

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

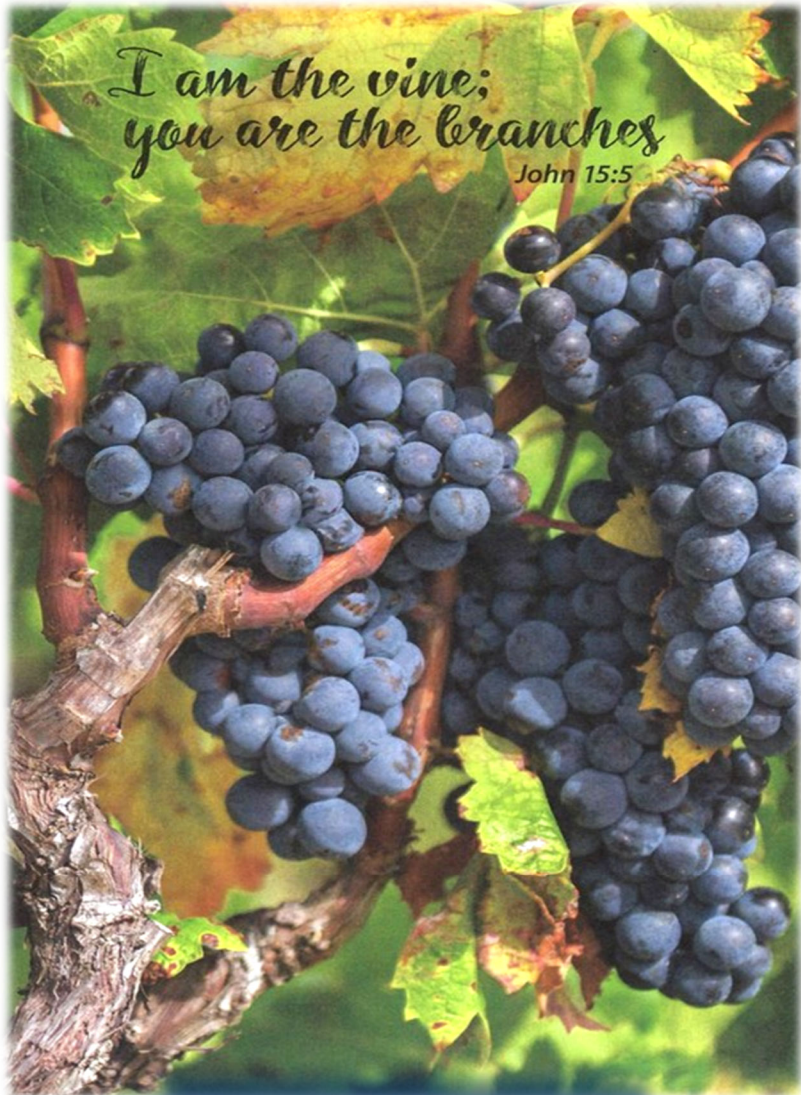
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

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

(Holy Days/Holiday – Office Hours
may vary)



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



In the
Spotlight

St. Mary's Updates:



Save St. Mary's: St. Mary's Assumption Church is on track with Phase 1 of its Exterior Renovations of the church. You can see the scaffolding and screening up on the Constance Street side of the church. Currently, the contractors are working with Entergy to supply a power source on Josephine Street. We are very excited to finally be able to begin restoring our beautiful church – because of your generous donations and gifts. We are prayerful that we will be able to *raise an additional \$2 million dollars for Phase 2 – Interior Renovations.* Currently, we have nearly **\$2,117,567.44** in our Save St. Mary's Campaign Fund. Giving made easy – to make a donation today: Scan the barcode below: **Thank you!**



Transition of St. Theresa of Avila Parish with St. Alphonsus Parish: As many of you know, St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church will be closing in July 2024, and merging with our parish. Fr. Chung and Fr. Andy, along with the Parish Council members have begun visiting and reaching out to St. Theresa; and Fr. Andy and Fr. Chung will be celebrating Masses at St. Theresa to help them during this difficult time of transition. Fr. Andy will celebrate a few Masses at St. Theresa in Spanish. Please keep their parishioners and pastor in your prayers. Our neighbors are welcome to our parish family.

We need Catechists and Volunteers to help with our Fall 2024/CDC Program! Our Children's Faith Formation needs your help! We appreciate all of our catechists and volunteers who helped prepare students in our CDC Program for their First Holy Communion this May.

But, we are also in **need of volunteers to help** with our **Fall 2024/CDC Program.** All volunteers and catechists will need to complete VIRTUS training and clear a background check as part of our Safe Environment policies and procedures. They will also have to complete mandatory online training courses. For more information, please contact, Fr. Son Tran at 504-522-6748 or Courtney Lane at courtneyslane.nola@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- 1) **(Sunday) May 5th** at 10:30am - some students in our CDC Program will receive their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Congratulations!

- 1) **(Sunday) May 12th – May Crowning** at 10am – immediately prior to 10:30am Mass. All are welcomed to join us – and receive a Mother's Day blessing.

- 3) **St. Mary's Bells** – Recently, the Stella Foundation has awarded St. Mary's Assumption Church, a \$10,000 grant to cover the cost of a new upgrade to our bell sound system. We are very thankful and grateful to the Stella Foundation, and to Mr. Frank Petrie for helping secure this grant.

