

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

Mass Times

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Sunday at 10:30am

Sunday Spanish Mass at 12:30pm

St. Mary's Chapel

Sunday at 9:00am

Weekday Mass Times

St. Mary's Chapel

Monday - Friday at 7:30am

Perpetual Help Devotions

St. Mary's Chapel

Tuesdays during 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's Chapel

First Friday of each month after the
7:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

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

Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com

504-522-6748

*(Holy Days/Holidays – Parish Office
may be closed or hours may vary)*

GOD BLESS YOU ON LABOR DAY

St. Alphonsus Parish

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



GENERAL INFORMATION AND PARISH NEWS

Parish Office will be CLOSED on **(Monday) September 2nd** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3.

Religious Education - Our Religious Education Program for the CCD Classes of St. Alphonsus Parish will be available this fall, beginning on October 7, 2024. Registration Application forms will be accepted, along with a fee of \$130.00 per child by **September 9, 2024.** If you are interested in enrolling your First/Second grader in our CCD Program, in preparation for his/her First Communion – please contact Courtney Lane at courtneyslane.nola@gmail.com or you may call her at or you may call the parish office at 504-522-6748. Thank you!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) - *Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?* Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? St. Alphonsus Parish invites you or someone you may know to reach out to our parish office at 504-522-6748 – leave your name and a call back number. We would like to offer RCIA classes this fall for those who are interested.

Sign Up to Become an Altar Server! - Interested in becoming an altar server at St. Mary's Assumption Church and St. Mary's Chapel? Any students who have received First Communion are encouraged to sign up. We are in need of altar servers at all weekend Masses. Please contact Sue in the parish office at StAlsNola@gmail.com. Thank you – Fr. Chung.

Movie Series – The Chosen – Starting on (Wednesday) September 4 - We are going to start showing Episode 1 of The Chosen – a video series about Jesus's life and his ministry with his apostles on (Wed) September 4 at 6:30pm. If you have not signed up previously, and you are interested in joining us, to watch the video series – please call the parish office at 504-522-6748. (See the bulletin!)

Blessed Seelos Healing Masses - All are invited to join us at the 1pm English speaking Healing Mass and the 3:30pm Vietnamese speaking Healing Mass on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at St. Mary's Assumption Church. (See the bulletin!).

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• Saturday, September 7 – 4:00pm

Lector: D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie

• Sunday, September 8 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

• Sunday, September 8 – 10:30am

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Nguyen; C. Nelson; 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

OT 22 Response | Gospel B81 Readings: Hymnal #1099

Song of Gathering: #892 - For the Beauty of the Earth

Song of Offertory: #867 - Christ, Be Our Light

Song of Communion: #871 - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Rec: #514 - Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Pope Francis's August Prayer Intention:

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



(U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops > <https://www.usccb.org/>)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31

4:00pm +Hypolite Guinle
+Linda Falgoust

Sunday, September 1

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.
+Linda Falgoust

12:30pm: +John Dimicelli, Jr.

Monday, September 2

7:30am: Labor Day Intentions

Tuesday, September 3

7:30am: +Vincent Montalbano

Wednesday, September 4

7:30am: +Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.

Thursday, September 5

7:30am: Joseph Giorlando
+David A. LeClere

Friday, September 6

7:30am: +Paul Spryopoulos

Saturday, September 7

4:00pm: Kean Woodroof

Sunday, September 8

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

10:30am: Rosanna Quinlan McKee
+Ed Lewis

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE SEPTEMBER INTENTION

Special Intentions for Curt, to retain Employment. Special intentions for Michael, to see our Lord's light, and to guide him forth. Requested by Ann Leibfritz.



Stewardship

Collections: Weekend: August 24 & 25, 2024:

\$1,179.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$981.00	Loose Collection
\$820.00	Donations/Legacies
\$110.00	Mass Stipends
\$768.25	(Miscellaneous reimbursements)
\$3,858.25	Total Giving

Your stewardship and generosity is appreciated!
-Fr. Chung



Our parish office will be **CLOSED** on **September 2** in observance of Labor Day and we will *re-open* on **Tuesday, September 3.**

Please Note: There will be a 7:30am Mass held at St. Mary's Chapel on Labor Day.

