

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

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

Catechetical Sunday
September 15, 2024

Thank you Catechists!

*We pray for student, parents,
and those who share in
important work of catechesis
and Christian formation.*

May God bless you.



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September 15, 2024

To: Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today, throughout the Catholic Church, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme of "**Lord, when did we see you hungry!**" We hear in this theme our call from God to holiness and to mission - to echo Christ through our words and actions. We know well the many challenges and hurdles that exist in our world, and it is Jesus Christ who is calling us to give witness in his name.

Catechetical Sunday is a special observance in each parish as we pray for and ask God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Those who share in this ministry are our catechists in the Parish School of Religion (or Family Formation program), the administrators and teachers in our Catholic Schools, youth ministers, as well as those who are involved in the ministry of OCIA and Adult Faith Formation. Please join me in thanking them not only for giving of themselves in a generous way to form our youth and adults in the life of faith, but also pray that God will continue to bless them and inspire them in their ministry. They give of themselves in a generous way to help others open their hearts to Christ. Furthermore, their example of faith is one that can be a source of inspiration to us.

Join me in praying for students, parents, and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded that parents are gifted by God to be the first and most important teachers of their children. The home is the "domestic church" and the "first place of education" in the faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2685). As Church, may we faithfully support all parents as they seek to fulfill this sacred vocation entrusted to them.

Please know of my deep appreciation and prayer of thanksgiving to all of you who share in this important ministry of catechesis and Christian formation.

Wishing you God's blessings, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Please print this in your parish bulletin the weekend of September 14-15, 2024.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, September 21 – 4:00pm**

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Minister: E. Rafferty

• **Sunday, September 22 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater

• **Sunday, September 22 – 10:30am**

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Nguyen; J. Cross; B. Sallettes

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 24 Response | Gospel B83 Readings: Hymnal #1105

Song of Gathering: #585 - There's Wideness in God's Mercy

Song of Offertory: #581 - Come Back to Me

Song of Communion: #870 - Jesus, Our Divine Companion

Rec: #849 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Pope Francis's *September* Prayer Intention:

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm Michael Giorlando

Sunday, September 15

9:00am: +Gayle Powell

+Maria Fernandez

+Paul J. Giorlando

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

12:30pm: Redemptorist Vocations

Monday, September 16

7:30am: Marie Giorlando

+Dr. AJ Giorlando

Tuesday, September 17

7:30am: +Robert J. Cangelosi, M.D.

Wednesday, September 18

7:30am: Maria Sly George

Thursday, September 19

7:30am: Kiernan Dietz

Friday, September 20

7:30am: +Hughy Davis

Saturday, September 21

4:00pm: +Colette Gorris

+Steve & Mary Egyud

Sunday, September 22

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Maria Fernandez

+Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

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: Sep. 7 & Sep. 8, 2024:

\$1,893.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,454.00	Loose Collection
\$435.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$108.25	Lawn Reimbursements
\$4,890.25	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

September = 14 non-perishable food items Donated.

Year to Date: 5,224 food items and a total of \$133.00.

Thank you for keeping our parish pantry full of non-perishable food items. All of the food is distributed to those in need living in our neighborhood by Hope House.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, September 22nd: The Young Adults gathering **has been postponed** to next Sunday. Please join us after the 10:30am Mass to help the New Orleans Catholic Worker make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors. We will gather at the Convent, on 1017 St. Andrew Street.

See John with the NOCW in the back of Church. **Thank you.**



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We pray all parishioners and all of our church families did well in the storm.

We are thankful that God protected us through the storm, and we ask God to protect and bless those affected by Hurricane Francine, and to surround them with love and support. May God bless the work of all relief and emergency agencies as they help to rebuild lives.

-Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community

Second Collection on September 15:

We will have a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

We appreciate your support!

(Envelopes will be available in church)

We Thank Fr. Muller for celebrating our 9am Mass!

We thank Fr. Muller for celebrating our 9am Chapel Mass on Sunday, September 15th. He is from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Please keep Pastor Chung and the Redemptorist community in your prayers as they gather for important meetings in Arizona this weekend through September 20th.

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

**Join us on Sep. 18th to watch
Episode 2 of *The Chosen***



Join us again on Wednesday, Sep. 18th at 6:30pm, at the parish rectory's 1st floor conference room to watch Episode 2, of *The Chosen*.

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



MERCY
ENDEAVORS



Seelos Healing Mass

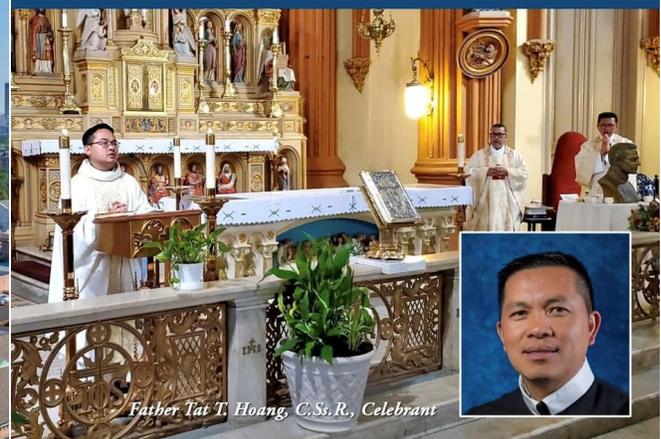
Sunday, October 6, 1pm CT



Reverend Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., Celebrant

Seelos Vietnamese Healing Mass

Sunday, October 6, 3:30pm CT



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, Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., Provincial Vicar of Denver Province in Chicago, Illinois and a **3:30pm Vietnamese speaking Mass** with Celebrant, Rev. Tat T. Hoang, C.Ss.R., Pastor of St. Gerard Majella Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Ed & Connie

Adam

Denise

Les

Estre

JoLynne

Greg

Ted

Clarance

Elizabeth

Joe

Terry, Bruce and Lisa

Jimmy

Leaders of Iggy's Food Pantry

UPDATES:

Ed is out of the hospital recovering at home; Greg's biopsy was benign. Fr. Chung in thanksgiving for his successful meetings in Mexico City.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For Archbishop Aymond, and all of our religious, Redemptorists — Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

For Pope Francis: on the trip of his pontificate. He arrived in Indonesia on 9/3 & will be visiting Papua New Guinea, East Timor, and Singapore.

If you would like us to pray for you, or for a loved one, contact us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com or call us at 774-701-1863. Please leave your first name and the reason for your prayer request.

In order for your prayers to be included in our weekly prayer chain— please contact us by 7pm each Sunday evening.



A single diamond stud earring was found and has not been claimed 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.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH:

- Joining our Parish
- Planning a Wedding
- Visiting the homebound
- Anointing of the Sick
- Planning a Funeral
- Planning a Baptism
- Planning a Confirmation
- Joining a Ministry and so much more...

For help with any of these areas please contact our parish office at 504-522-6748.

My Own Church Sign-Up

Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish, sign-up today for access to our My Own Church. It's more than a directory!



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

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Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator, wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

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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 Renovations (on the Constance Street side are almost complete!)

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