

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

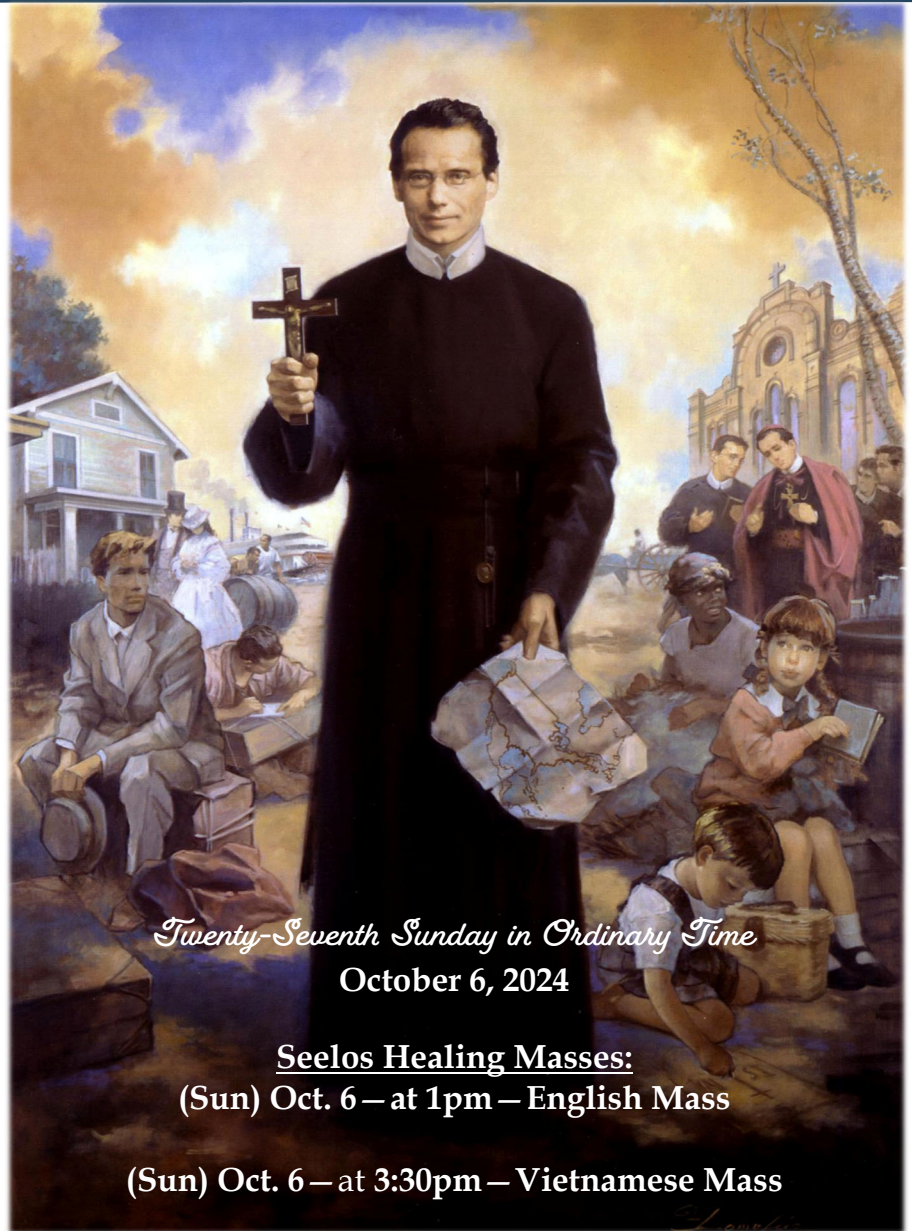
Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

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

Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

Seeelos Healing Masses:

(Sun) Oct. 6 – at 1pm – English Mass

(Sun) Oct. 6 – at 3:30pm – Vietnamese Mass

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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Feast Day of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos! We celebrate Blessed Seelos's Feast Day on October 5. As we remember and celebrate the life of Blessed Seelos, I want to reflect on this prayer:
"O God, you made your priest, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, outstanding in love, that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption and comfort those in affliction. Grant by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of all. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen."

Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R., was born on January 11, 1819 in Fussen, Bavaria, Germany and he died on October 4, 1867 at the young age of 48. While he had a short life, he dedicated it to caring for the sick, the poor, and the abandoned. Father Seelos chose to come to New Orleans at a time when the city was stricken with yellow fever. Even though, he knew taking this assignment in the parish of the Assumption (here at St. Mary's Assumption Church) would be risky - he **joyfully** accepted the assignment in 1866. And while courageously caring and ministering to the sick, he contracted yellow fever, and died.

While Father Seelos only served our community for a short while, he healed and touched many lives. And he served with a *heart of charism*, to the most destitute and to those who felt the most abandoned, by society. He also served and ministered to German immigrants living here and across the city. Nonetheless, Father Seelos was never afraid to go into the homes of the sick, and to offer comfort when he could. His tomb is in our beautiful Church, and his relics are in a reliquary at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, here on our church grounds; the very grounds that Father Seelos walked, preached and prayed.

