

St. Alphonse 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

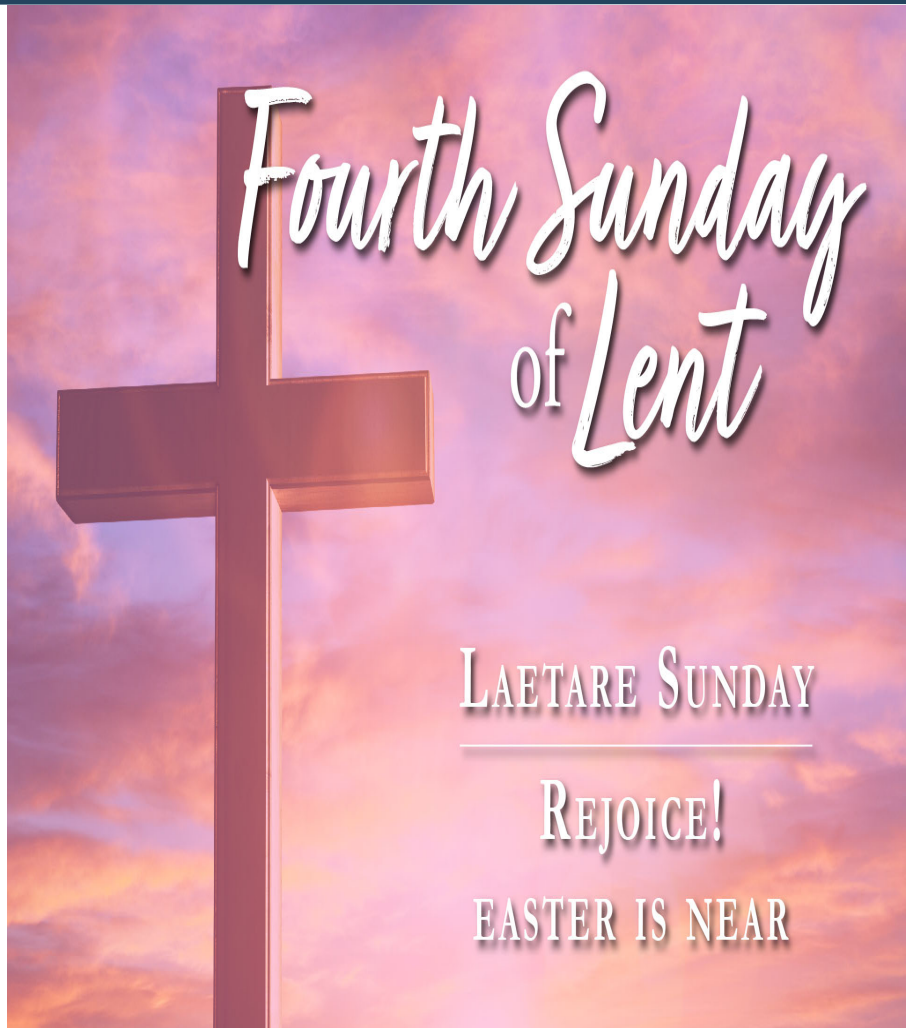
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Email : StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday Hours Vary)



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As we enter the fourth week of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday, let us reflect on the profound words and teachings that fill us with endless **joy**. Today we are reminded of the scripture in the Gospel of John: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* Can there be sweeter words to nourish our souls? Let us allow these words into our hearts, filling us with the boundless love of our Heavenly Father.

How can we adequately express our gratitude to Him? Can we ever truly measure His love? Let us reflect on what we have done in response to the love shown to us through God the Son.

As members of our parish community, we’re constantly reminded to spread God’s love to those around us. In our weekly catechism sessions every Monday, I often engage the children in discussions about our faith. One question I frequently ask is about the nature of God—how many Gods there are. The children are quick to respond: There are three persons in one God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It’s a beautiful reminder that God loves us always, guiding us to live with love and to share our blessings with others. Recently, I shared a bag of candy with the children, and I was moved to see them sharing it with their classmates. It may seem like a small gesture, but it speaks volumes about their understanding of love and kindness.