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 after Mass next weekend, on **September 7 and 8.**

(Suggested donation is \$2.00 per bag)

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

August = 537 non-perishable food items Donated.

Year to Date: 5,210 food items and \$133.00 in cash and checks.

Thank you for remembering our parish Food Drive and for bringing non-perishable food items to Mass each week. And to those who have given donations to Hope House. It is because of your kindness that we can continue to help others in our community.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



OPEN Registration for Religious Education for St. Alphonsus Parish and the CCD classes will **begin** on **October 7, 2024.**

We are currently **accepting** registrations through **(Mon), September 9, 2024.**

For information about how to register for our CCD Program for First/Second Graders preparing for First Communion - please contact our CCD Coordinator, **Courtney Lane** at courtneyslanelnola@gmail.com or call our parish office at (504) 522-6748.

GUILD MINISTRY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Just a reminder: We will have Eucharistic Adoration hour following the 7:30am Mass at St. Mary's Chapel.

All are welcome to attend on **Friday, September 6.**

Upcoming Events – Save the Date!



Mercy Day (Mercy Sisters) Celebrated on Sep. 29th!

We honor our Religious Sisters of Mercy who serve St. Alphonsus Parish and our community.

We thank them for ministering to our children, elderly, sick, poor, and so many others. May you receive all of God's blessings!

Help us honor our Religious Sisters of Mercy at a **special 10:30am Mass** on **Sunday, September 29, 2024.**

-Fr. Chung & the
Redemptorist Community



Father Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., Celebrant

Father Tat T. Hoang, C.Ss.R., Celebrant

Seelos Healing Masses – Sunday, October 6, 2024

Please invite your family and friends! We will have (two)

Seelos Healing Masses: **1pm English speaking Mass** with Celebrant, Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., and a **3:30pm Vietnamese speaking Mass** with Celebrant, Fr. Tat T. Hoang, C.Ss.R., Pastor of St. Gerard Majella Church of Baton Rouge, LA.



A single diamond stud earring was found at St. Mary's Church at the 6pm Mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15.

If you know someone who lost a diamond earring, please have them call the parish office at 504-522-6748, and to **describe it**.

Or the person may claim it by bringing the matching diamond earring to the parish office.

Movie Series - *The Chosen* - Starting Sep. 4

Hello Everyone! We would like to show several episodes of *The Chosen*, beginning with Episode 1, on Wednesday, **September 4, 2024 at 6:30pm** – at our church's rectory, on the 1st floor Conference Room, located at 2030 Constance Street. Those of you who signed up previously, are invited to join us.

If you have not signed up yet, and you are interested in watching this popular video series about the life and ministry of Jesus and his disciples - please call the parish office at 504-522-6748, and leave your name, telephone number and how many people will be attending.

Come and enjoy a wonderful series about Christ!

Video Showings on (Every Other) Wednesday:

September 4 & 18

October 2, 16 & 30; November 13



We look forward to seeing you there! - Fr. Chung



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 Sunday evening. Please update us weekly, if you need continued prayers.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for: Connie and Ed, Kim's husband, Conner, Greg, Bert, Michael, Peter, Tim, Rocky, Sharie, Andrea, Adam, Father Chung's meetings in Mexico; protection from storms, for all who are and have been affected by the recent Covid outbreak in our community; and for all of the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, and for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us prayer to the Lord. Amen.

Updates: Santiago is home now and doing well.

Special Intentions: For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, religious brothers, Sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

(Updated: 9/1/24)

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.

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

Redemptorists In Residence

Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R., Local Superior, Interim Director
of the Seelos Shrine

Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine,
Hispanic Ministry

Parish Staff

Sue Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, 504-522-6748

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

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wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

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 almost complete! (Above pictures: taken July 7, 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