

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

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

(Holy Days/Holiday – Office Hours may Vary)



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

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

504.522.6748 | Parish Website: StAlphonsusNO.com

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

NEWS! Save St Mary's!

We have reached our 1st goal – we have raised \$2.1 million! Now we can begin work on PHASE I – EXTERIOR, which will stop the leaks and stop the damage to our beloved church.

We are currently working on a contract with a masonry company – construction is expected to begin before Easter. Soon, you will see scaffolding around the church – hopefully, you will view this as progress. Exterior work will take approximately 18 months due to the massive size of the building.

Exterior work will include:

Spray and remove trees/foilage/roots - remove/relocate bird nests and beehives – install screens to prevent future birds/bees - replace old damaged mortar with new historically appropriate mortar - apply water repellant coating to the bricks - repair & repaint window frames.

What is next? - We are halfway there!

Once the Exterior is complete, the Interior of the church will need to dry out before work can begin on the inside.

The 18 months and the drying out period will hopefully allow time to raise funds for PHASE II – INTERIOR. Another \$2 million is needed to restore the interior beauty of our church – repair the damaged walls/plasterwork & repaint historic colors. Again, the high cost is due to the massive size and the age of the church.

What you can do?

- Keep our *Save St. Mary's* campaign in your prayers so that we can restore this sacred place to its former glory.
- Be an ambassador for St. Mary's - tell your friends & relatives about our beautiful church and encourage them to come see it for themselves.
- Contact us if you know of anyone who may be willing to donate.
- Continue to donate whatever you can, as often as you can, to *Save St. Mary's*.
- All gifts are important and needed, both large and small. **Thank you!**

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, March 23 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Waldron (Voice, 1st Reading)
Lector: M. Saia (Voice, 2nd Reading)
Eucharistic Minister: T. Saia
- **Palm Sunday, March 24 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Costanza (Voice, 1st Reading)
Lector: K. Soileau (Narrator, 2nd Reading, Intercessions/ Commentator)
Eucharistic Minister: T. George
- **Palm Sunday, March 24 – 10:30am**
Lector: B. Perrault (Voice, 1st Reading)
Lector: G. Gitz (Narrator, 2nd Reading, Intercessions/ Commentator)
Eucharistic Minister: B. Fleischer; T. Schafer; M. Schafer

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

5th Sunday of Lent Response | Gospel B24 Readings: Hymnal #992

Song of Gathering: #420 - From Ashes to the Living Font

Song of Offertory: #849 - O God beyond All Praising

Song of Communion: #536 - Eat This Bread

Rec: #639 - You Are the Way

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

March = 271 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: January-March 2024 – 1,287
food items were donated, and \$43.00.

Thank you so much for remembering to keep our parish pantry full, so Hope House can help distribute food to families in our community. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

12:00pm St. Patrick's Day Intentions

Sunday, March 17

9:00am: +Pat and Mike Quinlan

10:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, March 18

7:30am: +Dr. James R. Staten

Tuesday, March 19

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

Wednesday, March 20

7:30am: Andrew Woodroof

Thursday, March 21

7:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

12:00pm: +Elaine Shelley

Sunday, March 24

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

Collection Report: Weekend Mar. 9 & 10, 2024:

\$1,187.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$727.00	Loose Collection
\$82.00	Vigil Lights/Candles
\$1,645.00	Donations/Legacies
\$30.00	Mass Stipends
\$108.25	Lawn Service Reimbursement
\$1,100.05	Online Giving
\$4,879.30	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity!
Fr. Chung

Volunteers

GUILD MINISTRY



We are in need of **volunteers** to assist in decorating St. Mary's Church for Holy Week.

We need help on the days/times below:

- (Sat) March 23 - Meet at 9am for Palm Sunday preparations
- (Wed) March 27 - Meet at 1pm for Holy Thursday's preparations

***After the Holy Thursday Service, we need help to remove decorations and to set up for Good Friday (church visitation).

- (Sat) March 30 - Meet at 10am to set up for Easter Vigil

If you can help on any of these days, please call the parish office at 504-522-6748 and leave your name and phone number.

We appreciate your help!

PARISH MISSION STARTING THIS MONDAY, MARCH 18!

Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., will be joining us to guide us into our Lenten journey!

Invite your family & friends!

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!



Join Us in Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph!

All are welcome!

