

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)



Blessed Seelos Healing Mass
April 14, 2024 - 1pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Our life's journey is often faced with challenges and obstacles. All sorts of challenges that make us feel unsure and afraid. Things like facing failures, taking risks, worrying about money, dealing with illnesses, or the fear of losing our jobs. These fears can shake us up and make us feel uneasy, and they can even take away our hope and trust, both in ourselves and in God.

Think about how the Apostles must have felt after Jesus died. They were probably down and scared. They were worried about getting in trouble because they were close to Jesus. They were afraid of what would happen next, having to start over and to face an uncertain future. That fear started to interfere with their faith, even though Jesus had told them, He would come back to life after three days. However, fear made them forget everything. They could not even bring themselves to trust the stories that they heard from others who claimed they had seen the Lord.

This Sunday, as we reflect on the Gospel of Luke during the Third Sunday of Easter, we are reminded of the powerful story of Jesus appearing to two disciples and sharing a meal with them. It is a reminder that Jesus is always with us, assuring us that everything will be okay. Just like when we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we experience that same sense of peace, knowing God is constantly by our side, no matter what we are going through.

As we come together for Mass and for the Seelos Healing Mass this Sunday, we embrace the opportunity to connect with God, finding comfort and peace in His presence. Through the intercession of Blessed Seelos, we believe that we are never alone in facing life's challenges.

"Peace Be With You"

-Fr. Son Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, April 20 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, April 21 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau
- **Sunday, April 21 – 10:30am**
Lector: G. Gitz
Eucharistic Minister: J. Cross; K. Nguyen; B. Salettes

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 3 Response | Gospel B48 Readings: Hymnal #1012

Song of Gathering: #471 - Praise the Risen Lord

Song of Offertory: #258 - All You Nations

Song of Communion: #692 - Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

Rec: #630 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

April = 28 non-perishable Food Items
Year to Date: January through April – 1,914 food items and \$43.00 in cash and checks.

Thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who continue to bring non-perishable food items to our church and chapel. All food is distributed by the Hope House to help those in need.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

4:00pm Hope House Ministry

Sunday, April 14

9:00am: Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, April 15

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

Tuesday, April 16

7:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Wednesday, April 17

7:30am: +Angie Flowers

Thursday, April 18

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Sunday, April 21

9:00am: +Mercedes R. Waldron
+Greg Martin

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 Chapel. The following months are open: June-September; November-December 2024.

Stewardship

Collection Report: Weekend April 6 & 7, 2024:

\$1,256.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$462.00	Loose Collection
\$538.00	Donations/Legacies
\$75.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$108.25	Lawn reimbursement
\$2,551.55	Online Giving
\$5,990.80	Total Giving

Thank you for your financial support!
Fr. Chung



MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, April 21, 2024: All are welcome to join our Young Adults after 10:30am Mass to make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors living in our community.

Please see Fr. Son Tran in the back of the Church after Mass and all will gather to walk over to the Convent. (A social gathering to follow).

If you have any questions, or if you would like to join, contact> Fr. Son Tran, C.Ss.R., at jtrancssr@arch-no.org. Thank you!



Second Collection Next Weekend: April 20 & 21:

We will have a second collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement.

We appreciate your support.

GUILD MINISTRY

Giving Back!

One Brown Bag at a time

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food and water to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags will be available to purchase on **April 13 & 14** after Mass. (Donation: \$2 each)

Thank you!



Don't Miss the Bulletin!!!

Don't worry if you didn't get a bulletin at Mass – the bulletins are uploaded each week onto our church's website.

To view the bulletins, visit: www.StAlphonsusNO.com and click on the Bulletin tab and **stay informed!**

CONGRATULATIONS! BRANDON RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!

The Parish and the Redemptorist Community welcome Brandon Blair to our church family and parish! He received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th at St. Mary's Assumption Church—Fr. John Son Tran, C.Ss.R., helped prepare him by RCIA classes.



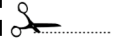
CONGRATULATIONS! - FR. CHUNG

"When God Sends a Butterfly" - by: Sue Higginbotham

It all began in late February 2024—Fr. Chung and Sue noticed a few small black caterpillars perched on Father's potted Fennel Plant in the back of the rectory's entrance. Fr. Chung laughed, and said, "the circle of life. We will leave our caterpillar family alone, and we will watch them grow." A few weeks later, Fr. Chung and others noticed the small black caterpillars were growing much bigger. And they were no longer black, but now a bright yellowish-green with stripes and dots.

Then, in mid-March, Fr. Chung reported that our caterpillars had spun cocoons and soon they will turn into butterflies. Well, Easter Sunday passed, and on the following Sunday, around April 7th - Fr. Chung told Sue that he saw the first beautiful black butterfly appear from one of the cocoons! Then, on Monday, April 8th when Sue returned to work— she saw the last of the four butterflies emerge out of the last cocoon and she snapped a picture (*see below*). Everyone was so happy to hear that Fr. Chung's caterpillars had turned into beautiful new creations, butterflies! Fr. Chung reflected on Jesus, and how His resurrection brings the **hope** and **joy** of a new beginning, a new life - and how each person who encounters Jesus is made anew.





Below is the opportunity to sponsor our Sanctuary Lamp from June-September 2024; Nov-Dec. 2024.

SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

I would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at

St. Mary's Assumption Chapel

For the month of _____

Suggested donation: (\$50.00)____ Other:____

For the Intention of: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Please fill out this form and place it in our offertory basket or return it to our parish office)

If you have any questions, please call us at (504) 522-6748.

Mass Intentions for 2024

Want to remember a loved one? Want to celebrate an anniversary or birthday? Mass Intentions are a beautiful way to remember someone. We have April-December available.

Call: 504-522-6748.

2023 Annual Tax Statements

If you are in need of your 2023 donation statement, from your annual offerings/online giving – please call Sue in the parish office at 504-522-6748 or Email Connie Berbuesse at connieberbuesse@cox.net.



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 777-701-1863. 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,

Thank you.

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, which strives for a more just society thro

**Visit StAlphonsusNO.com/contact-us
to our email parish staff.**

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R., Pastor

Fr. Andrew 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

Sue 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) 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)



PHASE I - EXTERIOR Restorations are underway

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