

# 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

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

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

*(Holy Days/Holiday Hours Vary)*

THIRD  
Sunday  
OF  
LENT

*Do not come near!*

*Remove your sandals from your feet,  
for the place where you stand is  
holy ground.*

*Exodus 3:5*

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

504.522.6748 | Parish Website: [StAlphonsusNO.com](http://StAlphonsusNO.com)

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## LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent.

In the first reading, God gives Moses and the people the ten commandments. He is making a covenant with them and asking them to dedicate their lives to Him in a complete and a lasting way. By extension, God also invites us to be members of that covenant, and to follow Him whole heartedly while holding nothing back allowing God to permeate our lives.

We all know the commandments. We learned them when we were young and we have revisited them many times during our lives. They ask us to make a solid commitment to God and just as solid a commitment to our neighbors. They also demand of us, humility, sacrifice and love. They ask us to reach out to God and to others in service of reconciliation. To live the ten commandments is to embrace God and our neighbors joyfully and constantly.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to reconstruct our lives. To be holy and forgiving in all we do. Jesus said He would rise up in three days and in doing so, lifts us up with Him in God's everlasting glory. This Lenten season we can imitate His goodness and help each other arise and be renewed in spirit and in the totality of our lives.

Let us take the Lord's challenge to heart and renew the face of the earth.

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.



**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 Chris, Sharon, Jolynne, Tom, a good Lenten season, Geraldine, Charlene, Jamika, Pete, Elaine, Janie, TroyLynn, Elena, Debra, Ted, Eddy, Sarnel, Lodovico, and Linda. Please keep these above people in your prayers and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

*(Updated: February 20, 2024)*

Thank you for your prayers!

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, March 9 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** M. Saia  
**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Rafferty
- **Sunday, March 10 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Costanza  
**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George
- **Sunday, March 10 – 10:30am**  
**Lector:** L. Moran  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Dahleh; J. Higginbotham; 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

3rd Sunday of Lent Response | Gospel B20 Readings: Hymnal #986

Song of Gathering: #738 - What Wondrous Love

Song of Offertory: #579 - Grant to Us, O Lord

Song of Communion: #734 - Keep in Mind

Rec: #677 - We Acclaim the Cross of Jesus

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Food Drive Totals:

February = 469 non-perishable food items  
Year to Date: January-February 2024 – 1,002 food items were donated, and \$40.00.

We ended the month of February with over 1,000 food items donated to help keep Hope House's food pantry full. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 2

4:00pm St. Thomas Clinic

### Sunday, March 3

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

### Monday, March 4

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

### Tuesday, March 5

7:30am: Rev. Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R.

### Wednesday, March 6

7:30am: +Mercedes R. Waldron

### Thursday, March 7

7:30am: +Sylvia Brannen

### Friday, March 8

7:30am: Guild Ministry & Members

### Saturday, March 9

4:00pm: Janene Taylor  
David Dietz

### Sunday, March 10

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners  
10:30am: +Sylvia Brannen

### SANCTUARY CANDLE MARCH INTENTION

For the repose of the soul of  
Kevin Fortuna, requested by Mom



Please call our parish office at 504-522-6748 to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle at the Church or the Chapel for a loved one or a Mass Intention for 2024.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Report: Weekend Feb. 24 & 25, 2024:

\$1,554.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$823.00	Loose Collection
\$518.00	2nd Collection - Catholic Char.
\$640.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,252.56	Online Giving
<b>\$4,787.56</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity!  
Fr. Chung

GUILD MINISTRY



Next Weekend:

**March 9 & 10:** Brown Bags will be available at all Masses. Please consider purchasing more than one bag to give to someone in need. Thank you!

(Suggested donation: \$2 per bag).

*Hospitality Sunday!*  
*March 3rd*

Fellowship with us after Mass on Sunday and enjoy a sweet treat and coffee.



Join Us in  
Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

Mark your Calendar!



All are welcome to join us on

**Tuesday, March 19th**  
**12pm Blessing of St. Joseph's Altar**

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**Tuesday, March 19th**  
**11:00am Church will be open for viewing**  
**of the St. Joseph Altar**  
**Mass and Special Prayers offered and**  
**devotions to St. Joseph**

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**Church closes at 1pm on Tuesday, March 19th.**

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**The Altar will remain in place through**  
**Sunday, March 24th and a Potluck will follow**  
**in celebration of St. Joseph Feast Day after**  
**10:30am Mass.**

If you would like to help with the preparation and decoration of the Altar on (Mon) March 18th, make cookies, fill cookie bags - or if you can help set up and serve for the Potluck Meal on Sunday, March 24th following 10:30am Mass - please call our parish office at 504-522-6748.

(Please see the Insert in the bulletin for cookie recipes)

Thank you – Fr. Chung

## PARISH MISSION COMING SOON!

*All are welcome to join us!*

Mark your calendars for our Parish Mission this March! Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., will be joining us to guide us into our Lenten journey!

Please share these dates with your family, friends and neighbors.  
More details to come!

