

*Seelos Shrine Staff gather with Archbishop Checchio before the October Healing Mass.*

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# SEELOS CENTER NEWS

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*from the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.*

Dear Friends of Blessed Seelos:

Perspective, perspective! A balanced divinely-inspired perspective can guide us to healthy living on earth and to lasting joy beyond here!

Francis Xavier Seelos sure enjoyed the good things of this world. He loved music, singing, and spending time with family. He played pranks to entertain people. Once during a local carnival, young Seelos "secretly dressed himself in his father's long-tailed wedding coat, put on his hat, and paraded up and down the street to the great delight of the entire neighborhood." Antonia, his younger sister, enjoyed dancing with Seelos. She also noticed his gift of making friends, for he "was loved as much by all his companions as … his schoolmates."

Seelos treasured what this world could offer. Yet, he was profoundly clear of its limitations. November points us to enjoy earthly life in proper perspective, beginning with the Feast of All Saints. Becoming a saint, or pursuing a life of genuine holiness, is indeed our goal. What does genuine holiness entail? Here, Seelos can model for us, with a balanced perspective. Upon leaving his family for America, Seelos wrote to his sister Josepha:

> ***"Many times I think of you. You will certainly find your hope gone to remain with me and to live with me, but if you are animated by a total conformity to God's holy will, if you see things of this world only as means to eternity, if, free from all self-interest, then everything else will be given besides. Our life is a pilgrimage in this vale of tears, and only as such will it really be beneficial for a better and an everlasting life in eternity."***

From his early childhood, Seelos desired, made daily choices, offered personal sacrifices, etc., to orient his life to God! Blessed Seelos, pray for us: Enjoy this earth, yes, but always for Heaven!



Fr. Binh T. Ta, C.Ss.R.

*Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.*

## SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER

### ALL SOULS' DAY



### Monday, November 2

**St. Mary's Assumption Church & facebook.com/SeelosShrine**

On this special feast we pray that our merciful God grants all the faithful departed, especially our Shrine staff, volunteers, and benefactors, a gift of eternal life and joy!

**10:30 am: Exposition of the Eucharist**
**10:45 am: Confession & Rosary**
**11:20 am: Benediction**
**11:30 am: Mass**

★ To learn how you can ★ volunteer or earn service hours at the Shrine, call (504) 525-2495.

# Snapshots from the October 2026 Seelos Healing Mass





















***Save the date for our next Healing Mass on January 16, 2027!***

## Redemptorist Thanksgiving Prayer



O God, our Creator, we thank you for the gift of life and all the gifts of nature; our senses, our faculties, our talents and our abilities.

We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to respect and cherish.

Despite our failures, you continue to show your love for us today by increasing the life of your Spirit within us at the Eucharistic table.

Finally Father, we thank you for giving us Mary, the Mother of your Son, to be our Mother of Perpetual Help, and for all the wonderful things you have done for us, especially for giving us your Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer.

We are grateful for all the favors we have received through Mary's intercession. We pray that those past favors may inspire us to greater confidence in your loving mercy and in seeking the aid of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Amen.

*Courtesy redemptorists.co.uk*

## Blessings for the Sick

*Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix*

*(Only family members may request)*

### GREATER NEW ORLEANS

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# GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

### BATON ROUGE, LA

My mom, Faith, was diagnosed with a rare aggressive type of multiple myeloma in October 2025. As soon as I found out, I came across my Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos prayer card with a piece of cloth that had been touched to the relic in it. I gave it to my mom to keep with her and then I came across your website and saw that I can submit a prayer petition to be placed in the Shrine for 30 continuous days of prayer. I submitted one every 30 days since then and asked for complete and total healing for my mom.

When my mom was diagnosed in October 2025, 90% of her plasma cells were myeloma cells. As of March 2026, she is in complete remission and MRD Negative meaning that the most sensitive test could not detect any cancer cells. There is no explanation for this other than this was a divine healing!

