

# 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](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday Hours Vary)



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers  
of men." - Mt 4:19

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**Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**January 21, 2024**

Parish Office: 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a surprise that New Orleans can get so cold that they have to shut down the I-10 East. It was a challenge for the people going to work or coming home on that cold day. Some drivers couldn't even get off of the I-10 East exit, and they were waiting and hoping for the best outcome. Several weeks ago, I mentioned *“hope”* in my homily for 2024. I was hoping for the best for our parishioners, our parish, the diocese, the church, and the City of New Orleans. Our faith in keeping hope alive in our ministries, actions and prayers. We are in the ordinary times, and yet we continue to carry on the Christmas message of *hope, peace, and love* into the world. We especially share our hope, peace, and love with our neighbors.

There are many things for our parish like looking forward to the future with hope and a positive outlook. We are having a leadership meeting with Saint Theresa of Avila Parish this week to begin the transition process. We will plan on collaboration and invitations to various ministries and celebrations with Saint Theresa of Avila Parish. There is also the Hispanic community, and we will have a more significant discussion about how to serve them, too. I pray and hope for the best transition for both parishes in the next several months. I also ask all of you to pray for our Saint Mary's Assumption and Saint Theresa of Avila Churches during this difficult transition period.

We are also looking forward to the Saint Joseph Altar decoration and celebrations, the Saint Patrick's Day parade, the concert in March in our beautiful Saint Mary's Assumption Church, and The season of Lent, which is just around the corner. All these events are made possible by the generosity and kindness of all of the volunteers and benefactors who sacrifice their time and resources. It puts Saint Mary's Assumption Church on the map, spreading the good news and works that we do in New Orleans. Our Church was started 165 years ago by German immigrants, and it was also served by our Blessed Father Seelos, and so, it will continue to flourish and to serve the people well into 2024.

Through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, may we continue the mission of *hope, peace, and love*.

Pax,

Fr. Chung, C.Ss.R.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, January 27 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** D. Gaiennie  
**Eucharistic Minister:** S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, January 28 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Frater  
**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater
- **Sunday, January 28 – 10:30am**  
**Lector:** D. Everard  
**Eucharistic Minister:** T. Schafer; M. Dahleh; C. Nelson

## 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 3 Response | Gospel B62 Readings: Hymnal #1042

Song of Gathering: #804 - Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Song of Offertory: #715 - The Summons

Song of Communion: #747 - Where Charity and Love Prevail

Rec: #810 - Go, Make of All Disciples



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, January 22

7:30am: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

### Tuesday, January 23

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

### Wednesday, January 24

7:30am: Joseph Vu Ngoc Dai (Health)  
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

### Thursday, January 25

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

### Friday, January 26

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

### Saturday, January 27

4:00pm: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

### Sunday, January 28

9:00am: +Fay Neal

10:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

## SANCTUARY CANDLE JANUARY INTENTION

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



Please call our parish office at  
504-522-6748 to schedule a Sanctuary  
Candle Intention or Mass Intention.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Collection Report: Weekend January 14, 2024:

\$762.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$907.00	Loose Collection
\$28.00	Vigil Lights/Candles
\$1,035.00	Donations/Legacies
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$6,791.50	Seelos Lawn, school insurance reimbursements
<b>\$11,533.50</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for supporting our parish!  
- Fr. Chung



### Second Collection Next Weekend: January 27 & 28

Our second collection for next weekend will be for the Catholic Schools Collection.

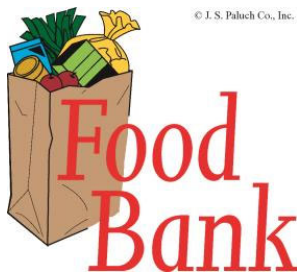
The goal of the Catholic School Collection is to make our Catholic schools available, accessible, and affordable for all. We appreciate your support.

### Food Drive Totals:

January = 48 non-perishable food items  
Year to Date: January 2024 – 48 food items were Donated, and a \$20.00 check.

Thank you for continuing to bring food items for our Food Drive! All food items are directly distributed by Hope House to families and individuals in need. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



### MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

*Join us on Sunday, Jan. 21*

Following the 10:30am Mass, please join us at the Mercy Covent (1017 St. Andrew Street) to make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors with the N.O. Catholic Worker. Social gathering to follow.

See Fr. Son or John in the back of church. We appreciate your support!