- **Monday, March 18 - 6:30pm**  
Meeting Jesus on the Way
- **Tuesday, March 19 - 6:30pm**  
Meeting Jesus at the Cross
- **Wednesday, March 20 - 6:30pm**  
Meeting Jesus at the Table



## St. Patrick's Day Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
Saturday, March 16 at 12pm



**There will be Irish Channel Parade starting at 1pm, immediately following 12pm Mass**

**(Please note: There will be no confessions today and no 4pm Mass)**

**Please invite your family & friends!!**



Wishing you a **Happy Birthday** filled with the redeeming love and joy of Christ!

**Rev. Michael Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R. - March 5**

If you would like to send a birthday card – please see his below address:

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Fr. Michael Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R.  
St. Michael's Catholic Church  
1633 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60614



**Remember to SET your clocks one (1) Hour ahead on **Sunday, March 10th!****

Lent 2024



# Reflect, Renew and Repent

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans

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St. Mary's Chapel  
1516 Jackson Ave.

## **Symphony Chorus Concert**

'Celebrate the Earth Through Song'

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Sunday, March 3 at 3pm

(Good Friday is obligatory day of abstinence for Catholics. Also, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. It is obligatory for: Catholics who are ages 14 until death to practice the law of abstinence. And Catholics who are 18-59 years old in good health are bound to practice the law of fasting).

### **St. Patrick's Day Mass**

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, March 16 at 12pm

*\*(There will be NO 4pm Vigil Mass)*

### **(Save the Date) Parish Mission: Meeting Jesus Again**

**Presenter:** Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Mon-Wed, March 18 - 20 at 6:30pm

### **St. Joseph's Day Celebrations**

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Monday, March 18

Preparations of the Altar

(9am - 2pm)

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Tuesday, March 19

Devotions to St. Joseph,

(Viewing and Blessing of Altar at 11am to 12pm)

*\*(Potluck following 10:30am Mass on Mar. 24)*

### **Confession Evenings - 5pm to 6:30pm**

St. Mary's Assumption Church on Wednesdays

March 6, 13 & 20

### **Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm**

St. Mary's Chapel

February 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15 & 22

### **Holy Week & Easter**

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Thursday, March 28 at 6:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29 at 12pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm

Good Friday Passion Service

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, March 30 at 8:00pm - Easter Vigil

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Sunday, March 31 at 8:30am & 10:30am

Easter Sunday Masses

*\*(There will be NO 9am Chapel Mass)*

### **Walk of the Nine Churches**

St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open 8am-3pm

St. Mary's Chapel will be open 8am-12pm

**Good Friday**



For more information, visit [www.StAlphonsusNO.com](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com) \Lent 2024

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### 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

Susan Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor 504.522.6748

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

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

#### Parish Leadership

Parish Council Pres. Rachel Langkopp, 504.256.1464

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.

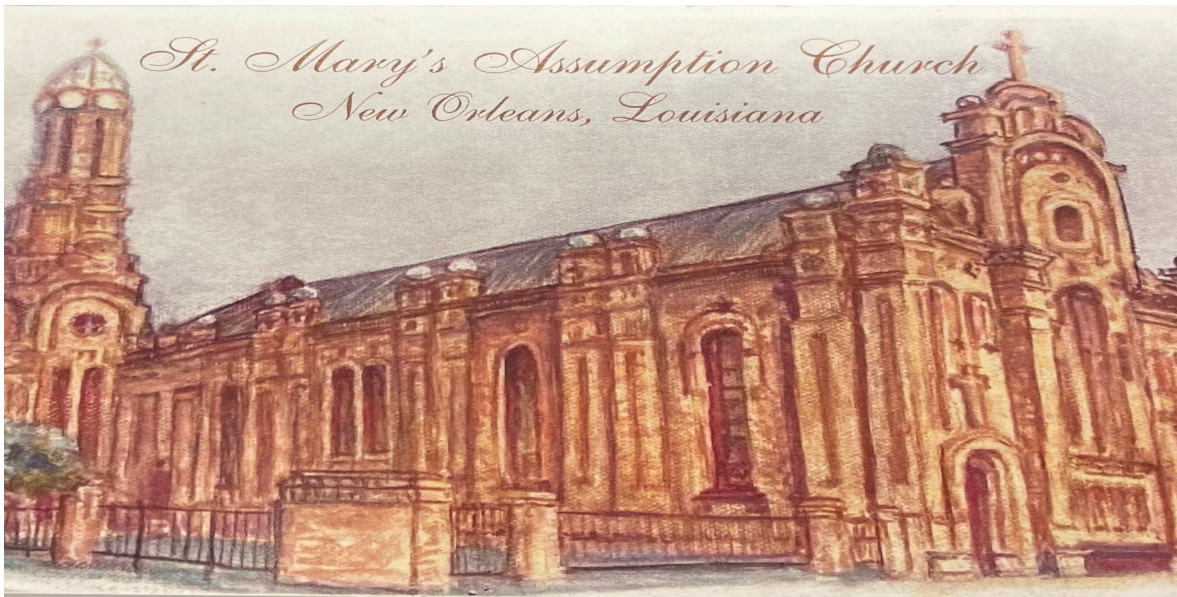
#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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)**