

ROMAN MISSAL

THIRD EDITION

October 5 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Texts for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectionary Entry

In July 2014, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approved inserting the Optional Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos in the proper calendar of the dioceses of the United States of America. The Congregation also granted *recognitio* for the official English translations for both the Collect at the celebration of the Mass, and for the Biography, Second Reading, and Responsory at the Office of Readings.

In September 2015, the liturgical texts in Spanish were approved.

In 2017 a notation on the readings for Mass was issued as part of the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*.

English texts

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USCCB website link to texts:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/blessed-francis-xavier-seelos.cfm>

Spanish texts

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OCTOBER

PROPER OF SAINTS

October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Optional Memorial

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor, or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious.

Collect

**O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
outstanding in love,
that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption
and comfort those in affliction,**

**grant, by his intercession,
that we may work zealously for your glory
and for the salvation of mankind.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Optional Memorial

Born in Füssen, Germany in 1819, he entered the diocesan seminary and, coming to know the charism of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, joined it and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as assistant pastor of his confrere Saint John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. He dies in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 4, 1867.

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor, or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious.

Office of Readings

SECOND READING

From the Letters of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

(Archives of the Baltimore Province)

Place nothing ahead of God's love

This desire to bring a sacrifice to God again and again extends to everything that I ever loved in this life, and upon which my heart was set.

When I think of the beauties of nature, these do not stir up longing and melancholy, but I am filled with the greatest joy, because, since I am not giving God any real and true gifts, I can give him imagined and pretend ones. At the same time, in the overflowing of my good fortune, I cannot at all get away from the thought that in heaven God will give me those that, for him, I have forsaken in the world, and for this I also constantly pray.

And so, the novitiate and its completion, the taking of vows, the life with confreres of the Order, and above all, the insight to cherish these goods to the best of my ability, so that there is nothing left for me to desire, except to fulfill my duties better – these were the first blessings of divine mercy.

Everything was completely against my nature. But precisely the joyful acceptance of them, in God's boundless grace, made so clear to me the mystery of renunciation and patience in this world, that I feel that I am much too fortunate in the possession of my religious confreres and all the spiritual and temporal blessings that are bound together with it. And what is still more, that God has exalted me so high as to announce the Gospel to the poor, and to teach, and share with them his treasures.

Every offering has value only insofar as one snatches it away from one's own benefit and dedicates it to God through this self-conquest. One loves and gives precisely because one loves, and because one considers what is given as a good, as a treasure. Love of creatures must be subordinated to the love of God, whom one is pledged to love above all things.

Time, in which we have found nothing to offer up to God, is lost for eternity. If it is only the duties of our vocation that we fulfill with dedication to the will of God; if it is the sweat of our faces that, in resignation, we wipe from our brow without murmuring; if it is suffering, temptations, difficulties with our fellowmen – everything we can present to God as an offering and can, through them, become like Jesus his Son. Where the sacrifice is great and manifold, there, in the same proportion, is the hope of glory more deeply and more securely grounded in the heart of him who makes it.

RESPONSORY

Ps 119: 1-2; Mk 8: 34

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

– Blessed are they who keep his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.

– Blessed are they who keep his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

Prayer

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LECTIONARY FOR MASS

OCTOBER

PROPER OF SAINTS

[in the Dioceses of the United States]

October 5

651A Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Optional Memorial

Aside from the usual Mass readings of the day, any Lectionary readings from the Common of Pastors: For Missionaries may be used for Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (nos. 719-724).

5 de octubre

Beato Francisco Javier Seelos, presbítero

Memoria libre

Del Común de pastores: por los misioneros.

Oración colecta

**Oh Dios, que para anunciar los misterios de la redención
y soccorer de los necesitados
adornaste con eximia caridad
al beato Francisco Javier, presbítero,
concédenos, por su intercesión,
obrar diligentemente para tu gloria
y para la salvación de los hombres.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.**

LITURGIA DE LAS HORAS

5 de octubre

Beato Francisco Javier Seelos, presbítero

Memoria libre

Nació en Füssen (Alemania) en 1819. Ingresó en el seminario diocesano y, al conocer el carisma de la Congregación del Santísimo Redentor, decidió unirse a ella y marchar a Norte América. Recibió la ordenación sacerdotal en 1844 y comenzó su ministerio pastoral en Pittsburgh (Pensilvania) como coadjutor de san Juan Neumann, al mismo tiempo que servía como maestro de novicios y se dedicaba a la predicación. Más tarde se dedicó por completo a predicar en inglés y alemán como misionero itinerante en diversos estados. Murió en New Orleans (Luisiana) el 4 de octubre de 1867.

