

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

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504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday – Office Hours may vary)



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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Why is this night different from all other nights?

On this night of every year, we attend the Easter Vigil in a Church.

On this night of every year, we have a procession with the Easter candle.

On this night of every year, we sing hymns while we stand next to our loved ones.

On this night of every year, we celebrate and welcome our loved ones into the Church”

Many of us celebrate Easter differently and in our own way. Some may be missing from the table as they fight an illness alone in a hospital, while relatives and friends long to be with them in person. Some will be mourning their loved ones who lost their battle to cancer, and it is time to plan their funeral. Some will be going to work on Easter, to provide food for their families as they fear hunger of their crying children. Some will be terrified about what may happen when they cannot pay their monthly rent or the thought of being evicted.

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Because on this night, we acclaim the Alleluia and let the light of the risen Christ shine through the darkness.

We think we know about Easter and the resurrection, but Easter is not only about what happened to Jesus, but to a great degree, it is about what happens to us, as our lives are transformed by His rising.

Paul speaks about Christians being so united with Christ that when He dies, we die with Him. And when He is raised, so we are, too. We not only await final transformation but every time we stand with the crucified peoples of our day, as did Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the Risen One is alive in us as we break the hold of death-dealing powers even, now.

My brothers and sisters, the Risen One is alive in us, as we break the hold of death and we too, rise. We rise from the pain of losing a loved one, we rise from terror and fear from our current situations, we rise to fight what is holding us down, and we rise to give each other hope and comfort.

Let the Easter **joy** awake in us as Christ raises us to a new life beyond this present death.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.



Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Easter Vigil, March 30 – 8:00pm**

Lectors: Reading 1 – Gen 1:1-2:2 – M. Saia
 Reading III – Exodus 13:15-15:1 – T. Borgman
 Reading V – Isaiah 55:1-11 – T. Costanza
 Epistle – Romans 6:3-11 & Commentator – D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Saia; S. Gaiennie

- Easter Sunday, March 31 – 8:30am**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

- Easter Sunday, March 31 – 10:30am**

Lector: B. Perrault

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; J. Cross; E. Rafferty

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Easter Vigil Response | Hymnal #988

Lucernarium: Begins outside.
 Procession: Fr. Chung intones "The Light of Christ"; all respond: "Thanks be to God." (3X)

Exsulet (Fr. Son sings)

First Reading: #999: Response B34 "The Earth is Full..."
 Third Reading: #1001: Response B36 "Let us sing to the Lord..."
 Fifth Reading: #1003 Response B37 "I will praise you, Lord..."

Gloria #8 (with bells throughout)
 Epistle #1006
 Gospel Verse B43 (Choir intones, Sheila leads congregation & sings verses)
 During Blessing of Congregation: #696: "God, Who at the Font Once Named Us (Sheila announces)
 Presentation of Gifts: #450: All You On Earth
 Communion: #552: Make of Our Hands a Throne
 Recession: #453: At the Lamb's High Feast

Easter Sunday Response/Gospel B45 /Readings #1009
 E: #450: All You on Earth
 Sequence: #460: Let Christians All Their Voices Raise
 O: #452: Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er
 C: #453: At the Lamb's High Feast
 R: #480: Sing, Rejoice, O Heavenly Power

PLEASE NOTE: There is No 9am Chapel Mass on Easter Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

8:00pm For the newly baptized around the world

Sunday, March 31

8:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +James A. Waldron

Monday, April 1

7:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Tuesday, April 2

7:30am: +Sylvia Brannen

Wednesday, April 3

7:30am: Emily Giorlando
 Mack Dietz

Thursday, April 4

7:30am: +Geraldine Smith

Friday, April 5

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Saturday, April 6

4:00pm: +Greg Martin

Sunday, April 7

9:00am: Guild Ministry & Members
 +Deceased Daughters of Charity
 10:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

APRIL INTENTION

In Memory of Louise & Harold Hahn,
 requested by Gerry Ross & Family



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

Stewardship

Collection Report: Weekend Mar. 23 & 24, 2024:

\$1,419.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$807.00	Loose Collection
\$98.00	Vigil Lights/Candles
\$1,139.00	Donations/Legacies
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$160.00	Easter Flowers
\$6,466.75	School Insurance Reimbursement
\$10,099.75	Total Giving

We appreciate your generosity!
Fr. Chung



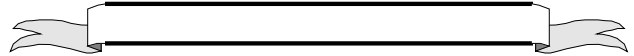
Our parish Office
will be **CLOSED**
on
Monday, April 1st

We will reopen on April 2nd.

