

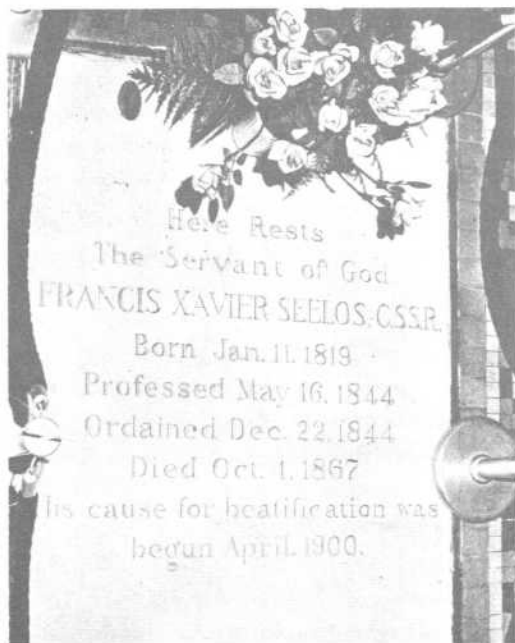


FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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Father Seelos' Body Returns to St. Mary's



The earthly remains of the Servant of God, Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.S.S.R., will be transferred from St. Alphonsus Church to St. Mary's Assumption Church, Josephine and Constance Streets, New Orleans, on Sunday, November 9, just before the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Most Reverend L. Abel Caillouet will preside at the ceremony. He will also be the main concelebrant of the Mass and give the homily. All the friends of Father Seelos are invited to attend this Mass.

Father Seelos was the acting pastor of St. Mary's from September, 1866, to the day of his death, October 4, 1867. On October 5 his body was buried in St. Mary's and was there for 100 years, until the condition of St. Mary's after Hurricane Betsy made it necessary to remove it to St. Alphonsus.

Joseph Elworthy, C.S.S.R.

FATHER SEELOS' GREATEST LOVE—THE HOLY MASS

by Father Grangell

Virtue for November — Prayer

Patron — St. Jude

Text — We must pray always and never cease. (Lk 18/1)

Father Seelos loved his Priesthood because he could say Holy Mass daily and because he could preach about the infinite value of the Divine Sacrifice to the people. Because of his great love for the Holy Mass he became a great Saint.

What is the Mass? Briefly, it is the continuation of the bloody sacrifice of Christ, our Redeemer, on the cross for our salvation, in a clean way at the altar with bread and wine.

If we understood the Mass, we would love it and make an effort to go daily to the Holy Sacrifice. Only ignorant people miss Mass on Sundays, wise people go daily.

A teen-age boy told me he did not go to Mass on Sunday because he got nothing out of it! We go to Mass to *give*, not to *get*. We offer sacrifice! We pay our creature debts of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Atonement and Petition. We pray through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, hence our Mass prayers become infinite.

A man told me he did not go to Mass on Sunday, but he lived a good life — he kept the Ten Commandments and said some private prayers. He does good things, but he is a disobedient man. He forgets he belongs to a great Society, the Catholic Church, with a membership of one fifth the population of the world, and to be a good member of the Church he must keep the laws — and the first law is "To hear Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation." By missing Mass on Sunday deliberately he puts himself out of the Communion of Saints. He is not holy.

A Catholic child told me he did not go to Mass on Sunday because his parents and none of his big brothers and sisters went to Mass. Shocking! That's what you call scandalizing a little child, leading a child into mortal sin by bad example. There are dozens of such people in every parish. Pray for them! *Check your home!* How can such people live with such bad consciences! How can they sleep at night! How will they face death and their Judge!

Often during the day, no matter where you are or what you are doing, say: "My God I offer all the Holy Masses that are being said now to give *You Infinite Love*," through Christ, with Christ and in Christ. Offer Masses spiritually daily for those who can never go to Mass. Make a great effort to go to daily Mass and Holy Communion. Ask the Blessed Mother and Father Seelos to pray for you to put first things first in your life! **THE HOLY MASS IS FIRST.**

SPECIAL LETTERS

New Orleans, La.

"I prayed to Father Seelos asking that I would sell one of my properties. I not only sold one, but two. I want to thank him for his intercession for these two favors granted me."

L. R.

New Iberia, La.

"I asked Father Seelos' intercession that my husband would get a job he wanted. Many thanks to Father Seelos' prayers he did get it."

R. S.

Marrero, La.

"Please publish my thanks for many favors received through the intercession of Father Seelos."

E. O.

Larose, La.

"About three months ago my daughter had surgery which was needed but not termed Major Surgery. She later developed an infection which required a second operation. After this operation her health began to rapidly deteriorate. All hope of recovery was lost. She developed other severe complications, one of which was a fluid build-up in her lungs. The fluid has to be drained through incisions. She was unable to eat, sit up or stand up and lost a considerable amount of weight. A third operation was performed and breathing restored. She is now recovering from all this and we believe it to be almost miraculous and through the intercession of Father Seelos."

E. N.

Hicksville, N.Y.

"Thanks to the intercession of Father Seelos, my son Jimmy and daughter are doing wonderful — no recurrence of cancer. I also want to thank Father Seelos for Jimmy who was recently in an automobile accident. The police could not understand how the young people in the car were not all killed. I am deeply grateful to God and Father Seelos."

J. G.

SPECIAL NOTES

Go to daily Mass for your dead in November — the month of the Poor Souls.

When a dear one or a close friend dies, enroll him or her in the St. Joseph's Mass League, for six daily Masses for a year and receive a certificate announcing this for the bereaved. Write to Father Seelos Center for details. You can't afford flowers which fade and die. Send Masses of infinite value.

When you write to the Center, please PRINT your name and address or Box Number on the outside of the envelope.

Please send us new names and addresses for Father Seelos and Sanctity! We are aiming at a mailing list of 100,000. People must know Father Seelos.

Beautifully restored St. Mary's Church is in debt. It's big. Ask one of your millionaire friends to take care of this. It would be a financial miracle.

Bring your sick in chairs, on cots or crutches to the TRANSFERRING OF FATHER SEELOS' BODY FROM ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH TO ST. MARY'S on November 9 at 11:30 A.M. He was buried in the Sanctuary of St. Mary's and will be there on the day he is canonized. Pray that this day be soon. Pray for a miracle. Report to the Center when you receive a great favor. Tell us what it is in detail.

Organize groups of people in your neighborhood. Come to the tomb of Father Seelos. Let the Center know when you are coming. One of the priests will pray with you for your favors and for the canonization of Father Seelos.

Thanks to Father Seelos for protection in the October hurricane and in all storms!

For blessings with the crucifix of Father Seelos, call Miss Addie Buhler, 895-6176.

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