Del Común de pastores: para un presbítero.

Oficio de lectura

SEGUNDA LECTURA

De las cartas del beato Francisco Javier Seelos, presbítero

(Archivos de la Provincia del Baltimore)

No antepongas nada al amor de Dios

Este deseo de ofrecer una y otra vez un sacrificio a Dios abarca todo lo que yo he amado en esta vida y en lo cual he puesto mi corazón.

Cuando pienso en las bellezas de la naturaleza, éstas no me mueven ni a desearlas ni a la melancolía, sino que más bien me llenan de gran gozo, ya que no le doy a mi Dios ningún don real o verdadero puedo darle dones imaginarios y deseados. Al mismo tiempo, en la abundancia de mi buena fortuna, no me puedo quitar del pensamiento que en el cielo Dios me premiará con aquellos dones que por él he renunciado en el mundo y por esto oro incesantemente.

Así pues, el noviciado y su fin, la profesión de votos, la vida con los hermanos de la Orden y sobre todo el deseo de apreciar estos bienes con la mejor de mis habilidades, fueron las primeras bendiciones de la divina misericordia, así no hubo nada que tuviera que desear, excepto cumplir mejor con mis obligaciones.

Todo estaba totalmente en contra de mi naturaleza. Pero precisamente la gozosa aceptación de todo, por la sobreabundante gracia de Dios, me hizo tan evidente el misterio de la renuncia y la paciencia en este mundo, que me siento demasiado afortunado al tener a mis hermanos religiosos y todas las bendiciones espirituales que esto conlleva. Y es más, Dios me ha exaltado hasta el punto de poder anunciar el evangelio a los pobres, de enseñar y compartir con ellos sus tesoros.

Cada ofrenda tiene valor solamente en tanto que uno se olvida del propio beneficio y se ofrece a Dios a través de esta conquista personal. Uno ama y da precisamente porque uno ama y porque considera lo que se da como bueno, como un tesoro. El amor de las criaturas debe estar subordinado al amor de Dios con quien se está comprometido a amar sobre todas las cosas.

El tiempo en que no encontramos nada que ofrecer a Dios, es tiempo perdido para la eternidad. Si fuera solamente los deberes de nuestra vocación lo que cumplimos con dedicación a la voluntad de Dios; si fuera el sudor de nuestra frente el que, con resignación, enjugáramos sin murmurar; si fuera el sufrimiento, las tentaciones y dificultades con nuestros hermanos todo lo que podemos presentar a Dios como ofrecimiento, podríamos, a través de todo ello, llegar a ser como su Hijo Jesús. Cuando el sacrificio es grande y diverso, en la misma proporción está la esperanza de una gloria más profunda y firmemente afincada en el corazón de quien lo hace.

RESPONSORIO

Sal 119 (118), 1-2; Mc 8, 34

R/. Dichoso el que, con vida intachable, camina en la ley del Señor. * Dichoso el que, guardando sus preceptos, lo busca de todo corazón.

V/. Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, que se niegue a sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y me siga.

R/. Dichoso el que, guardando sus preceptos, lo busca de todo corazón.

Oración

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LECCIONARIO DE LA MISA

OCTUBRE

PROPIO DE LOS SANTOS

5 de octubre

Beato Francisco Javier Seelos, presbítero

Memoria libre

Común de pastores.

MISSALE ROMANUM

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PROPRIUM DE SANCTIS

Die 5 octobris
Beati Francisci Xaverii Seelos, presbyteri

De Communi pastorum: pro uno pastore, vel de Communi sanctorum: pro religiosis.

Collecta

**Deus, qui ad nuntianda redemptionis mysteria,
et ad maerentes sublevandos,
beatum Franciscum Xaverium presbyterum,
eximia caritate decorasti,
eius intercessione concede,
ut diligenter ad tuam gloriam
hominumque salutem opemur.
Per Dominum.**