

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

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St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

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

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November 3, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday we had a very successful and exciting Family Day! There were a lot of food to sample, children playing games and running around enjoying the beautiful weather. Then, when it was time for the pinata games, the children anxiously awaited their turn for a chance to get candy. This *joyous event* showed the meaning of love in our community and church families.

I want to express my gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers and to everyone who participated in helping out with Family Day. It is truly a moment of grace to witness the **joy** in the Gospel in every little thing that we do. We also had a successful small raffle and we were happy to give away gift baskets to five winners: Jane Cross, Connie Berbuesse, Kathleen Frater, Elizabeth Martin, and Mike Boudreaux. Congratulations!

I have some exciting news for the parish and the Seelos Shrine— Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., is going to be arriving soon, and he will be a new member of our Redemptorist Community in New Orleans. Fr. Steve is expected to arrive in the second week of November and he will continue on with the mission of the Redemptorist in New Orleans to serve the people of God in the parish, the Blessed Seelos Shrine, and St. Alphonsus School. Myself and the pastoral team are excited to have Fr. Steve as part of our family. You will all have an opportunity to meet Fr. Steve and to welcome him soon.

Furthermore, I forgot to mention in the bulletin last week, that there will be a remembrance table to display pictures of your loved ones during the month of November. There will be a table set up by Our Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine in the church and a table in the back of the chapel. I invite all of you to bring a picture of your loved ones or you may write down their names, and we will pray for all of them during the month of November.

On October 24th, Pope Francis issued the fourth encyclical of his pontificate, entitled, *Dilexit nos* ("He Loved Us"). I found this particular passage to be quite beautiful and meaningful for all of us to reflect on the readings for this weekend as follows:

This profound core, present in every man and woman, is not that of the soul, but of the entire person in his or her unique psychosomatic identity. Everything finds its unity in the heart, which can be the dwelling-place of love in all its-spiritual, psychic and even physical dimensions. In a word, if love reigns in our heart, we become, in a complete and luminous way, the persons we are meant to be, for every human being is created above all else for love. In the deepest fiber of our being, we were made to love and to be loved. (20).

In many ways, I find that our choices to love go beyond personal and individual responses. With a heightened awareness in our time that all creation is interrelated, all beings and Earth itself are created to be in a communion of love, structural and systemic actions which foster that unity are needed. I believe loving your neighbor involves making choices collectively which prioritize those who are poorest and most affected by inequities in our social structures. As we listen to the voices of our near and distant neighbors along with Earth and all of its creatures asking us, "Do you love me?" we will be able to discern what we need to do. Through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, may we live and act for the Reign of God.

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MASS INTENTIONS

• **Saturday, November 9 – 4:00pm**

Lector: D. Waldron

Eucharistic Minister: E. Rafferty

• **Sunday, November 10 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

• **Sunday, November 10 – 10:30am**

Lector: D. Everard

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; M. Schafer; M. Dahleh

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 31 Response | Gospel B90 Readings: Hymnal #1126

Song of Gathering: #687- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Song of Offertory: #760 - How Can I Keep from Singing

Song of Communion: #544 - I Received the Living God

Rec: #838 - God, We Praise You

SANCTUARY CANDLE
NOVEMBER INTENTION

In Memory of Jimmy &
Monica Ellerbush,
requested by Sister Jane Biseno, R.S.M.



Saturday, November 2

4:00pm +Clary Higginbotham
+Colette Gorris

Sunday, November 3

9:00am: +Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando
+Robert J. Cangelosi, M.D.

10:30am: Dr. Ted Borgman
(In Thanksgiving)

+Nicky Abraham

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, November 4

7:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

Tuesday, November 5

7:30am: +Vincent Montalbano

Wednesday, November 6

7:30am: +Tommy Chambers

Thursday, November 7

7:30am: Susan Marie Pellegrino
Kate Latorre

Friday, November 8

7:30am: +Marie Giorlando

Saturday, November 9

4:00pm: +Paul Spryopoulos

Sunday, November 10

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Jay & Terry Loetzerich
(40th Anniversary)

+Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

12:30pm: +Willie & Evelyn Huntley

Call to schedule your Mass Intentions at
504-522-6748, we have
(Nov-Dec 2024) available.

Stewardship

Giving Update: Oct. 26 & Oct. 27, 2024:

\$1,540.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$987.00	Loose Collection
\$2,299.00	Donations/Legacies
\$180.00	Mass Stipends
\$25.00	All Souls Flower Memorials
\$1,296.05	Online Giving
\$6,327.05	Total Giving

Thank you for your financial support!
- Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

October = 631 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 6,490 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

Thank you for helping keep our parish pantry full – all non-perishable food items you donate are distributed by Hope House to families in need. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags will be available next weekend:

November 9 & 10



(Suggested donation is \$2 per bag)

MANY THANKS! To All of the Family Day Volunteers! To all those who helped set up, serve food, cleanup, including planning, coordinating, cooking, sharing food dishes and desserts, and for participating in our Raffle – you all helped make our Family Day special.

