

# 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-  
2pm

Office Email : [StAlsNo-  
la@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNo-la@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748

*(Holy Days/Holiday – Office Hours  
may vary)*



*"With God all things are possible."  
(Matthew 19:26)*

# Thank You Fr. Gil!



(Picture to the right: "Fr. Boever, Coyle Family & 'Miracle Baby Coyle', Fr. Gil, and Karen Swensen, WWL 4, Reporter, November 18, 2019)

Father Gilbert Enderle is a Redemptorist Missionary who recently served at the Blessed Seelos Center in New Orleans, LA, as the Vice-Postulator of the (Sainthood) Cause of Redemptorist Father (Blessed) Francis Xavier Seelos. Generally known as "Fr. Gil", he is a native of San Antonio, Texas, the descendant of a German-Alsatian ancestors who first came to Texas in the 1840s. He is the youngest born to a family of six.

In the first part of his life, he and his family were members of the Redemptorist Parish of St. Gerard Majella in east San Antonio. Fr. Gil joined the Redemptorists as a seminarian and he was an active catechist of children in the Spanish-speaking migrant worker camps in Wisconsin, and later after being ordained a priest in December 1962, he taught some 32 years in both the U.S.A. and later in the 1980s & 1990s in the West African country of Nigeria. He received his doctorate in Historical Theology from St. Louis University. And, later in 2005 through 2013, Fr. Gil was stationed at the Redemptorist Worldwide Headquarters in Rome, Italy, as an author and editor within the Redemptorist Historical Institute. He has worn many hats over the years. Besides his ministry in (English and Spanish-speaking) parishes, he also had experience in Worldwide Marriage Encounter, in conducting spiritual retreats, and missions for laity, religious, and promotional work for the Redemptorists' *Liguori Publications*. He has served our community and parish for nearly 10 years and he has done so with a smile and a kind heart.

In the Redemptorist Community, Fr. Gil's knowledge of history and his many family stories always make for interesting conversations at the dinner table. And, he loves to work on carpentry projects, and he has restored many pieces of furniture. He can also be seen tinkering in his wood shed, when he is not visiting a sick person or child, or celebrating a Mass. Also, Fr. Gil could be seen cutting Forres's and Fr. Gerry LaPorte's hair. He will join Fr. LaPorte once again, at his new home.

While we are all sad to see him depart New Orleans, we also know that New Orleans and the Blessed Seelos Shrine is a richer place because of his many years of humble service to the people living in our community. We wish to thank him for all he has done to bring happiness to our hearts and for shepherding us closer to Christ our Redeemer.



# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, April 27 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Waldron

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. Borgman

• **Sunday, April 28 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George

• **Sunday, April 28 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** M. Balducci

**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Schafer; J. Higginbotham; B. Perrault

## 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** = 66 non-perishable Food Items

Year to Date: January through April – 1,952 food items and \$43.00 in cash and checks.

We appreciate your generosity. Our goal is to collect 8,000 food items and we have collected nearly 2,000 food items so far. Thank you!

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 20

4:00pm +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

### Sunday, April 21

9:00am: +Mercedes Waldron  
+Greg Martin

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, April 22

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

### Tuesday, April 23

7:30am: +Marian Schobert

### Wednesday, April 24

7:30am: +Patricia Powell

### Thursday, April 25

7:30am: +John Dimicelli

### Friday, April 26

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

### Saturday, May 4

4:00pm: In Memory of Carol Gelderman

### Sunday, May 5

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: P.J. Giorlando  
+Lisa Johnson

## 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 13 & 14, 2024:

\$1,911.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,777.00	Loose Collection
\$570.00	Donations/Legacies
\$100.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$660.00	Miscellaneous reimbursement
\$6,126.55	Online Giving
<b>\$12,144.55</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity!  
Fr. Chung

## Weekly Offering



## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday, April 21** – All are welcome to join our young adults after 10:30am Mass in helping us make sandwiches for our homeless community.

Please see Fr. Son in the back of church after Mass, and everyone will walk over to the 1st floor conference room of the rectory.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to join, contact > Fr. Son Tran, C.Ss.R., at [jtrancsr@arch-no.org](mailto:jtrancsr@arch-no.org). Thank you!



## WEDDING BANNERS

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**April 20, 2024 – Tri Tran & Tam Uyen Nguyen**

May God’s bless this couple as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

## Second Collection: April 20 & 21:

We will have a second collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement. The money raised will help fund nearly 57 retired priest’s healthcare and living expenses while they still service their community.

We appreciate your support.

## SPIRITUALITY & EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE



Please don’t forget to stop at our Lending Library Bookshelf to borrow a spiritual book or magazine.

Our bookcase pictured is located in the back of the church on the right hand side near the confessional in St. Mary’s Assumption Church.

Thank you.

## SEELOS HEALING MASS – APRIL 14TH!

The Parish and the Redemptorist Community thank Rev. John Olenick, C.Ss.R., Vicar Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province for celebrating the Seelos Healing Mass. Many parishioners, neighbors, and visitors came from near and far to attend the Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped set up and greet visitors.



**BLESSED SEELOS, PRAY FOR US!**



**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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com) and click  
on the Bulletin tab and  
**stay informed!**

### 2023 Annual Tax Statements

It is that time of the year again, and 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](mailto:connieberbuesse@cox.net) at [connieberbuesse@cox.net](mailto:connieberbuesse@cox.net).



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 Mass Intentions available from **April** through **December** 2024.*

Please Call: 504-522-6748.



**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 Carrie & Randy who are homeless; Albert's urgent need; Karin for healing & peace; Eric's sobriety; Peter's skin cancer; Mary Lou's recovery from a stroke; Susan's foot healing; Chris for a good prognosis; Jules & Sharon's health & healing; Haiti's end to gang violence; Lillian, Rebecca, Les, Prudence & Rosana for medical healing; Brittany, Alicia & Ruth who are homeless; Kim's memory restoration; Brandon in thanksgiving for his confirmation; Fr. Gil for peace; Cheryl's recovery; Those suffering from colds, the flu & viruses; all those suffering from hunger around the country and 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.**

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of: Jenn who passed away and for her family; also Mom C and Nanette who recently passed away; and for the repose of the soul of Rev. Gan Nguyen, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist priest who suddenly passed away on April 14, 2024;

**Special Intentions:** For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests ...Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **Amen.**

**Thank you for your prayers!** *(Updated: April 8, 2024)*

**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](http://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



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**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/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](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)**



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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**