

# 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](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday – Office Hours may vary)



Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 7, 2024

## LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

May the **joy** of the risen Lord fill your hearts and your day!

Last week we celebrated Holy Week. We made the journey together proceeding into Jerusalem with Christ on Palm Sunday and then, awaiting the Sacred Triduum. We joined with the apostles and Jesus at His Last Supper and we had our feet washed by Him, and then reciprocated His act of service by washing the feet of each other. We also kept watch with Jesus in the Garden – maybe even dozing off a little like the apostles – and then, we followed discreetly behind as He was taken to judgement and condemnation. We travelled the Via Sacra – the Way of the Cross – cringing when Jesus fell, crying with the women of Jerusalem, parting with His mother Mary, nailing Him to the cross, and finally, placing Him in the tomb. We waited knowing, but maybe not completely sure and understanding His resurrection, then proclaiming it loud and clear for all to hear at the Easter Vigil, and again on Easter Sunday.

Our Easter joy and happiness continues. This weekend we celebrate God's Divine Mercy. Jesus lives and He wants us to live full and wonderful lives. God wants us to bask in His love, and forgiveness, by forgiving each other and asking for forgiveness of our sins. God wants to bathe us in His mercy, by pouring the light of His love directly into our hearts. We ask God to illuminate us and guide us to share His mercy and love with others – family, friends, and even those whom we don't yet know.

The next few weeks, we continue this journey of faith, praising God and remembering the resurrected Jesus and celebrating His love for us. May this Easter season be a time of great love and renewed faithfulness for you, your family, and our parish.

Blessings,

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, April 13 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** P. Rudolph  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, April 14 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Frater  
**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater
- **Sunday, April 14 – 10:30am**  
**Lector:** T. Schafer  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Dahleh; M. Schafer; J. Higginbotham

## 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 2 Response | Gospel B47 Readings: Hymnal #1010

Song of Gathering: #453 - At the Lamb’s High Feast

Song of Offertory: #516 - Baptized in Water

Song of Communion: #834 - Festival Canticle

Rec: #463 - Thine Be the Glory

## STEWARDSHIP

### Food Drive Totals:

**April = 14 non-perishable Food Items**  
Year to Date: January through April – 1,900 food items and \$43.00 in cash and checks.

We ended the month of March with a total of 884 food items donated! We appreciate your kindness in remembering our parish’s Food Drive. Thank you!

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 6

4:00pm +Greg Martin

### Sunday, April 7

9:00am: Guild Ministry & Members  
+Deceased Daughters of Charity

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, April 8

7:30am: Sisters of Mercy

### Tuesday, April 9

7:30am: St. Thomas Clinic

### Wednesday, April 10

7:30am: St. Alphonsus School

### Thursday, April 11

7:30am: Mercy Endeavors Senior Center

### Friday, April 12

7:30am: St. Michael Special School

### Saturday, April 13

4:00pm: Hope House Ministry

### Sunday, April 14

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

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 Mar. 30 & 31, 2024:

\$1,465.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,654.00	Loose Collection
\$926.00	Donations/Legacies
\$324.75	Seelos Lawn reimbursement
\$660.00	Miscellaneous reimbursement
<b>\$5,029.75</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your financial support!  
Fr. Chung

### Weekly Offering



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## GUILD MINISTRY

### Hospitality Sunday! April 7th

Join us for fun and fellowship after Mass this Sunday for donuts and coffee.



Next Weekend: April 13 & 14: Brown Bags will be available at all Masses. Please consider purchasing more than one, to give to someone in need.

(Suggested donation: \$2 per bag).

Thank you!



Sister Jane Briseno, R.S.M.

April 1



Wishing you a very **Happy Birthday** filled with God's blessings and love, may God strengthen your faith-filled life as you serve the Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, and community.

Sisters of Mercy



Join us on (Sunday) April 14 at 1pm

Seelos Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick  
St. Mary's Assumption Church

All are welcomed!