We are called to express God’s love and to extend it to those around us. Whether, it’s through acts of kindness or sharing our blessings with others. As we journey through Lent, let us use this time to prepare ourselves through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We are also invited to meditate on the 14 Stations of the Cross, a reminder of God’s love for us and the sacrifice He made for our salvation.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth and renewal for each of us as we strive to live out God’s love in our daily lives.

Fr. John Son Tran, 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 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 Janie, TroyLynn, Elena, Debra, Ted, Eddy, Sarnel, Lodovico, Linda, Jeremy, Clarence, Paul, Minh Thi, Robert, Cece, Marge, Sally, Todd, Jenn & Linda, Lois, Diana & Sister Lillian, Gene, Joe, Amy, and that we see each day of Lent as a step towards conquering death through Jesus’s Resurrection. 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: March 5, 2024)

Liturgy Notes

© J.S. Palloch Co., Inc.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, March 16 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, March 17 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: C. Wilkerson
- **Sunday, March 17 – 10:30am**
Lector: B. Perrault
Eucharistic Minister: C. Nelson; K. Nguyen; B. Sallettes

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

4th Sunday of Lent Response | Gospel B22 Readings: Hymnal #989

Song of Gathering: #703 - Lift High the Cross

Song of Offertory: #576 - Amazing Grace

Song of Communion: #777 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Rec: #585 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PLEASE NOTE: There is no 4pm Mass on March 16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9

4:00pm Janene Taylor
David Dietz

Sunday, March 10

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Sylvia Brannen

Monday, March 11

7:30am: +Deceased Daughters of Charity

Tuesday, March 12

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

Wednesday, March 13

7:30am: +Felix Caserta

Thursday, March 14

7:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Friday, March 15

7:30am: Geraldine Ross

Saturday, March 16

12:00pm: St. Patrick's Day Intentions

Sunday, March 17

9:00am: +Pat and Mike Quinlan

10:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Food Drive Totals:

March = 237 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: January-March 2024 – 1,253 food items were donated, and \$43.00.

The parish Food Drive continues to be a great help to Hope House and to the people who go to them for assistance. We are grateful for all who donate non-perishable food items. Thank you!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



STEWARDSHIP

Collection Report: Weekend Mar. 3 & 4, 2024:

\$1,992.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,079.00	Loose Collection
\$50.00	Mass Stipends
\$745.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,000.00	Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals
\$6,466.75	School Insurance Reimbursement
\$3,458.05	Online Giving
\$15,790.80	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity!
Fr. Chung

MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, March 10: All are welcome to join the Young Adults after 10:30am Mass for **Stations of the Cross** with Fr. Son. We will gather after the Stations, to walk over to the Convent at 1017 St. Andrew St. to make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors. Please join us!



GUILD MINISTRY



March 9 & 10: Brown Bags: Brown bags will be distributed and available for sale at all Masses. Each bag contains water and a food item to give to someone in need. Thank you!

(Suggested donation is \$2.00 per bag).

Second Collection: March 17:

Our second collection for next week is for Archdiocesan Seminarian Education.

We appreciate your generosity.

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 4pm Mass)

Please invite your family & friends!!



Easter Lily Memorial Flowers

Please fill out your Flower Offering envelopes, along with the person's name being remembered, and place in the offertory basket, and return it by March 24th.

Memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletin

Join Us in Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

Mark your Calendar!



All are welcome to join us on
Tuesday, March 19th
11am-12pm, Viewing & Blessing of Altar;
followed by a 12pm Mass of prayers and
devotions to St. Joseph. The Church will
close at 1pm.

* * *

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

* * *

Volunteers are Needed for the below!

**Bake Cookies, donate food items for the
Altar** - We will receive cookie & food
donations from
(Mon) March 11 - (Wed) March 13
at our parish office
between 9am-2pm.

(Thu) March 14 (9am-2pm) - Volunteers will fill
cookie bags in the 1st floor Conference Room
of the Rectory

(Mon) March 18 (9a-2pm) - Prepare Altar

(Sun) March 24 - Potluck after 10:30am
Mass; volunteers are needed to help set up for
9:30am for our potluck, serve food and clean up
afterwards in the St. Mary's Courtyard.