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### PATTERSON, LA

In December 2023, my husband Jaret was diagnosed with a very aggressive brain tumor. This type of tumor carries an extremely poor prognosis, and long-term survival is considered very rare.

Shortly after his diagnosis, we visited the Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. During that visit, Jaret touched a relic of Blessed Seelos, prayed with a priest, and placed our intentions in the prayer book. From that moment on, Jaret developed a strong devotion to Blessed Seelos. He wears a Blessed Seelos necklace daily, and he carried a small pendant with him in his sock during surgery.

Throughout his illness, we have continuously prayed for the intercession of Blessed Seelos. Despite the severity and aggressiveness of his diagnosis, Jaret's outcome has been extraordinary. As of now, there is no evidence of active disease. He has not received any treatment since August 2025, yet his condition remains stable.

Given the nature of this diagnosis and its typical progression, we truly believe that Jaret's survival and current health are due to the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

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### BATON ROUGE, LA

I first visited the Fr. Seelos Center when my daughter lived in New Orleans just before Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. She introduced me to the Center, and I have visited there for over 20 years since.

Recently, my nephew was diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia (FTD). The doctor who diagnosed him recommended he see a specialist. I prayed for my nephew at the Shrine and gave him a Fr. Seelos relic.

After testing, the specialist said he was misdiagnosed and did not have FTD. Fr. Seelos came through for me and my family again. I pray he will be canonized a saint soon.

## SHRINE, MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER HOURS

**Monday-Saturday 10am-2pm ~ Check seelos.org/calendar for closures**

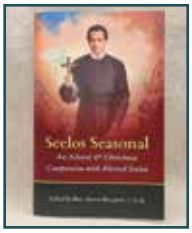
# SEELOS SHRINE PRAYER LINE

Call our prayer line any time at (504) 586-1803 to hear a recorded message and prayer.

# SHRINE CLOSURE: THANKSGIVING

The Shrine and Welcome Center will be closed Thursday, November 26 - Saturday, November 28, 2026.

## HOT IN THE SHOP: SEASON OF GIVING




#6306

### EXCLUSIVE! "SEELOS SEASONAL" ADVENT & CHRISTMAS NOVENA BOOKLET – $16

*Exclusively available at the Shrine and edited by former Shrine Director Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., this booklet features an Advent and Christmas season companion with Blessed Seelos. It features prayers, reflections, quotes from Blessed Seelos, daily actions, prayer intentions and more.*



#1912

### RIBBON GIVING TOKEN $20

*Give this 1½" pewter and gold-toned token to someone special as a reminder they're thought of and loved.*



#470

### GIVING HEART WEIGHTED PILLOW – SALE $27

*This weighted heart-shaped pillow holds hearts and thoughts, delivering a soft, comfortable hug.*



#473

### GIVING SOCKS – SALE $19

*These fuzzy red socks are like a hug for your feet! Packaged and ready to gift. Machine washable, one size fits most.*




#336

### BEATITUDES GIFT SET – $12

*Includes a pamphlet, laminated prayer card, and a pewter pocket prayer token.*

*Quantities are limited.* ***Prices include shipping/handling.*** *Prices online and in the Welcome Center Gift Shop may vary.*

## SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE SHRINE

**LIGHT A CANDLE:** A vigil candle will burn near Seelos' sacred resting place for an offering of $3-$5. Visit seelos.org/light-a-votive-candle.

**REQUEST A RELIC:** Relics are available for an offering of $2.50 each at SEELOS.org/gift-shop.

**INCLUDE US IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN:** There are several options for including the Shrine in your estate plan. Visit seelos.org/charitable-giving to learn more about charitable giving.

**VISIT SEELOS.ORG OR CALL (504) 525-2495 TO ORDER**

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I would like to support the Seelos cause by donating $_____ to be used for:

❑ The ministry and maintenance of the Shrine ❑ My 1-year newsletter subscription renewal ($15)

❑ Other:_____

*Make checks payable to "National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos".*

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