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'TIS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER!

From all eternity God thought of the Virgin of Nazareth as the future Mother of His Son. At the Annunciation Mary became the Mother of God. This is her most exalted title, the source of all her other privileges. On Calvary Christ gave His Mother to all men to be their spiritual Mother, so that through her they might come to God as through her He came to them. It is the will of Jesus that you love His Mother. Love her because she is your very own. How can you fail to love her whom Jesus loved so tenderly? (Taken from *Mary, My Hope*, by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D.)

In May we honor our own Mothers. For all of you who are mothers, we wish you a happy Mother's Day. We hope it will be a day of happiness spent with your children.

Josie Becker

I AM RICH! GOD IS MINE

(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for the month of May: POVERTY

Text: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 5/3)

Patron: St. Thomas, the Apostle

Christ is King of heaven and earth. Everything belongs to Him. Yet when He came into the world to redeem us, He chose to live a very poor life. He was born in a wintry, drafty stable with no comforts, crying as a baby, because He was cold and hungry. Through the years He had not whereon to lay His head (Matt 5/3). He had no home. He ended His life as a derelict on the cross.

Why all this? Because He will preach: "Learn of Me because I am meek and humble of heart (Matt 11/28). He will be affable, approachable. It is easier to follow a leader who is gentle and kind than a pompous, proud, self-sufficient person. Christ attracted to Himself great multitudes of people, especially the poor and the sick.

He never condemned money and riches in themselves. He said some harsh things against the rich when they preferred the world to Him (Matt 19/16-30).

In His first sermon He taught: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matt 5/3). He is teaching blessed are those who are not attached to the things of this world, who do not give up God, His service, His church, His sacraments, for money. They are His friends.

You know people who have good jobs, a good income, a beautiful home, a bank account, they enjoy life, never go to Holy Mass on Sunday, never receive Holy Communion. They have given up God and religion in exchange for all these material things. How sad! They are the poorest people in the world. They are paupers. Pray for them.

The richest people in the world are those with strong faith. They are the real millionaires.

1. They have the Blessed Sacrament. They can sit before the Eucharistic tabernacle and talk with Jesus Christ as the angels and saints do in heaven. He increases their Hope in Him (L Cor 4/8 & 9). They are never depressed.
2. God actually becomes one with them in Holy Communion. All His riches are theirs. Not all the money of the world can buy a small consecrated Host. Only God-given faith can.
3. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest prayer of petition possible, and of sorrow for sin. You pray with Christ. You are rich with the Infinite Merits of your God.
4. You have membership in the mightiest organization of the world, the Catholic Church, not bought, but given you by Christ. He loves you.

DEAR BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR ME, RICH AS A CHILD OF GOD, HEIR TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Dear Friends of Father Seelos and my Friends,

As I write this two months have elapsed since my cataract surgery and I should have my new glasses very shortly.

I thank Father Seelos for bringing my petition to our dear Lord and His Blessed Mother for successful surgery. I also thank all of you for your prayers, for your cards and notes. It has been a heartwarming experience which will long be remembered.

It is wonderful to be on the receiving end of the kindness of friends — little errands, rides to the doctor's office and last but not least, visits from friends and dear ones. This can be a very lonely time and a visit from a friend can do so much for morale and really 'make your day'. I hope I will be able to repay the kindnesses shown me by doing for others. Be assured you are remembered in my every prayer to Father Seelos.

Sincerely,

Josie M. Becker

Philadelphia, Pa.

"A wonderful favor was granted us through Father Seelos' prayers. My sister was hospitalized after a seizure of pneumonia for two months and later was again hospitalized for a bronchoscope of her lungs as the doctor was certain they would find a tumor. All tests were negative."

A.O.

New Orleans, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for helping my husband and I through financial difficulties."

M.M.

Baton Rouge, La.

"We were having lots of difficulties in our family, so we visited the tomb of Father Seelos. My sister, who was pregnant, did not feel the baby move, but when she touched the tomb of Father Seelos suddenly she felt her baby alive. My nephew had a rash that itched constantly, and he cried a lot. When he touched the tomb he seemed to receive immediate relief. I had a lot of trouble with a co-worker, so I asked Father Seelos to pray for me and now we get along just fine."

G.A.

Evansville, Ind.

"I was put in the hospital for tests to find out why I had difficulty eating, sleeping and breathing. The tests showed two of my valves half open. He consulted with two other doctors and they agreed I was too old for surgery. The doctors agreed on medication."

E.W.

Kenner, La.

"Early in November I had a fall and broke the pelvis bone on the left side. I prayed the Father Seelos prayer and my prayers were answered. My leg bone has healed and I have no pains."

EVZ.

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SPECIAL NOTES

A lady in her last illness, requested that all memorials after death be sent to the Center to help hasten the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. May the good God reward her.

The president of a bank sent in 41 names for Father Seelos and Sanctity.

A bishop was miraculously cured through the perpetual novena in honor of Father Seelos. For many years the good Bishop has had a memento of Father Seelos on his altar in his private chapel.

A medical doctor asked us to pray for a sick Doctor-friend and to send the sick Doctor
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Do not keep mementos in a drawer at home. Give them to the sick and to people in need. Spread devotion to Father Seelos.

MAY IS OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S MONTH. Say her ROSARY daily and often during the day. Consecrate yourself and Russia to her IMMACULATE HEART. SHE REQUESTED THIS AT FATIMA.

Use the gold envelope we send to you monthly to correspond with the Center. Every petition for health, etc. goes on the tomb of Father Seelos. Every thanksgiving is recorded.

Thanks for the donations you send to us, helping to pay our printing and postage and our many office bills. They get bigger by the month. God reward you for your generosity.

When you say the prayer on the picture card of Father Seelos, include all the intentions of the friends of Father Seelos who are saying that prayer for you. We are praying for miracles. Pray with Faith and Confidence as the people prayed to our Lord in the Gospel.

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

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