

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Sunday at 9:00am
St. Mary's Chapel

Sunday at 10:30am
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Weekday Mass Times

Monday thru Friday at 7:30am
St. Mary's Chapel

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays during 7:30am Mass
St. Mary's Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month after the
7:30am Mass
St. Mary's Chapel

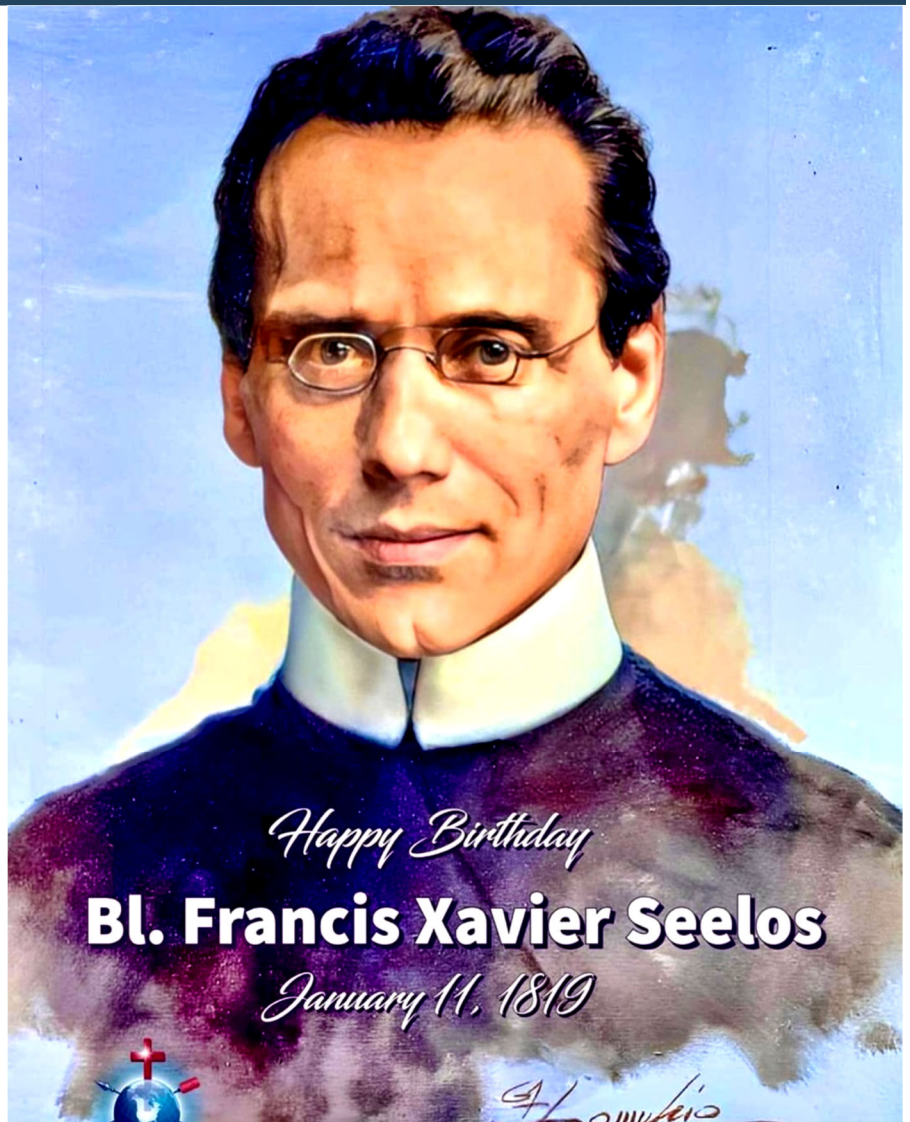
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:15pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Office Hours: M-F; 9am to 2pm

Contact us at: StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday Hours Vary)



**Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

January 14, 2024

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in the second week of the Ordinary season. In the Gospel of John, two followers of John the Baptist decided to follow Jesus after their teacher introduced Jesus to them. When Jesus asked them what they were looking for, they responded by asking where He was staying. Jesus invited them, saying, “Come, and you will see.” This “Come and see” invitation is basically the first step for anyone who wants to follow Jesus, as He’s always inviting His followers to come along.