We appreciate all of you so very much!
-Fr. Chung

Hospitality Sunday! November 3rd



Join us after 9am and 10:30am Masses for donuts and coffee.



Weddings

November 2 – Denny Hock & Jessica Prest

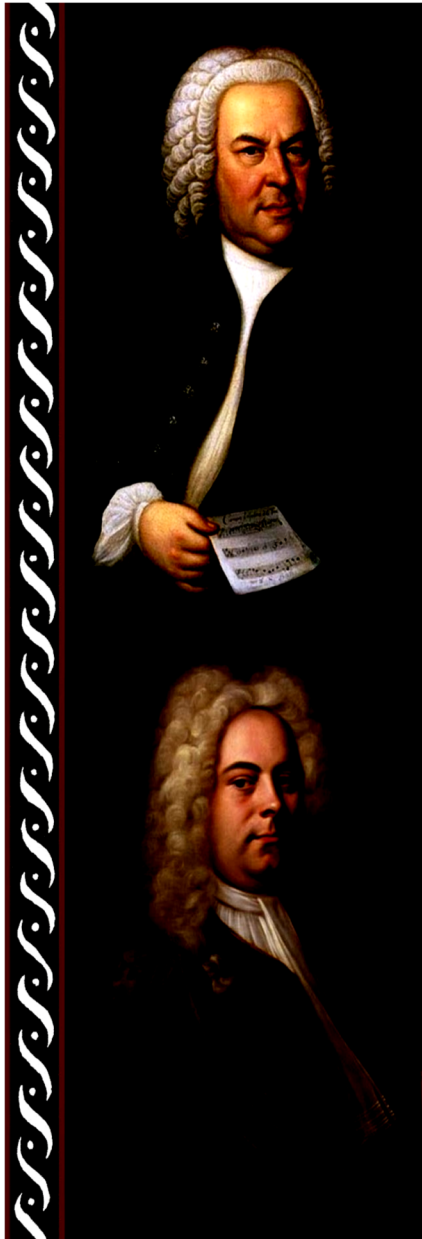
November 13 – Michael Hester & Tara Berberabe

November 23 – Peter Halferty & Laurie Landrieu

November 30 – Drew Jones & Sara Gambel

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


Save the Date!



**SYMPHONY CHORUS
OF NEW ORLEANS**
and
LEXUS
LEXUS OF NEW ORLEANS

present a concert of
**BAROQUE CONCERTOS
& SOLO CANTATAS**
by
BACH, CORELLI, HANDEL, & VIVALDI
with
Nicole Heinen – Soprano
Jacob Huffty – Baritone
Paul Mauffray – Harpsichord

Sunday, November 17th
at 5 o'clock pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church
923 Josephine Street



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com or call us at 774-701-1863. Leave the **first name** and the **reason** for your prayer request. The deadline for requesting prayers for the following week's prayer chain is 7:00pm Sunday evening. Please update us weekly, if you need continued prayers.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for: Alilia, Josie, Rubin, Lori, Marge, Janet, Sister Lillian, Sam, Terry, Judy, Vicki, Lindy, Greg, Cece, Lauris, Shawn, Anne and M.C., Father Steve, Terry, Greg; fair elections and restoration of American values; a family who lost their home in a fire; and for all of the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, and for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord. Amen.

Special Intentions: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leaffy; For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, religious brothers, Sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

(Updated: 10/29/24)

PICTURES FROM OUR ANNUAL FAMILY DAY EVENT – OCTOBER 27TH



MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults and their friends are invited to participate in **A Good Word** during the **Season of Advent >>>>** (**December 1 – 24**) - by scanning the QR Code in the picture to the left -- you can click on the link to sign up to the **WhatsApp** community.

Each day, beginning on December 1st, you will receive and have access to short audio reflections, short 3-minute homilies, and scriptures sent in your WhatsApp Community. You will not receive any notifications – only the daily reflections.

The reflections will be given by Redemptorist priests, seminarians, and lay ministers working in various places in the U.S. We hope you find the reflections to

be hopeful, uplifting, comforting messages, and a way to make the Season of Advent sacred for all young adults and your friends.

You can also share the daily reflections with your friends! - Fr. Michael Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R.

A Good Word
ADVENT AUDIO REFLECTIONS

LET THE WORD SET
YOUR SOUL ON FIRE!

A Redemptorist Young Adult Ministry on WhatsApp

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

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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