Although, his life and ministry may have been short - his lasting impact on the many lives he touched and continues to touch today, remains. Following his death in 1867, many people prayed all night and for many days. Those days turned into years, as many people came to pray to Seelos for the intercession of prayer for healing. Seelos is known for many miraculous healings, including the recovery of Ms. Boudreaux from terminal liver cancer in 1966. And most recently, in 2018 for the miraculous recovery of a baby who was dying in New Orleans. Father Seelos was beatified in 2000 and proclaimed 'Blessed' by Pope John Paul II. The cause for 'Blessed Seelos' canonization goes on through today.

The National Shrine of Blessed Seelos here at St. Mary's Assumption Church continues to greet pilgrims from around the city, state, United States, and other countries who come to pray for the intercession of Blessed Seelos in their needs. As we welcome pilgrims, parishioners, and friends this **Sunday, October 6** to the **Seelos Healing Masses** - a 1pm English-Speaking Mass and a 3:30pm Vietnamese-Speaking Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church - I pray that through the intercession of Blessed Seelos and our almighty God that all of your prayers and petitions are answered.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, October 12 – 4:00pm**

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Minister: D. Waldron

• **Sunday, October 13 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater

• **Sunday, October 13 – 10:30am**

Lector: T. Schafer

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Schafer; B. Fleischer;
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 27 Response | Gospel B86 Readings: Hymnal #1114

Song of Gathering: #636 - Open Wide the Doors to Christ

Song of Offertory: #726 - Lord of All Hopefulness

Song of Communion: #555 - One Bread, One Body

Rec: #585 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Pope Francis's *October Prayer Intention:*

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5

4:00pm Curtis Pellerin
+Robert J. Cangelosi, M.D.

Sunday, October 6

9:00am: +Paul Spryopoulos

10:30am: +Marie Giorlando

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, October 7

7:30am: +James A. Waldron

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

7:30am: Maria Sly George

Thursday, October 10

7:30am: Maria Sly George

Friday, October 11

7:30am: +Marie Giorlando

Saturday, October 12

4:00pm: Maria Sly George
+Colette Gorris

Sunday, October 13

9:00am: +Marie Giorlando

10:30am: +Marie Giorlando

+Dr. AJ Giorlando

+Robert J. Cangelosi, M.D.

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE OCTOBER INTENTION

For the repose of the soul of
Nancy Mellon,
requested by Mary Fortuna.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Sep. 28 & Sep. 29, 2024:

\$912.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,292.00	Loose Collection
\$1,210.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$260.00	Religious Education
\$5,674.00	Total Giving

Thank you for your financial support of our parish! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

October = 14 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 5,829 food items and a total of \$153.00.

We ended the month of September with a total of 605 food donations. We appreciate you remembering to bring non-perishable food items each week to Mass for our parish Food Drive.

Thank you!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags will be available next weekend:

(Sat) Oct. 12 & (Sun) Oct. 13



(Suggested donation is \$2 per bag)

WEDDING BANNS

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Oct. 5 – Doug Bourg & Paige Kimble

Oct. 12 – Nicholas Nguyen & Mai Tuyet Nguyen

Oct. 12 – Corey Roundtree & Emily Byrnes

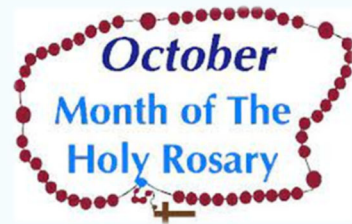
Oct. 18 – Austin Grashoff & Maggie Morris

Oct. 19 – Matthew Simmons & Elyse Bower

Oct. 26 – Zachary Wilson & Bailey Adams

May God bless these couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

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 6-27**, we will pray the rosary before the 10:30am Mass on Sundays, **beginning at 10am.**

All are Welcomed to join us!

Upcoming Events!



All Souls Mass Schedule:

All Souls Day of Remembrance:

If you would like to bring a picture of your loved one and you would like to write their name in our book of remembrance – there will be a tables set up in the Church and Chapel on October 26 & 27 and they will remain through November 3rd.

St. Mary’s Assumption Church

**Holy Day Vigil:
Solemnity of All Saints
Thursday, October 31st at 6:00pm**

**Holy Day: School Mass with All Saints
Presentation by Students
Friday, November 1st at 1:30pm**

St. Mary’s Chapel

**Holy Day: All Saints Day
Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30am**

All are welcomed!



Flower Memorials for All Saints/All Souls November 1st



We invite all parishioners to share in and to consider donating to help decorate the altar with plants and flowers. This is a beautiful way to remember a family member or friend.

Please **fill out** the **person’s name** being remembered, memorial dedication, phone number and donation amount below:

Name: _____

Memorial Dedication:

Phone Number: _____

Donation
Amount: _____

*(Please attach your donation and this information and place it in the offertory basket), and **return by Sunday, October 20, 2023.***

Thank you for your generosity!

**Memorials will be printed in the
October 27th Bulletin**



On **Sunday, Oct. 27th** we will celebrate our Annual Parish Family Day, following 10:30am Spanish/English - Bilingual Mass at St. Mary's Church.

We invite you to bring your favorite potluck dish! Also, we will need volunteers to help with set-up of the outdoor site on Saturday evening, Oct. 26, help with set-up on Sunday morning on Oct. 27, help with serving food, and help with clean-up. **If you can help, please fill out the sign-up forms** in the back of church, or call the parish office at 504-522-6748.

Please invite your family and friends to attend! - Fr. Chung

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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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

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



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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