

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

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



## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One gorgeous Saturday morning a couple and their toddler, Tommy, found a perfect spot right at the tide line of an ocean beach. Tommy sort of understood what a beach is, and he freely celebrated utter amazement at everything in sight. It was one of those sacred moments that parents experience – seeing the world through their child’s eyes – absolute *wonder*, seeing *everything new* and exciting for the first time! Tommy lived pure joy that was contagious for anyone in view, as he grabbed handfuls of sand and let it run through his small fingers or as he watched sea gulls diving into the ocean. As mom, dad, and Tommy dug around in the sand, the water would come right up to them, bringing all sorts of shell fragments. Little Tommy “oohed” and “ahhed” as his parents playfully grabbed sand and shells – letting the receding water wash them away.

At one point, dad caught a tiny shell in his hand, about the size of Tommy’s thumbnail. The tiny half of a shell was *strikingly beautiful*. Pure white flecked with deep coral red, and strong though impossibly thin. Dad managed to pick it out and hang on to it, and he showed it to mom, who was equally impressed by its beauty. They then, showed it to Tommy, who thought it was a tasty morsel, promptly tried to eat it. But dad quickly pulled back the shell fragment, tossing it into the incoming waves, and it was washed away.

Of all of the millions of shells and fragments washing up just on *that* beach, *this* one tiny shell happened to wash ashore at *that* moment, and *this* dad grasped *its* unique beauty! And amidst all the multitude of people on the beach that day, just *three* people were able to see and to appreciate *that* shell’s *unique* beauty in *that* sacred moment.

The beautiful sacred moment as we all experience the awe and wonder in our lives that we just can’t put our finger on it. We see the sparkle of joy and happiness through the eyes of a young child receiving First Holy Communion. In the reading from the Gospel of John, the core message was love. Love is sort of like finding a beautiful shell on the beach matters even on the cosmic scale, embrace and unfold in the sacrament of the Eucharist. May the joy and love of Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist be with you today and always.

As we continue to celebrate Easter, let the Easter joy awaken 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

- **Saturday, May 11 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** M. Saia  
**Eucharistic Minister:** D. Waldron
- **Sunday, May 12 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Costanza  
**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George
- **Sunday, May 12 – 10:30am**  
**Lectors:** L. Moran  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Dahleh; J. Higginbotham; C. Nelson

## 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 6 Response | Gospel B51 Readings: Hymnal #1021

Song of Gathering: #828 - All the Earth

Song of Offertory: #729 - O Blessed Spring

Song of Communion: #747 - Where Charity & Love Prevail

Rec: #454 - Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen

## STEWARDSHIP

### Food Drive Totals:

May = 28 non-perishable Food Items  
 Year to Date: January through May – 2,682 food items and a \$50.00 check, for a total of \$93.00 in cash and checks.

We ended the month of April with a total of 796 non-perishable food items donated. We are so thankful for all of your food donations. Thank you for supporting our Food Drive and keeping the food pantry at Hope House full.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 4

4:00pm +John Dimicelli, Jr.

### Sunday, May 5

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

10:30am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, May 6

7:30am: +John “Bubby” Gallagher

### Tuesday, May 7

7:30am: +Vincent Montalbano

### Wednesday, May 8

7:30am: First Communicants

### Thursday, May 9

7:30am: +Marian Schobert

### Friday, May 10

7:30am: +Dr. AJ Giorlando

### Saturday, May 11

4:00pm: +Marie Caserta

### Sunday, May 12

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Marie Giorlando  
 +Dr. AJ Giorlando  
 +Isabelle Russelle  
 +Joan Remmers  
 +Katrina Van Fosson

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

### MAY INTENTION

For the Repose of the soul of Karen Kattengell, requested by Janene Taylor.



Please call our parish office at 504-522-6748 to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle at the Church or Chapel. The following months are open: July-September; November-December 2024.

# Stewardship

## Collection Report: Weekend April 27 & 28, 2024:

\$971.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$798.00	Loose Collection
\$2,944.00	Donations/Legacies
\$100.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$660.00	Miscellaneous reimbursement
\$1,218.05	Online Giving
<b>\$7,691.05</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your kindness!  
Fr. Chung

GUILD MINISTRY

*Brown Bags will be available  
next weekend:*

**(Sat) May 11 & (Sun) May 12**



*(Suggested donation is \$2 per bag)*

**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.



May the joy and love  
of Jesus,  
present in the  
Holy Eucharist be with  
you today and always.

**Congratulations on  
your First  
Holy Communion!**

**A Big Thank You** to all of our catechists  
and volunteers who helped Fr. Son  
prepare our students in the CDC Program  
for their First Holy Communion on  
May 5, 2024. And to those who helped  
decorate our church so beautifully.

We appreciate your dedication, love  
and support!







## Join us in Honoring Mary!

On **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day), we will have our **May Crowning of Mary** at 10am, at St. Mary's Assumption Church and you are welcome to bring a flower from your garden to present to our Holy Mother. We invite all present to pray the Rosary; 10:30am Mass will follow with a special Mother's Day surprise and blessing.

We invite our parents and grandparents to bring your children and grandchildren that day to participate in the May Crowning procession.

**May 7, 2024 - No amount is too small to give.**



[www.stalphonsusNO.com/Save St. Mary's](http://www.stalphonsusNO.com/Save St. Mary's)



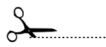
**Give NOLA Day is next Tuesday, May 7th!**  
Early giving has already begun!

Please consider making a donation to our 'Save St. Mary's Campaign.' We are very excited to finally be able to begin restoring our beautiful church – because of your generous donations and gifts – Phase 1 – Exterior repairs of our restoration project have begun and construction crews are repairing the exterior walls of our church.

We are prayerful that we will be able to *raise an additional \$2 million dollars for Phase 2 – Interior Renovations.*

**Thank you for your support!**

Below is the opportunity to sponsor our Sanctuary Lamp from **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.



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!**



**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 **May** 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 Janet; the elderly in our community; Albert; Janie; for world peace; Mary Ann; Cat; Amelia; Pat; Emily; JoLynne; Evelyn; Evan; the children of Gaza; 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 souls of: Pete who died a few weeks ago and Hung Le; Nguyen Tran; and David Shall.

**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 30, 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

**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!** (Above pictures: taken April 28, 2024)

## 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.

**For updates, visit:**

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