Silence and Recollection.

Patron: St. Simon, the Apostle.

Text: Jesus dismissed the crowd and went into the mountain *alone* to pray.
(14/23)

Father Seelos always lived in a good religious house, no matter where he was stationed. Every Redemptorist house is the same, "Silence" is written on the walls. That is to remind the religious that they are to be recollected men, to keep in constant touch with God all day long. There are holy pictures and crucifixes on the walls and in the rooms. There are periods of meditation and silent prayer.

Some people have crucifixes and statues and pictures in their homes, even in the kitchen and in the garage. Great! If you don't have them, get them. Good reading helps one to be recollected.

Here is a little exercise in recollection for you for the month of October. Every day for five minutes page through the four Gospels beginning with St. Matthew and look for St. Peter through the pages, skip everything else. You will meet St. Peter in St. Matthew for the first time in chapter 4, verse 18. Write what you find in a loose-leaf book, and jot down your impressions of what you read. I promise you that when you finish the four Gospels, you will have the most beautiful story of a man's love for his God. Remember! Just five minutes every day. Don't say you have no time. If you spend *one* hour every day with TV, you certainly have time!

Drop me a line and let me know how you are making out with this project. Get the family interested. Talk about St. Peter as you drive. Tell your neighbor what you are doing.

Recollection is a wonderful virtue. Practice it. Father Seelos did.

Read the text at the head of this article! Meditate on it for a minute.

ASK THE BLESSED MOTHER TO HELP YOU TO THINK MUCH OF GOD AND ETERNITY.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Gretna, La.

"About a year ago I was expecting my second child and everything seemed to be going wrong. I was quite ill and was told a Caesarian section would have to be performed in order to save the baby. In addition to this we had no hospitalization. I went to church and found a prayer to Father Seelos. I immediately began to say this prayer and within a few short weeks my husband found a good job and we were able to pay more than \$1,500.00 in doctor bills in only one year's time. My baby is now one year old and in excellent health. We wish to thank Father Seelos for the many favors received through his intercession."

J. W.

Shreveport, La.

"In December, 1974, my brother-in-law, age 74, sustained fractures of two bones in his leg. Sometime later when the doctor removed the cast, x-ray showed no sign the bone was knitting. Report was that if bone failed to knit, a bone graft would be necessary but with no promise of success. Since that time my sister, our friends and I prayed fervently that the bone might knit and his leg would heal. A few days ago when the orthopedist examined and X-rayed the leg, he pronounced it healed though very weak. The cast has been removed and my brother-in-law is beginning to walk on crutches. For this favor we are truly grateful."

M. F.

New Orleans, La.

"I made a novena for my daughter who went through an operation and did not think that she would be able to go to school. Thanks to Fr. Seelos she recovered and was able to make it and is doing well. I also made a novena for a nurse who had a daughter who left home when her father passed away. Her mother was distressed, not knowing where to find her. On the 9th day of my novena she returned home. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

O. B.

Mathews, La.

"Many thanks to Father Seelos. We asked his intercession for the sale of a house and our favor has been granted."

L. L.

Metairie, La.

"My sister had a mastectomy in January and we prayed fervently that all would be OK. She is doing wonderfully well. In June I had surgery for a malignant tumor in the bladder and have been praying to Father Seelos and wearing the relic. So far neither of us have had to take cobalt treatments. Many thanks for these favors."

J. S.

SPECIAL NOTES

Don't forget your daily Rosary in October! Try the 15 decades once in a while. Go to daily Mass and Holy Communion. Make the Way of the Cross daily. Do big things for God. Why be mediocre?

Make arrangements to have Father Seelos' crucifix brought to your sick through Miss Addie Buhler at 895-6176.

Be a captain of the Half-Day Recollection movement. Gather 30 or 40 people and spend the afternoon in St. Mary's Church. Call Father Grangell several days in advance. He will describe the beautiful High Altar of the Church to you.

Never leave money at Father Seelos' tomb in church. Leave it at the office or send to the Father Seelos Center, 2030 Constance St.

Please continue your gifts to the restored St. Mary's. It is heavily in debt. If you know someone who would like to have his name or the name of his parents on a plaque in the church, encourage him to do so.

DON'T FORGET: MY GOD I LOVE YOU!

Come to the Anniversary Mass of Father Seelos — 11:30 A.M. October 5 in St. Mary's beautiful Church. Bring your neighbors and friends.

Again we ask that if you are receiving more than one copy of our paper, please let us know. Also please let us know if your address is not the same as given on this letter. Also please check that we have the correct spelling of your name.

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