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SEELOS CENTER NEWS

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

Dear Devotees of Blessed Seelos,

They say, "April showers bring May flowers." The contrast is drawn between rainy days and blossoms in full bloom. And what a contrast we have in the season of our church year. Jesus is shown beaten, crowned with thorns, carrying his cross and finally put to death, but it isn't long before the prayers flip completely and shout "Alleluia!" Jesus has risen from the dead.

April is also a great month for us who honor Blessed Seelos. Since he was beatified in this month by St. Pope John Paul II, we use the joyful day to gather from far and wide for a beautiful Seelos Mass in St. Mary's Church. It seems that the devotees of Blessed Seelos love to come together.



Our Seelos Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is a perfect day for us to gather and ask Blessed Seelos to join his prayers with ours in our many needs.

The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R. at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 24, 2022. We look forward to seeing you all there.

May you have Easter Joy and Seelos Blessings as you celebrate the month of April. All God's blessings to you.



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

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JOIN US FOR AN IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL HEALING MASS



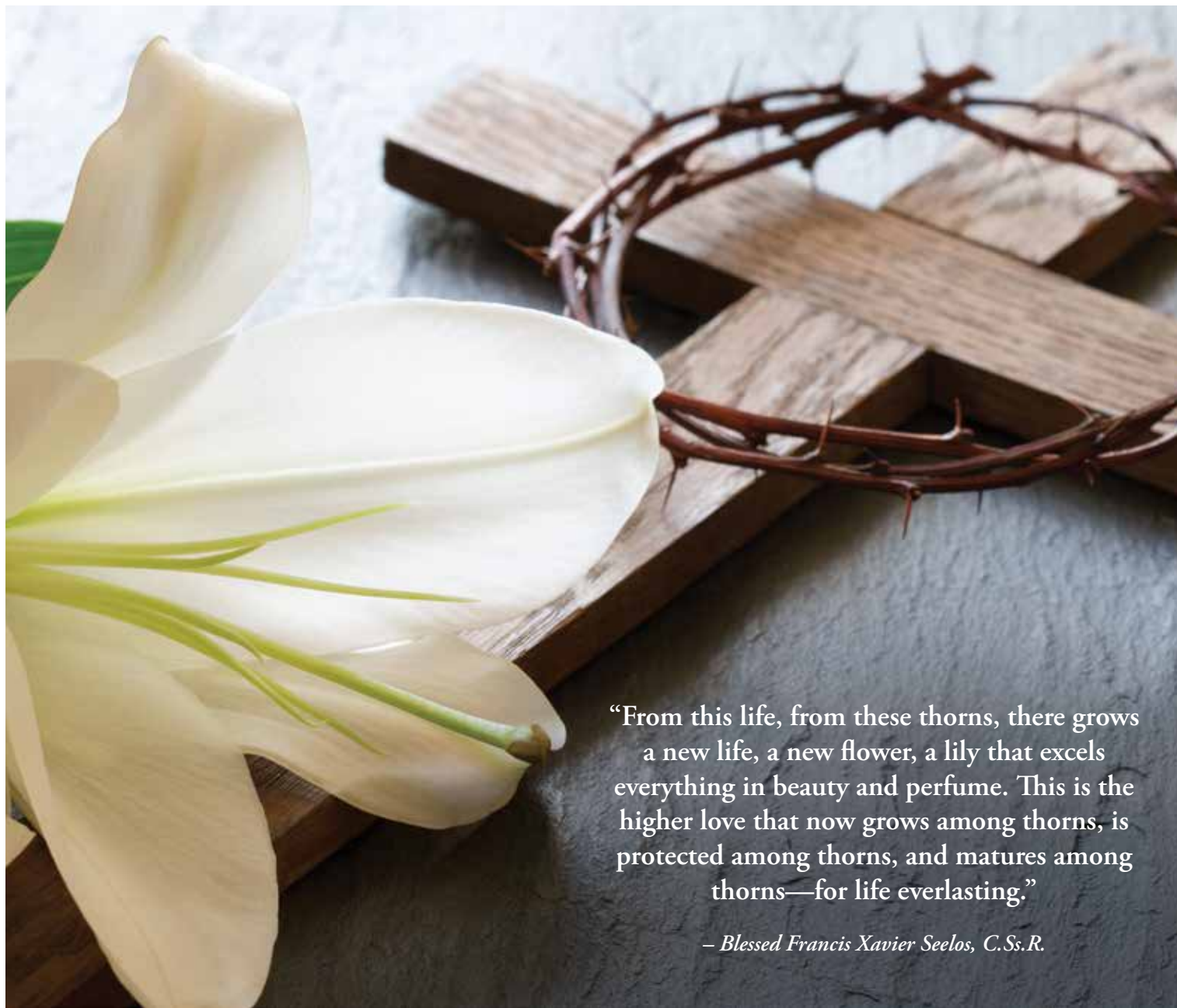
Sunday, April 24, 2022
St. Mary's Assumption Church
and on Facebook Live



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

❧ The Seelos Perspective ❧

In his letters to family and friends, we are offered much wisdom, guidance and comfort directly from the mind of Blessed Seelos:



“From this life, from these thorns, there grows a new life, a new flower, a lily that excels everything in beauty and perfume. This is the higher love that now grows among thorns, is protected among thorns, and matures among thorns—for life everlasting.”