If you have any questions about our volunteer
schedule or about our St. Joseph's Feast Day
celebrations - please call 504-522-6748.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

PARISH MISSION COMING!

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.

Meeting Jesus *again*

St. Mary's Assumption Church

923 Josephine St., New Orleans, LA 70130

Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm

Meeting Jesus on the Way

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30pm

Meeting Jesus on the Cross

with the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm

Meeting Jesus on the Table

Mass

All are welcome to join us!



Lent 2024



Reflect, Renew and Repent

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans

St. Mary's Assumption
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Ave.

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

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

(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).

3-Day Parish Mission: Meeting Jesus Again

St. Mary's Assumption Church

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

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

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 13 & 20

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm

St. Mary's Chapel

March 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\Lent 2024

Facebook @AIsNOLA | Instagram @StAlphonsusNOLA



**Need Greeters for St. Mary's Assumption
and St. Mary's Chapel
'Walk of the Nine Churches'
Good Friday – March 29, 2023 from 8am to 3pm**

We need volunteers to help with greeting visitors on Good Friday as they come to our church and our chapel. We will need greeters and ushers by the front entrance, and side entrance of St. Mary's Assumption Church from 8am to 3pm; and greeters for the entrance of St. Mary's Chapel from 8am to 12pm.

If you can help for a few hours, **please fill out your name and phone number on the sign-in sheet** located in the back of church; and a sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the Chapel, too.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

*Evenings of
Confession*

WEDNESDAYS 5:00-6:30PM
MARCH 6, 13 & 20

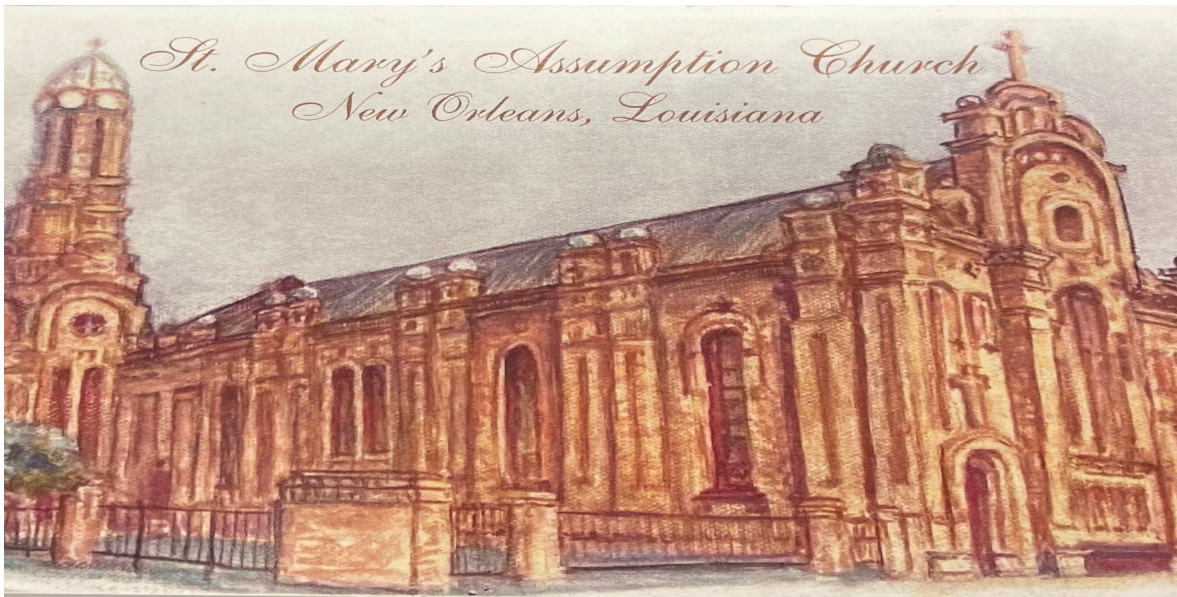
ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH
923 JOSEPHINE ST., NEW ORLEANS

www.stalphonsusno.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN US!**

Fridays at 6pm
St. Mary's Chapel
March 1, 8, 15 & 22



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