## *Gratitude to All our Co-Redemptorists!*

**Thank you for your generosity toward the Co-Redemptorists and for your hospitality!**

I realize it was a full weekend (Jan. 13 & 14) and I might not have seen some of you. If you did not have a chance to fill out a pledge card or make a contribution to support Redemptorist seminarians, there are still envelopes available at church and the parish office. You can bring your envelope to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. You can also give online by visiting [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org) or scan the barcode below.

Your contribution and support are greatly appreciated. Please continue to support us in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians. It was great being back in New Orleans and sharing this time with you.



**Thank you!**

**Rev. Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R.**



To support our Redemptorist seminarians,  
visit [www.CoRedemptorists.org](http://www.CoRedemptorists.org)



*Thank you!*



**St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at [StAlsPrayers@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## *Legacy Sunday is a way to remember your parish! (Jan. 20 & 21)*

**There's a new initiative this year in the Archdiocese of New Orleans called Legacy Sunday!**

**What is it all about?** - At all Masses in the Archdiocese on Jan. 20 & 21, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) is providing an informational brochure that prompts Catholics to reflect on the innumerable ways God has blessed us.

**How do you go about planning for Legacy Sunday?** This is not a second collection – just the opportunity to let parishioners know that they could remember their parish whenever they decided to write a will. In the past, we have had a few parishes emphasize legacy planning, but this will be the first archdiocesan-wide effort.

**How can Catholics include their parish in their will?** - It is very easy! The Catholic Community Foundation has set up a website - [www.ccfnoia.org/legacysunday](http://www.ccfnoia.org/legacysunday) - that has free resources to help people discover how charitable giving can be a significant part of setting up your Catholic legacy. My prayer is that all Catholics consider including their church parish as part of their legacy planning in order to continue the mission of Christ in the future. — (Message from Archbishop Gregory Aymond)

*(Pick up a brochure in the back of Church for more information)*

### **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.

### **Mass Intentions for 2024**

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



### 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](http://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

#### Parish Staff

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Forres Collins, Plant Manager, Maintenance, 504-522-6748

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

#### Parish Leadership

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Parish Council V. Pres. Marco Balducci, 504.388.3516

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504.454.1837

#### Local Ministry Information

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.

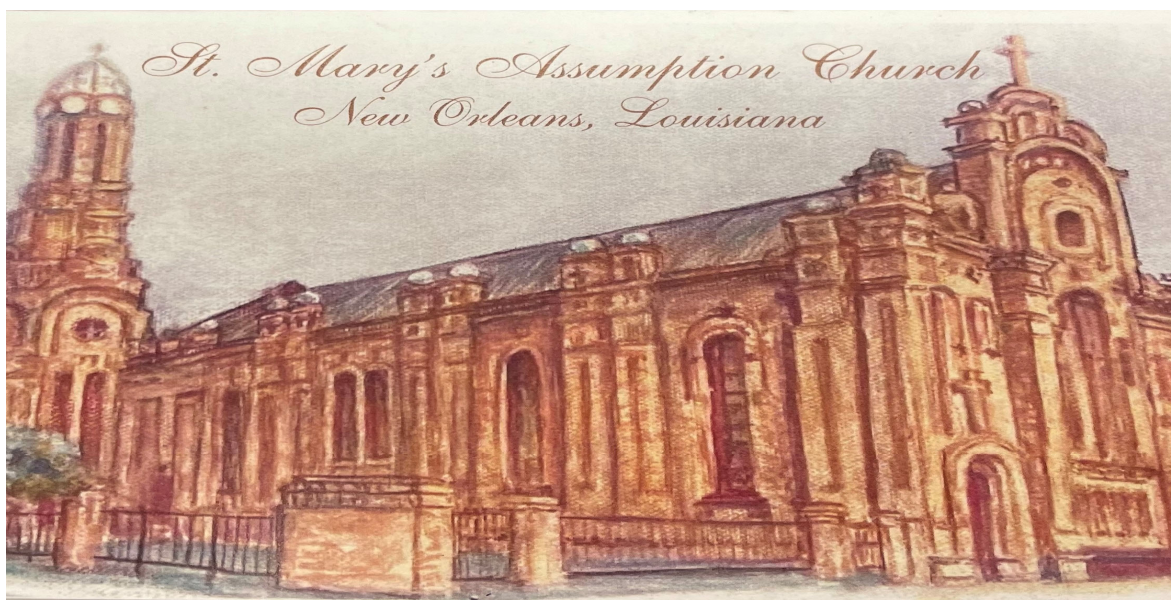
#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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](http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment)

#### SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: [StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)