

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)*

September 29, 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LETTER FROM FR. TIM WATSON

Dear Parishioners,

Hi, I am the newest member of the Redemptorist Community here in New Orleans. I am Father Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., and I am not a complete newbie to Louisiana. I have been serving in the Redemptorist Community in Baton Rouge since 2019. In Baton Rouge, we have an English-speaking Church, St. Gerard Majella, which was established in 1944; and we also have a large Hispanic community there from Mexico and Central America which we serve in five different Churches from Gonzales, LA in southeast to Morganza near the Mississippi state border.

I arrived here just last Monday, September 23, and I am looking forward to ministry here in NOLA. I am originally from Portland, Oregon, and I am the oldest of five. I was educated in Catholic schools through high school. After high school, I joined the Air Force and I was on active duty for almost 13 years during the Vietnam War; but I was never sent there. I graduated from Colorado State University in 1969, thanks to the Air Force.

After military service, I sold real estate for almost five years in my home town of Portland, Oregon, and then I worked in technical management in Alaska for the RCA Corporation supply services at Air Force Radar Sites. After almost five years in Alaska, I started thinking about the priesthood. I entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists at the age of 42. I completed eight years of studies and I was ordained in 1990.

After living a few years in Bolivia, South America - I learned Spanish, and I served in various parishes on the West Coast, and as a Federal Prison Chaplain for several years. I am now happily stationed in New Orleans to see what the Lord wants me to do here.

-Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, October 5 – 4:00pm**

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak

• **Sunday, October 6 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: C. Wilkerson

• **Sunday, October 6 – 10:30am**

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cross; B. Sallettes; 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

OT 26 Response | Gospel B85 Readings: Hymnal #1111

Song of Gathering: #692 - Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

Song of Offertory: #694 - Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Song of Communion: #579 - Grant to Us, O Lord

Rec: #685 - God, The Father of Your People

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

September = 575 non-perishable food items

Year to Date: 5,785 food items and a total of \$133.00., plus a \$20 donation for a total of \$153.00.

We kindly thank several parishioners who donated a total of 440 non-perishable food items this week, which will all be given to Hope House, so they can help feed families living in our community. We appreciate your generosity.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28

4:00pm Janene Taylor (Birthday)

Sunday, September 29

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Curtis P. Rome

+Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Monday, September 30

7:30am: Maria Sly George

Tuesday, October 1

7:30am: Jacques Pellerin

Wednesday, October 2

7:30am: +John Dimicelli, Jr.

Thursday, October 3

7:30am: +Peter E. Scherer, Jr.

Friday, October 4

7:30am: Maria Sly George

Saturday, October 5

4:00pm: Curtis Pellerin

+Robert J. Cangelosi, M.D.

Sunday, October 6

9:00am: +Paul Spryopoulos

10:30am: 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

Giving Update: Sep. 22 & Sep. 23, 2024:

\$1,315.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,240.00	Loose Collection
\$1,335.00	Donations/Legacies
\$15.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$5,905.00	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity and support!
-Fr. Chung



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Mercy Day (Mercy Sisters) Celebration 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



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. Thank you.

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

All are Welcomed to join us!

St. Mary's Assumption Church
OF ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH NEW ORLEANS

ALL ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN US!

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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

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


GUILD MINISTRY

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, October 4th.**

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



Upcoming Events!



If the Vatican approves a second miracle, **Blessed Francis Seelos** will be proclaimed a saint. His Feast Day is October 5th.

Blessed Seelos, Pray for Us!

Seelos Healing Masses – Sunday, October 6, 2024

1pm English-speaking Mass with Celebrant, Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.,
Provincial Vicar of the Denver Province in Chicago, Illinois.

3:30pm Vietnamese-speaking Mass with Celebrant, Rev. Tat T. Hoang, C.Ss.R., Pastor of
St. Gerard Majella Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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

Save these Dates!

Wednesday, October 2 – Join us for **Movie Night** to watch *Episode 4* of *The Chosen*

Sunday, October 27 – Family Day!

Sunday, November 17 - Concert of Baroque Concertos & Solo Cantas
St. Mary's Assumption Church – 5pm

Redemptorists throughout the Denver Conference and other countries gathered in Tucson, Arizona for the 2024 Provincial Chapter Meetings

Fr. Chung Tran, Fr. Andy Thompson, Fr. Maurice Nutt, and other Redemptorists gathered at the Renewal Center in Tucson, Arizona for a week of important meetings to discuss the current work underway as well as strategic planning for the future of North America and Mexico (Sep. 13-20).



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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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 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