– *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.*

Tour Bavaria and See the Oberammergau Passion Play

September 6 - 16, 2022



Tickets to the play are limited, so register by May 1 to ensure your seat. Those registering after May 1 will not be guaranteed a first-class ticket.

If you have questions or would like more information about the trip, please call the Seelos Center or visit our website:

(504) 525-2495 ~ seelos.org/alpine-pilgrimage

Blessings for the Sick

*Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix
(Only family members may request)*

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GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

LAPLACE, LA

I visited the Seelos Center in the Spring of 2021 to pray for my daughter who had been diagnosed with Stage IV uterine cancer. She had surgery to remove what they could. On a followup visit, her surgeon told her there was no sign of cancer. She wanted to be certain and had a second opinion. The second doctor told her perhaps it was endometriosis which

can look like cancer but there was definitely no sign of it. I believe that praying with Seelos' crucifix was powerful and I give credit to Fr. Seelos and the wonderful priest that prayed with me that day. My daughter has returned to work and is perfectly fine. God and Fr. Seelos are so good!

WAYNE, ME

In February 2022, I sent in a prayer request for good results on scans for both my husband and myself. Pleased to

report all scans were normal Thank you Blessed Seelos!

KAPLAN, LA

I was diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer in October of 2020. A coworker gave me a Blessed Fr. Seelos relic. When I placed the relic in my hand, I felt a tingling in my arm. I told my family about it and my mother began praying to Fr. Seelos. I had surgery a few months later and was relieved to hear that the

cancer remained contained and I was cancer free. When I returned to work, I told my coworker about the feeling I had when he placed the relic in my hand. I wanted him to know that I believed Fr. Seelos was interceding for me. Thank you, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.



Submit Your Testimonial Online!

Your words offer encouragement to others in need of Seelos' intercession.

www.SEELOS.org/submit-a-healing-or-favor

SHRINE, MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER HOURS

Monday-Saturday 10am-2pm | Please see SEELOS.org for visiting guidelines.

HOT IN THE SHOP

Visit SEELOS.org to view all of the items available for sale in the Gift Shop.



PEARL SEELOS BRACELET – \$19

This unique bracelet is handcrafted in New Orleans with pearl beads and your choice of a silver or gold charm featuring a full-color image of Seelos.



SEELOS NOVENA KIT – \$13

This kit includes a pamphlet with nine prayerful meditations that help us live a life of holiness on our journey of faith, a 3rd class Seelos relic, and a 10 oz spray bottle filled with holy water from the Seelos Shrine.



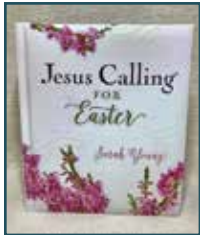
“MR. CHOCOLATE BUNNY” PLUSH – \$6

This 11” plush looks just like a real chocolate bunny, but you can snuggle with it! This Easter, give the kids in your life something they can cherish forever.



“A PENNY FROM MY ANGEL” WISH BOX – \$8.50

That penny you found on the ground was sent from an angel to brighten your day! This 1” zinc box is the perfect place to keep that lucky penny, and comes with a wish box charm.



“JESUS CALLING FOR EASTER” BOOK – \$21

This padded hardcover book features themed selections for the Lent and Easter season, with scripture and quotes.



COMFORT ROSARY – \$18

This soft, washable and non-toxic food-grade silicone rosary is easy for smaller hands to hold. Makes a great first rosary for a birthday or baptism. Choose blue or rainbow colored beads.

Quantities are limited. Prices listed above **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-\$4. Please visit SEELOS.org/light-a-votive-candle.



REQUEST A RELIC: 3rd Class Relics are available in either laminated prayer cards or as a crocheted memento for an offering of \$2.50 each. 2nd Class Relics are available in small envelopes for an offering of \$2.50 each.



SHOP ONLINE: Items in the Gift Shop are available at SEELOS.org/gift-shop.

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



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☐ The ministry and maintenance of the Shrine ☐ My 1-year newsletter subscription renewal (\$12)

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