The Redemptorists, founded in Naples on November 9, 1732, by St. Alphonsus, have inspired many people to join the Redemptorist Congregation to bring Good News to the poor and most abandoned. Every year, the Redemptorist invites young people to go to the program called “Come and See”, which helps young people understand more about what the Redemptorist Congregation does. After that, they can decide if they want to join, to serve, and to bring the message of God to everyone around them.

To support many young seminarians of the Redemptorist religious order, we ask for financial support through the Co-Redemptorist Mission appeal. Fr. Thien Hoang, who will be at all Masses this weekend, is an example. He was once a seminarian and now he is a priest, all thanks to the financial and spiritual support from various people.

There is also a Seelos’ Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Mary’s Assumption Church this Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1pm. Blessed Seelos, born on January 11, 1819, and he passed away on October 4, 1867. He responded to Jesus’ call to serve people and to bring Good News to everyone. Attending Blessed Seelos’s Healing Mass is a chance to learn more about his life and figure out how we can bring Good News to people around us. It’s also a way for all of us to respond to Jesus’s invitation to follow Him. **Amen.**

Fr. John Son Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, January 20 – 4:00pm**

Lector: D. Waldron

Eucharistic Minister: G. Maginnis

- **Sunday, January 21 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: S. Baker

- **Sunday, January 21 – 10:30am**

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Minister: B. Fleischer; J. Cross; B. Perrault

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #8 Gloria | #21 Holy | #28 Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer #36 Lamb of God

OT 2 Response | Gospel B61 Readings: Hymnal #1039

Song of Gathering: #414 - To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

Song of Offertory: #640 - The King of Glory

Song of Communion: #711 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Rec: #683 - In Christ There is No East or West

Happy Feast Day! Blessed, Peter Donders – Jan. 14th



A Redemptorist and a Blessed, Peter Donders ministered, preached and administered the sacraments to the enslaved Africans in Surinam. He ministered to the indigenous peoples, as well as those afflicted with leprosy. May Donders fill each of us with a sense of mission to reach out to and to advocate for the abandoned and poor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

4:00pm Dr. Michael F. Giorlando & Family
+Judith W. Giorlando
+Frank G. Gullo

Sunday, January 14

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Leyrer Dietz
+Fay Neal

Monday, January 15

7:30am: Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

Tuesday, January 16

7:30am: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)

Wednesday, January 17

7:30am: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)

Thursday, January 18

7:30am: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)

Friday, January 19

7:30am: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)
T. J. Pruderer

Saturday, January 20

4:00pm: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)

Sunday, January 21

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners
10:30am: +Fabio & Maria Fernandez
+Kathleen Karle

SANCTUARY CANDLE JANUARY INTENTION



For the Repose of the souls of
Fabio & Maria Fernandez,
requested by
Jay & Terry Loetzerich

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Report: Weekend January 7, 2024:

\$3,645.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$664.00	Loose Collection
\$38.00	Vigil Lights/Candles
\$2,510.00	Donations/Legacies
\$4,854.25.00	Reimbursements for lawncare & Insurance
\$11,711.00	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity!
- Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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Food Drive Totals:

January = 31 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: January 2024 – 31 food items were donated.

2023 was a successful Food Drive and we exceeded our goal of 8,000 food items collected. We are very thankful to our parish family who continues to remember our Food Drive and to keep our parish pantry full. All food donated goes directly to Hope House to distribute to families in need.

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

In Memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 15, 2024



May we remember the words and actions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to inspire new generations of Americans to work to overcome injustice, inequality, racism, and poverty. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Amen.

Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday on **(Mon) January 15, 2024.**

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th.

GUILD MINISTRY

Giving Back!

One Brown Bag at a time

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food and water to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags will be available to purchase after Mass.

(Suggested donation is \$2.00 per bag)

Thank you!

A note of thanks to everyone who helped take down, organize and store our Church's Christmas decorations. Your help was greatly appreciated!

