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JUNE IS A BUSY MONTH



This year the church calendar for June is full of important feasts. The first Sunday is Pentecost; the second Sunday, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity; the third, Corpus Christi. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also celebrated on June 26. These feasts are very meaningful to all of us. Concentrate on them on the days as they come up and carefully read the readings of the day.

Also on the calendar for June is the feast of our Mother of Perpetual Help on the 27th. Our Mother of Perpetual Help has always been a special patron of our Redemptorist Fathers. If along the way you have forgotten this devotion, why not resume the practice of attending novena services on Tuesdays. If you do not have these devotions in your parish church and cannot attend them at another church, you can always say the prayers at home. Remember the easiest way to get to Christ is through his Mother. Father Seelos always asked her to go to her Son on his behalf.

We cannot neglect mentioning June 21, Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all of you who are Fathers. God bless and Keep you!

Josie M. Becker

I SAW JESUS CHRIST (Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)

Virtue for the month of June: Purity of Heart

Patron Saint: Saint James, Major, apostle

Text: Blessed are the clean of heart. They have seen God. (Matt. 5/8)

Somebody will ask me if I actually saw Christ—when or where! Did I have a vision? My answer is YES, I have actually seen Jesus Christ, no vision. So have you seen Him every time you went to Holy Mass. He comes to the altar at the words of Consecration of the priest when he says over the small white host: THIS IS MY BODY and then raises the Host over this head so that everybody can SEE Him.

I am sure that the priest would like to say to the people: BEHOLD YOUR LIVING GOD! LOOK AT HIM! HE HAS COME TO THE ALTAR TO BE THE PRIEST AND VICTIM OF YOUR SACRIFICE, TO PAY YOUR CREATURE DEBTS TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER, OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, ATONEMENT, PETITION. WELCOME HIM! How wonderful is the Mass.

Another time in the Mass when the priest SHOWS you your God is at Communion time, when he raises the host and says BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD! Look at Him! And once again catch a glimpse of Him when the priest is about to place the host on your tongue or in your hand saying BODY OF CHRIST. Now your body becomes a Eucharistic tabernacle of Christ. How great you are! Now you can say JESUS, YOU AND I ARE ONE! Thanks for favoring me so much, daily if I choose to have you.

I have not told you something new. You have known all this since your first Holy Communion Day. Think it over. Don't let all this become just routine.

Why doesn't everybody see Jesus Christ in the consecrated host? There are many reasons. One is they have no FAITH. They have ceased to be pious and devout. They fail to see the Last Supper in every Mass. They do not hear Christ say to the priest of today as He said to the apostles at the Last Supper: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. He wants to be remembered till the end of the world.

Keep your eyes open and your head high at the elevation—not in your hands.

Wait anxiously daily to see Jesus Christ. Get as close as you can to the altar. Don't read your book or say your rosary at the Mass. Keep your eyes on the altar.

The text of the Conference is BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. Many people do not see God because their hearts, their desires, their imaginations are in sin. Remember the story of the adulterous woman (John 8/11). She fell on her knees at Jesus' feet. She was sorry for her sins. He pardoned her and sent her away: GO IN PEACE AND SIN NO MORE. He says the same to us if we are sorry for our sins of impurity. Sin no more, have the firm purpose of amendment, avoid the occasions of sin, pray for strength to do better, go to Holy Communion often. Keep the Blessed Mother in your life. Say three Hail Marys morning, noon, and night for purity.

Don't become spiritually blind. Rejoice and be glad that you can see Jesus Christ with the eyes of Faith.

SPECIAL LETTERS

Gretna, La.

"My husband works for a shipyard and does machinery work on the iron dry dock. There was an accident in which he fell about 10 feet. He is 67 years old and weighs 265 pounds. He fell on his back and head. His co-workers were afraid to go to him fearing his head had been split open. Thank God he had only five cracked ribs. He was wearing the Father Seelos cloth memento. It seems a miracle he is alive."

T.A.

Grand Chenier, La.

"After many years of praying for my favor, it has been granted through Father Seelos intercession. My husband and daughter are reconciled and things are as they were before."

C.T.

Grosse Tete, La.

"Several years ago my husband was confined to a hospital for extensive treatment of a rash. After nine months of constant medical care no improvement was noticed. Prayers to Father Seelos were offered daily. Our prayers were answered and no more medical treatment was sought in relation to this problem."

A.A.

Addikins, Texas

"My surgery on August 5 was successful. I had no complications as had been anticipated. I am indeed grateful to Father Seelos for his intercession. On Saturday while I was in the hospital I looked out my window as Hurricane Allen approached the Texas coast. I began to pray to Father Seelos for help. The next morning the nurse told me the storm had lost much of its impact before it hit land. Thanks again to Father Seelos."

V.K.

Marrero, La.

"My wife had major surgery. I prayed that she would come out O.K. She did and is now doing fine after three weeks. My thanks to Father Seelos for helping in a time of need."

P.J.R.

West Covina, Calif.

"My son was told he had cancer and would need surgery and two years of Chemotherapy. We prayed asking Father Seelos' intercession and the surgery was successful, with no cancer inside. He had only two treatments of Chemotherapy. We are grateful to Father Seelos."

A.R.

New Orleans, La.

"A dear friend who was grieving deeply from the recent loss of an only child, was further burdened by the news that she possibly had a malignancy. I prayed to Father Seelos for her. Tests determined that the growth was harmless and did not require surgery."

J.B.

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SPECIAL NOTES

If you went to Holy Mass this morning tell everybody you meet: I SAW JESUS CHRIST. Give your FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY to somebody.

Here's good news: A boy sophomore in High School asked his Pastor to have a Father Seelos Mass with novena prayers on the first Saturday. The Pastor honored his request and the attendance was very good. This young man has many high school boys greatly interested in Father Seelos. They are praying to Father Seelos and talk about favors received. He is sending many names to the Guild. Tell your teen-agers about this.

We had a letter from Mrs. William Seelos of Niles, Illinois. Somebody gave her the pamphlet life of Father Seelos. She is asking for more information. She is interested because her husband's father, George Seelos, came from Fussen.

Uncle Sam's Post Office has gotten ahead of us, raising our mail by 3¢. Let's hope he will forget about the zip code going up to 7 or 9 digits. In the meantime keep using the gold envelopes with a gift toward the cause of canonization of Father Seelos. THANKS! You are in my every daily Holy Mass.

Keep us informed immediately of any changes in your address and of incorrect spellings. Send the Center two or three new names monthly.

Ask the one who brings Holy Communion to you in the hospital or at home to hold the Sacred Host a few seconds before he puts it on your tongue, so that you can see Jesus Christ.

If you have all day exposition in your church on the First Friday or during the Forty Hours Devotion, spend an hour or two just looking at Jesus Christ. You don't have to talk to Him. He knows what's in your heart.

This is the month of the Sacred Heart. We could call it the month of Love of God for us. Love Him.

Our Lord said: IF TWO OR THREE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, I WILL BE IN THE MIDST OF THEM. Come and make the perpetual novena in honor of our Lady of Fatima on Wednesdays at 4 P.M. and on Sunday at 3:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Assumption Church. Pray for the canonization of Father Seelos and for your own intentions. Mass follows each and the veneration of his mission crucifix after Mass.

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

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