(Tue) March 19th - Viewing & Blessing of Altar from 11am-12pm; followed by a 12pm Mass of prayers and devotions to St. Joseph at St. Mary's Assumption Church. *(The church will be open until 1pm).*

The Altar will remain in place through Sunday, March 24 and we will have a potluck meal following 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday.

(Mon) March 18th - If you would like to help us decorate the altar, please join us at 9am at St. Mary's Assumption Church. We thank of all of those who have offered to help and to bring food items for our altar.

(Sun) March 24 – St. Joseph's Potluck after 10:30am Mass; Volunteers are needed to help set up our courtyard for the potluck, to serve food, and to help clean up afterwards. Also, if you would like to bring your favorite Meatless dish to share or dessert, please call our parish office at 504-522-6748.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung



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 Jeremy, Clarence, Paul, Minh Thi, Robert, Cece, Marge, Sally, Todd, Jenn and Linda, Lois, Diana & Sister Lillian, Gene, Joe, Luke, Dan, Doug, and please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol, who attended mass at the Chapel. 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 12, 2024)



St. Alphonsus Parish

2024 Lenten Calendar

St. Mary's Assumption Church
923 Josephine Street

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Avenue

Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's Chapel
Fridays at 6:00pm
March 8, 15 & 22

Evenings of Confession

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Wednesdays from 5pm-6:30pm
March 6, 13 & 20

St. Patrick's Day Mass

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

**There will be No 4pm Vigil Mass*

3-Day Parish Mission

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Mon-Wed, March 18-20 at 6:30pm
Presenter: Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebrations

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Tuesday, March 19 – 11am to 12pm
Viewing and Blessing of Altar; followed by 12pm Mass.

**A potluck following 10:30am Mass on March 24 to celebrate feast day*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil
8:00pm

Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross
12pm
Passion of Our Lord Service
3:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunday Masses
8:30am & 10:30am
**There is No 9am Mass at the Chapel*

Good Friday – Walk of the Nine Churches

St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open 8am-3pm
St. Mary's Chapel will be open 8am-12pm

For more information, visit www.StAlphonsusNO.com
Follow us on Facebook @AlsNOLA or call (504) 522-6748

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

Parish Staff

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

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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.

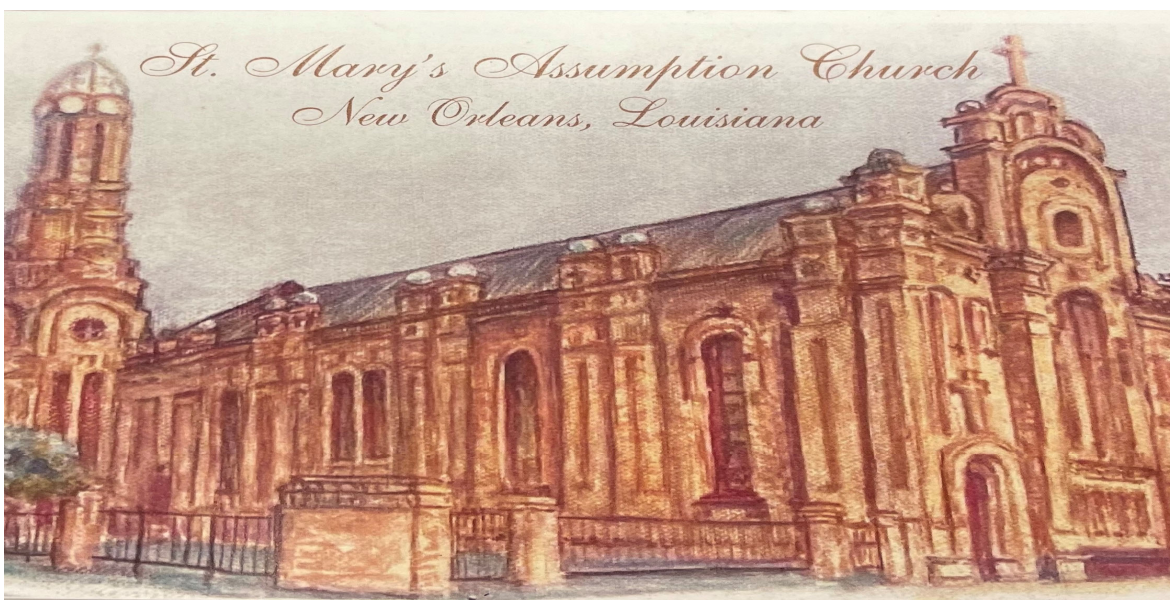
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

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