HUMAN RELATIONS

Also, **thank you** for your generous donations in support of The New Orleans Catholic Worker's Winter Clothing Drive. The winter clothing items collected will be distributed to our homeless neighbors and those in need.

Co-Redemptorist Association Weekend! January 13 & 14, 2024!



To support our Redemptorist seminarians,
visit www.CoRedemptorists.org



Thank you!

We welcome Fr. Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R., who will share how we can support Redemptorist seminarians as members of the Co-Redemptorist Association. If you would like to support the Co-Redemptorists, please scan the bar code above, or you may fill out the envelope and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it directly. Please remember to support the Redemptorists in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians. **Thank you!**

Thanks to those who participated in our **Three Kings Challenge** in last week's bulletin!

We had two parishioners who called our parish office and they are the two winners:

Barbara Marvel
Jennifer Kelly

Each will be gifted \$25.00 in their name and the money will be donated to our 'Save St. Mary's' Restoration Fund to help restore our beautiful church. And a special thanks to our anonymous donor who gifted us with \$50 for this challenge.

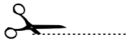
SPIRITUALITY & EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE



Please don't forget to stop at our Lending Library Bookshelf to borrow a spiritual book or magazine.

Our new bookcase pictured is located in the back of the church on the right hand side near the confessional in St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Thank you.



Below is the opportunity to sponsor
our Sanctuary Lamp from
March through December 2024.

SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

I would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at

(☐) St. Mary's Assumption (☐) Chapel

For the month of _____

Suggested donation: (\$50.00) _____ Other: _____

For the Intention
of: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Please fill out this form and place it in our
offertory basket or return it to our parish office)

If you have any questions, please call us at
(504) 522-6748.



**SAVE ST. MARY'S
BREAKING NEWS!**

A friend of St. Mary's has agreed to
MATCH ALL GIFTS up to **\$50,000!**

Now your donation can still be **DOUBLED**
and have twice the impact!

Please consider
donating to "Save St. Mary's Capital Campaign"
to help restore our beautiful church.

Please make all checks
payable to St. Alphonsus Parish, with a notation,
"Save St. Mary's". All checks can be placed in
the offertory basket at Mass or mailed to:
St. Alphonsus Parish Office
2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130

If you have any questions, please call our parish
office at 504-522-6748.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

Mass Intentions for 2024

Please call our parish office at
(504) 522-6748 and speak to Sue
to schedule a Mass Intention.



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at **StAlsPrayers@gmail.com** or call us at 774-701-1863. Leave the **first name** and the **reason** for your prayer request. The deadline for requesting prayers for the following week's prayer chain is 7:00pm on Sunday evening. Please update us weekly, if you need continued prayers.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for Bill Crotty, Retired Fr. Doug D., Trenella, Willie, Ruby, a new couple staying at the Catholic Worker house, Brian, Leeann, Connie & Ed, Caesar & Diana, Barbara, Sister Lillian, Alicia, Christians to share the peace & love of Jesus with others, Peace in the Ukraine, the Middle East and other worn-torn Areas, Jane & Kimberly, James, Nick, Kim, Alina, Fr. Steve, Jan & Jim, Kina & family, Frank, Lily, Claire, a sister of a new baby who has cancer. Please keep these individuals in your prayers and for all prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

St. Alphonsus Parish Mission Statement

In the tradition of our immigrant founders, St. Alphonsus Parish continues to be a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community of faith. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit, formed by the Gospel under the mantle of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and since 1843 served by the Redemptorists, men of faith such as Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

We are committed to carry forward a living history that shapes us into a Eucharistic community.

**Visit StAlphonsusNO.com/contact-us
to our email parish staff.**

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R., Pastor

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor

Fr. John Son Tran, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor

Redemptorists In Residence

Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., Local Superior, Interim Director of the Seelos Shrine

Fr. Gil Enderle, C.Ss.R., Vice-Postulator of Cause of Seelos

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Parish Council V. Pres. Marco Balducci, 504.388.3516

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504.454.1837

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Seelos Welcome Center 504.525.2495

St Alphonsus School 504.523.6594

Mercy Endeavors 504.568.0607

St. Thomas Clinic 504.529.5588

Catholic Worker 504.457.8062

Hope House 504.525-2561



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to any new parishioners! To register as a parishioner please contact the parish office or speak to us after any of our Masses. Reach out to a Redemptorist, contact the parish office at (504) 522-6748 or visit our online form ([www.StAlphonsusNO.com/My Own Church](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/MyOwnChurch)) to register as a parishioner.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance of your planned wedding date.