Stay Tuned for more news! - Fr. Chung

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, May 4 – 4:00pm**
Lector: P. Rudolph
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, May 5 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau
- **Sunday, May 5 – 10:30am**
Lectors: (*Children will read – First Communion*)
Eucharistic Minister: J. Cross; K. Nguyen; B. Fleischer

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 5 Response | Gospel B50 Readings: Hymnal #1018

Song of Gathering: #743 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Song of Offertory: #465 - Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Song of Communion: #740 - A New Commandment

Rec: #639 - You Are the Way

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm In Memory of Carol Gelderman

Sunday, April 28

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, April 29

7:30am: +Marian Schobert

Tuesday, April 30

7:30am: +Dr. AJ Giorlando

Wednesday, May 1

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

Thursday, May 2

7:30am: +Dr. AJ Giorlando

Friday, May 3

7:30am: +Lee Tawney

Saturday, May 4

4:00pm: +John Dimicelli, Jr.

Sunday, May 5

9:00am: Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando
+Deceased Daughters of Charity

10:30am: All 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

Food Drive Totals:

April = 768 non-perishable Food Items
Year to Date: January through April – 2,654 food items and a \$50.00 check, for a total of \$93.00 in cash and checks.



We had an anonymous parishioner donate 425 food items, and another, donate 199. We are truly thankful for our parishioners who donate food items weekly and monthly to keep our parish pantry full. All food items are distributed to individuals and families in need, living in our community. Thank you!

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

Stewardship

Collection Report: Weekend April 20 & 21, 2024:

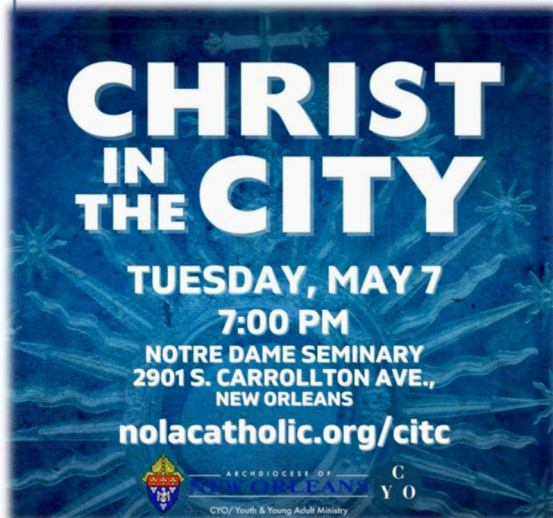
\$985.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$573.00	Loose Collection
\$453.00	Second Collection
\$650.00	Donations/Legacies
\$125.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$1,171.55	Online Giving
\$4,957.55	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity!
Fr. Chung

Archdiocese of New Orleans Young Adult Ministry:

Tuesday, May 7: Come join us at the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary. Bring a friend, for a beautiful blend of music, as well as the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For more information: go to nolacatholic.org/citc.



WEDDING BANNERS

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May 4, 2024 – Jimmy Rafferty & Betty Perrier

May 18, 2024 – Thomas Savino & Sadie Dickinson

May God's bless these couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

Eucharistic Adoration Hour:

All are welcomed to join us on **Friday, May 3, 2024 for 7:30am Mass** at St. Mary's Chapel.

There will be an Eucharistic Adoration following the Mass.



GUILD MINISTRY

There will be no Hospitality Sunday after Mass on May 5th.

Please join us for **Hospitality Sunday on June 2nd.** Enjoy coffee and donuts after Mass.



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The Parish and the Redemptorist Community thank our young adults for gathering after Mass last Sunday with Fr. Son and with John, of the Catholic Worker of New Orleans to help make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors living in our community. We hope to gather again soon!



If you are between the ages (18-39) and you would like to join this ministry, CALL US AT 504-522-6748. Also, stay informed of upcoming events & join us on WhatsApp - ask Fr. Son to add your name and phone number to the group.

Congratulations to the students in our CDC Program - they will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 5th! Also, a special thanks to our CDC volunteers who helped Fr. Son prepare the students.



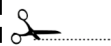
Wishing you all a very **Happy Birthday** filled with God's blessings, thanking God for the gift of your faith-filled lives.

- Rev. Allan Weinert, C.Ss.R. – May 10
- Rev. Dominic Bao Tran, C.Ss.R. – May 11
- Forres Collins, Plant Manager & Food Drive Coordinator – May 16

May the Redeeming Love of Christ bless each of you on your Birthdays!

The Redemptorists

With Him is plentiful redemption. (Psalm 130:7)



Below is the opportunity to sponsor our Sanctuary Lamp from July-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.



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!**



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 Lillian, Rebecca, Les, Prudence & Rosanna; Brittany, Alicia & Ruth; Kim; Brandon; Fr. Gil; Cheryl; the elderly in our community; Janet; Albert; Janie; Sister Jane; Mary Ann; Cat; Amelia; Pat; and all those who are suffering in our community; Those suffering from colds, the flu & viruses; all those suffering from hunger around the country and world; End to wars around 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.**

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 24, 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 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

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) 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.

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. The "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