

# 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](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)

504-522-6748

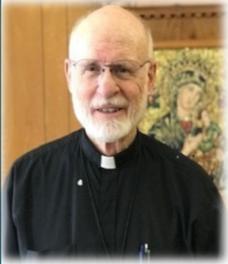
*(Holy Days/Holidays – Parish Office  
may be closed or hours may vary)*

*The flower fadeth:  
but the  
Word of our God  
shall stand.*

ISAIAH 40:8

September 22, 2024  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH NEWS AT A GLANCE

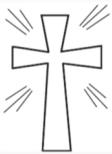


**Welcome Fr. Timothy Watson, C.Ss.R.!** - This is Fr. Tim's first week with our Redemptorist Community, and he will serve as Chaplain for the Blessed Seelos Shrine, where he will greet and assist pilgrims, and he will also help with our Hispanic ministry. Please introduce yourself and welcome him when you see him. He comes to us from the Redemptorist Community of St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

**Religious Education** - Our CCD Classes of St. Alphonsus Parish are scheduled to begin on Monday, October 7, 2024. We ask you to keep our Catechists, youth ministers, volunteers, students, and parents in your prayers as they prepare for 2024/2025 classes.

**(RCIA 2024-2025) Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** *Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith?* RCIA is also for adults, who may have been baptized but not yet received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. St. Alphonsus Parish invites you or someone you may know to call our parish office at 504-522-6748 – leave your name, phone number, and please mention the RCIA program. You may also email your information to [StAlsNola@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Sign Up to Become an Altar Server!** - Are you or someone you know 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 or adults. We are in need of altar servers at all weekend Masses. Please contact Sue in the parish office and let her know if you are interested – Call 504-522-6748.



**Mercy Day (Mercy Sister) Celebration on (Sunday) September 29!** - Help us honor our Religious Sisters of Mercy on Sunday, September 29 at 10:30am for a special Mass celebration with Fr. Chung and the Redemptorist Community. All are welcomed to attend!

**Blessed Seelos Healing Masses** - All are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 6th** at St. Mary's Assumption Church for Blessed Seelos Healing Masses. We will have a English speaking Mass at **1pm**, and a Vietnamese speaking Mass to follow at **3:30pm**

The Seelos Welcome Center will be open on Sunday, Oct. 6th, located at 919 Josephine Street before and after the Masses. If you have any questions, you can call the Seelos Welcome Center at 504-525-2495 or the parish office at 504-522-6748.

**(See the next pages in the bulletin for more details!)**

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, September 28 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** T. Borgman

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. Saia

• **Sunday, September 29 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George

• **Sunday, September 29 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** D. Everard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Higginbotham; M. Schafer:  
B. Perrault

## 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 25 Response | Gospel B84 Readings: Hymnal #1108

Song of Gathering: #697 - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Song of Offertory: #754 - Seek Ye First

Song of Communion: #545 - Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Rec: #877 - For the Healing of the Nations

### 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 21

4:00pm +Colette Gorris  
+Steve & Mary Egyud

### Sunday, September 22

9:00am: Sisters of Mercy (Mercy Day Celebration – Sep. 24)

10:30am: +Maria Fernandez  
+Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, September 23

7:30am: +Hughy Davis

### Tuesday, September 24

7:30am: +Paul Spryopoulos

### Wednesday, September 25

7:30am: +Frank G. Gullo

### Thursday, September 26

7:30am: Maria Sly George

### Friday, September 27

7:30am: +Gayle Powell

### Saturday, September 28

4:00pm: Janene Taylor

### Sunday, September 29

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Curtis P. Rome  
+Joshua "Franklin" Williams

### 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

## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

### Giving Update: Sep. 14 & Sep. 15, 2024:

(No Masses at SMA Church due to Power Outage from storm)

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| \$175.00          | Weekly Envelopes                       |
| \$608.00          | Loose Collection                       |
| \$140.00          | Donations/Legacies                     |
| \$107.00          | 2nd Collection/Catholic Comm. Campaign |
| \$2,000.00        | Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals           |
| \$1,136.55        | Online Giving                          |
| <b>\$4,166.55</b> | <b>Total Giving</b>                    |

**Sunday, September 22nd:** All young adults and your friends are welcomed to join us after 10:30am Mass to help the Catholic Worker make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors. Please meet John with Catholic Worker in the back of church and we will walk to the Mercy Convent at (1017 St. Andrew St.).



Thank you for your stewardship of treasure!  
-Fr. Chung

## Weekly Offering



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### STEWARDSHIP

#### Food Drive Totals:

**September** = 62 non-perishable food items Donated.

**Year to Date:** 5,272 food items and a total of \$133.00.

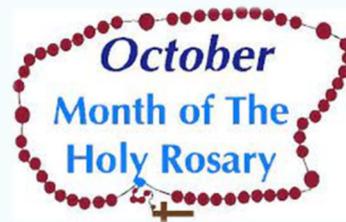
I thank you for your continued support of our parish Food Drive. Please continue to drop your non-perishable food items in one of our designated bins in the back of church or the chapel. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



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### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

During the month of October, beginning on Sunday, **October 6th**, we will pray the rosary before the 10:30am Mass on Sundays, **beginning at 10am.**

**All are Welcomed to join us!**

## Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

Join us for **Movie Night** Sep. 25th to watch *Episode 2 of The Chosen*



Join us again on Wednesday, **Sep. 25th** at 6:30pm, at the parish rectory's 1st floor conference room to watch *Episode 2, of The Chosen.*

We begin the evening with fellowship and refreshments, followed by watching the movie series about the life of Jesus and his apostles, and we end with reflection.

**All are welcomed!** - Fr. Chung

## 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 the 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:*

- Denise
- Les
- Estre
- JoLynne
- Greg
- Whitney
- Ted
- Clarence
- Elizabeth
- Joe
- Terry, Bruce & Lisa
- Jimmy
- Susan
- Darnell
- Cheryl
- Leaders of Iggy's Food Pantry

**UPDATES:**

Greg's biopsy was benign.

**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](mailto: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.



# Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

We are in need of **Altar Servers** for our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please fill out this slip by **Sunday, Oct. 13th** and place it in our collection basket or return it to our parish office.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

**\_\_\_\_\_ Altar Server (all who have received Baptism and First Communion are welcome):** Assist the priests at Mass.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you.*



**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.

**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](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

**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  
Forres Collins, Plant Manager, Maintenance, 504-522-6748  
Robert Zanca, Organist, 504-621-6249  
Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748  
Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator, [wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Renovations** (on the Constance Street side of church 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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**