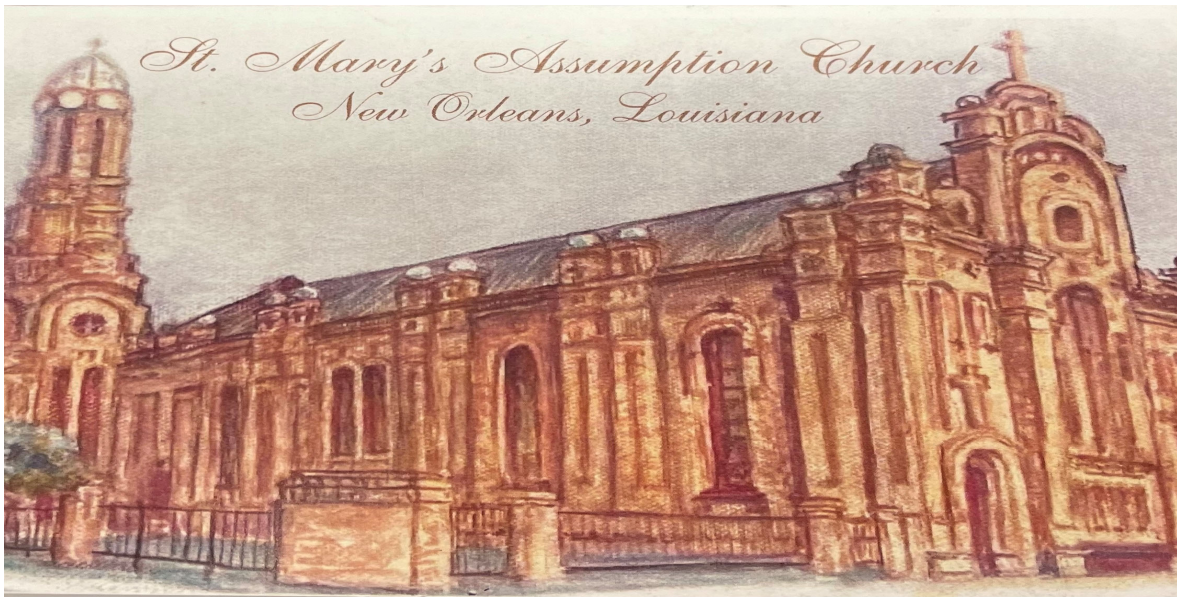
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our parish is committed to creating a safe space for all who come to worship. For more information about safe environment practices here and thru the archdioceses, please visit www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com.

(ALL submissions require pastoral staff approval)



Save St. Mary's Assumption Church Restoration Capital Campaign

St. Mary's is one of the most beautiful and historic churches in New Orleans. It is also the final resting place of Blessed Francis Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who ministered to his parish, especially those who were sick and dying of the yellow fever epidemic. Because of heroic care for others, he contracted the illness himself and died of it. His selfless dedication has placed him on the path to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

After 164 years of age and climate—which is hot, humid, and vulnerable to hurricanes—have taken a toll on St. Mary's. As a result, the church has sustained serious damage to the interior plaster walls and ceiling.

As stewards of this treasure and being deeply devoted to the legacy of Blessed Francis Seelos, the Redemptorists of the parish are raising the necessary funds to preserve this beautiful church. Their "Save St. Mary's Campaign Committee" is organizing and directing efforts to restore St. Mary's to its original beauty, while fortifying the structure for future generations. Would you consider helping us?

Mail your donation:

St. Alphonsus Parish
Attn: Restoration Fund
2030 Constance Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Giving made easy!

Scan the QR Code:



In-Person:

Place donations in the donation boxes in the back of the church or dip your credit card in the dip jar box.

For updates, visit:

www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys