

# 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)*



*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 8, 2024

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the movie, *Back to the Future*, an inspiring character portrayed by Michael J. Fox conspires with a brilliant, eccentric scientist to drive a transformed DeLorean into the past in order to do something that will change the future. It is a delightful movie with both humor and suspense. In the end, the hero is left with an appreciation of his present life. The readings for this Sunday invite us to move through time, but in the opposite direction. They have a clear eschatological or future focus. In other words, rather than looking in the past for the sake of the present; they have us look to the future—but still for the sake of the present.

That would be the same for the Redemptorists as we are planning for the future. Last week, I was in Mexico City for the young Redemptorists gathering meeting as part of our North American Redemptorist Conference. Then, next week we will have Chapter meetings for the Denver Province and we will gather again in Tucson, Arizona. We are planning and preparing for the future mission of the congregation which would impact the mission of the Redemptorist at the local level, the province, and the North American Conference of Redemptorists. All these meetings do not simply dawn upon us on one day. In a very real sense, this future, which is really the reign of God, takes shape when we make a decision to live out God's promises in our present life. God holds out the possibility of this future, but we must decide to step into it.

In the next several weeks, all the Redemptorists in our New Orleans community are going to be at the meetings in Tucson, Arizona. While we are away, there will be a communion service at St. Mary's Chapel on Jackson Avenue during the weekday Masses. Then on the weekend, we will have Fr. Nghia Cao, C.Ss.R., from Cross Catholic Outreach celebrate Masses at St. Mary's Assumption Church. And at we will have Fr. Muller from Notre Dame Seminary celebrate our 9am chapel Mass. I would ask the community to pray for all of us during our Chapter meetings and deliberations for the future of the mission to serve the people of God.

Through the intercession of Our Mother's Perpetual Help, may we live and act for  
the Reign of God.

Pax,  
Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, September 14 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Waldron

**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Kauchak

• **Sunday, September 15 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** K. Soileau

**Eucharistic Minister:** C. Wilkerson

• **Sunday, September 15 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** G. Gitz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Dahleh; C. Berbuesse; J. Higginbotham

## 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 23 Response | Gospel B82 Readings: Hymnal #1102

Song of Gathering: #589 - Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Song of Offertory: #576 - Amazing Grace

Song of Communion: #865 - A Place at the Table

Rec: #766 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

### 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 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

### **Monday, September 9**

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

### **Tuesday, September 10**

7:30am: Maria Sly George

### **Wednesday, September 11**

7:30am: (9-1-1 Remembrance/Prayers)

### **Thursday, September 12**

7:30am: Maria Sly George

### **Friday, September 13**

7:30am: +Genevieve Guinle

### **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

### ————— 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 31 & Sep. 1, 2024:

\$1,347.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,034.00	Loose Collection
\$3,110.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,645.55	Online Giving
<b>\$8,136.55</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>



Thank you for supporting our parish!  
-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.

We closed out the month of August with a 537 food items collected, and a yearly total of 5,210. Thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who continue to bring non-perishable food items to our church and chapel. All food is distributed by the Hope House to help those in need.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday, September 15:** All young adults and their friends are welcome to 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.

## 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, on **September 7 and 8.**

*(Suggested donation is \$2.00 per bag)*



Thank you!



**This is the last week** to Register for CCD Classes with St. Alphonsus Parish. The CCD Classes are scheduled to **begin on Monday, October 7.**

We are accepting registrations through **Friday, Sep. 13th.**

To learn more on how to register for our CCD Program for First/Second Graders preparing for First Communion - please contact **Courtney Lane, CCD Coordinator** at [courtneyslane.nola@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyslane.nola@gmail.com) or call our parish office at (504) 522-6748.

Thank you!

## Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

### Rev. Nghia Cao, C.Ss.R. will be Visiting our Parish Sep. 14 & 15!

We thank Fr. Cao from Cross Catholic Outreach for visiting our parish next weekend and for sharing his ministry in working with the poor in developing countries, and for celebrating the Masses at St. Mary's Assumption Church.

We also thank Fr. Muller from Notre Dame Seminary for celebrating our 9am Chapel Mass next Sunday.

Please keep Pastor Chung and the Redemptorist community in your prayers as they gather for important meetings in Arizona next week.

### 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



### 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 PRAY WITH US FOR:**

Connie & Ed  
Bert  
Michael  
Peter  
Tim  
Rocky  
Sharie  
S.R.L.

Andrea & Caceres Family  
Adam  
Denise  
Les  
Estre  
JoLynne

**UPDATES:**

Santiago is home now and doing well. Greg's biopsy was benign. Thanks to God.

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

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.

**Thank you & God Bless.**

**Second Collection Next Weekend: September 14 & 15:**

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

We appreciate your support!

*(Envelopes will be available in church)*

**We thank you for joining us to watch The Chosen**



Thanks to those who joined Pastor Chung and Fr. Andy on a rainy evening to watch Episode 1 of **The Chosen** at our parish rectory. The Redemptorist community enjoyed your fellowship.

*Please join us again, on Sep. 18th at 6:30pm for Episode 2!*

### 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

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#### Parish Leadership

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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



#### 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 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)**