*(The Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook)*

Seelos Healing Mass

Sunday, April 14, 1pm CT



Father John Olenick, C.Ss.R., Homilist

WEDDING BANNERS  
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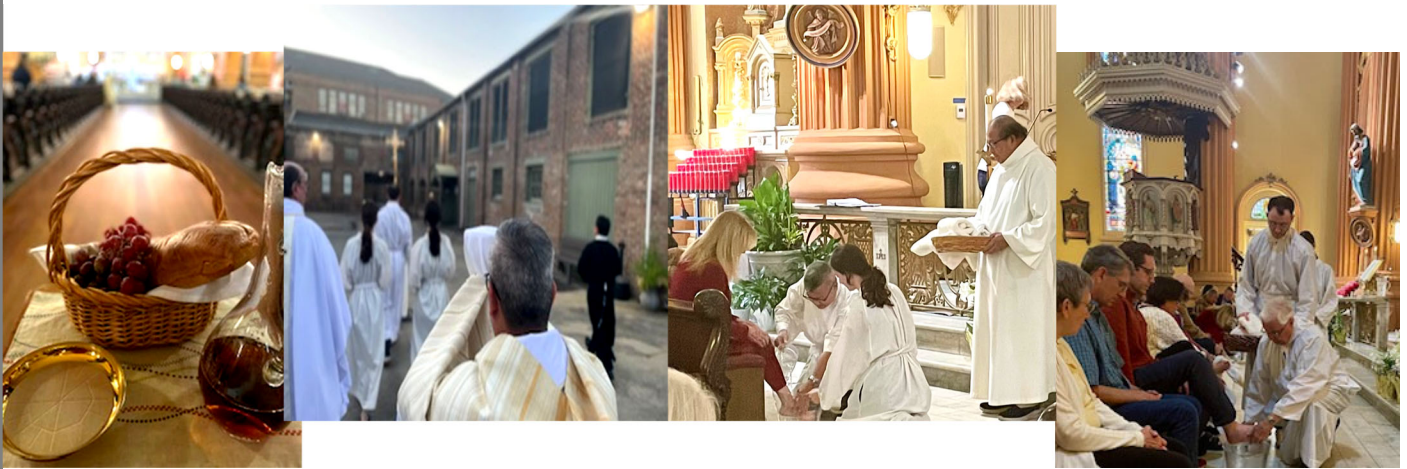
April 20, 2024 – Tri Tran & Tam Uyen Nguyen

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

## HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER VIGIL

The Redemptorist Community enjoyed celebrating Holy Week and Easter with everyone. Here are a few pictures from last week. Again, we thank all volunteers for helping us decorate and to prepare the church and the chapel for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. We had three persons from St. Louis, Missouri—St. Alphonsus Liguori “Rock” Catholic Church receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Mass—Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., helped prepare them by virtual RCIA classes. Congratulations to Shirley Foster, John Foster and Sharon Hawthorne! **Thank you—Fr. Chung**

### HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE



### GOOD FRIDAY/WALK OF THE NINE CHURCHES/PASSION OF THE LORD SERVICE



### EASTER VIGIL



Congratulations to the three children who participated in finding the image of the Resurrected Jesus in our March 31st church bulletin. The following participants won an Easter Basket as pictured: Elena B., Margeaux B., and Luke S. Fr. Andy says, 'stay tuned' for more ways you can enter future contests & win!



### 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](mailto:connieberbuesse@cox.net).



### 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.

Each Intention is \$5.  
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: Geraldine, Tyler, Paul, Rosie's son, Laura & her two sons, Carrie and Randy, Albert, Karin, Eric, Peter, Jenn, Mary Lou, Susan, Chris, Jules and Sharon, For an end to the war in the Ukraine, Gaza and other worn-torn areas of the world; all suffering from colds, viruses, and flus; All who are suffering from hunger; 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. Thanks be to God.

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

**Thank you for your prayers!**

*(Updated: April 1, 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)**



## 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)**