Many Thanks! to all of our volunteers who helped with our St. Joseph's Altar, Palm Sunday, St. Joseph's Potluck! And to those who helped clean and prepare the church & chapel for Holy Week.

We appreciate your help greeting visitors on Good Friday. And for those who assisted with decorating our church & chapel so beautifully for Easter.

May God bless you - Fr. Chung

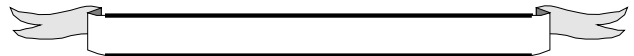


WEDDING BANNERS

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April 20, 2024 – Tri Tran &
Tam Uyen Nguyen

May God's blessing be upon
this couple as they prepare
for the sacrament of marriage.



STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

March = 856 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: January through March 25 – 1,872
food items and \$43.00 in cash and checks.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for donating
over 300 non-perishable food items! Your love
and continued support amazes me!
Thank you for your generosity.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

GUILD MINISTRY

Hospitality Sunday! April 7th

Join us for fun and fellowship after
Mass on Sunday, April 7th and
enjoy donuts and coffee.



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR, PALM SUNDAY, ST. JOSEPH'S POTLUCK

The Redemptorist Community enjoyed fellowshiping with our Church Family and friends! We thank all of those who helped with our St. Joseph's Altar, Palm Sunday and St. Joseph's Potluck. Thank you – Fr. Chung



WE LOVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Easter Flower Offerings



Requested by:

Mary Ann Wingard
Richard Egyud
Catherine Joachim
Jason & Sue Higginbotham
Cesyle Nelson
Richard O'Neill
Ms. Janene Taylor & Mr. Philip Rudolph
Mr. & Mrs. Usey & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kauchak

In Memory of:

Julie & Christian Wingard
Mary & Steven Egyud
Robert Frances
Deceased Ross & Higginbotham Family Members
Fay Neal
Dr. & Mrs. J. F. O'Neill
Karen Kattengell
Sidney Usey, Jr.
Deceased Kauchak & Baker Family Members

Mrs. Dale Dietrich
Mrs. Dorothy Payton

Thank you for the flower sponsors and donors!



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 Luke for success in school; Dan who was attacked by a dog; Doug's health, a cease-fire in Gaza, so food & water can reach the people; Tyler's recovery from an auto accident; Paul's health; Rosie who had a stroke; Laura & her two sons; Carry & Randy who are homeless; Albert's prayer request; Karin's health; Eric's sobriety; Peter's skin cancer healing; Beneficiary prayers for the opera; Those suffering from colds and flu symptoms; All those suffering from hunger around the country and in the world. 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.**

Updates: Joe has recovered from his concussion, praise God.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Geraldine Smith and Lisa Johnson—recently passed—Ms. Smith was a religious teacher at St. Alphonsus School, and Ms. Johnson worked in the school cafeteria. **Amen.**

Thank you for your prayers!

(Updated: March 26, 2024)



St. Mary's Updates:



Save St. Mary's: PHASE 1 – EXTERIOR – \$2.1 million has been raised! Scaffolding has gone up on the exterior of St. Mary's in preparation for Phase 1 to restore the outside of the church including: removal of foliage, roots; removal and relocation of bird nests and bee hives; replacing damaged brick and mortar and replacing with the new historically appropriate mortar; applying water repellent to coat and seal bricks; repairing and repainting window frames. The exterior work is expected to take approximately 18 months. We will keep you updated as the restoration process continues.

We appreciate all of your support! If you would like to make a donation to our 'Save St. Mary's' campaign – please see the back of the bulletin for more details. **Thank you!**

Save the Date! Seelos Healing Mass: There will be a Seelos Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick on **(Sunday) April 14, 2024 at 1pm** at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Fr. John Olenick, C.Ss.R., Vicar Provincial Superior of the Baltimore Province of Redemptorists will be the Homilist, and he resides in Washington, D.C. All are welcome to join us! **Please invite your family and friends!** Blessed Seelos, pray for us!



The 'Resurrected Jesus' Challenge! Win an Easter basket!

Hint: You will find the heavenly image of Jesus on one of the pages of the bulletin. It can be hidden anywhere! The **first three (3) children 12 years or under**, who find the 'Resurrected Jesus' will win a special Easter Basket! The First (3) Responders must call the parish office on **Tuesday, April 2nd** - and correctly identify the location of Jesus – will win! **Good luck!** (Call on Tues, April 2 from 9a-2p at 504-522-6748).



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.

(Above pictures: taken March 19, 2024)

For updates, visit:

www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys