

# 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

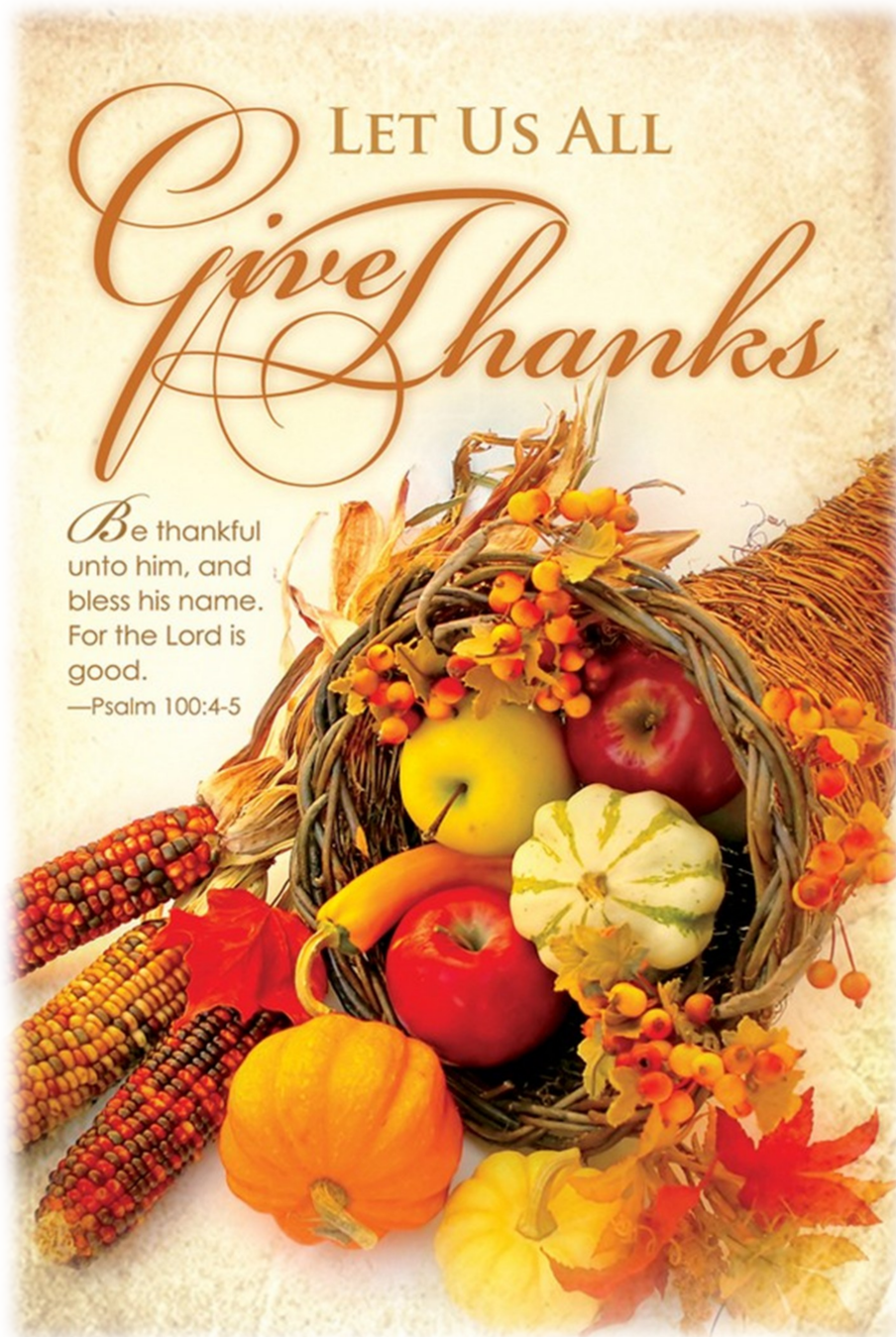
St. Mary's Assumption Church

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)*



## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday culminates our lectionary cycle, closing Ordinary Time for Year B and preparing us for the coming *Season of Advent*. Think of Christ the King as our liturgical New Year's Eve. We stand at the end of another year of worship. These end-time-themed Scriptures often advise us to be "sober and alert", "watch", be prepared and make good use of this time. But with this weekend's readings, our vision is widened. Revelations speak of Jesus as ruler of all of the kings of the earth. The Johannine Jesus announces that his kingdom is not of this world. As the title of this Sunday appropriately states, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The image of Christ the King has been with us since Pilate's interrogation of Jesus in the Passion events. Jesus doesn't claim kingship; rather, he stresses he came to "testify to the truth". He claims those who belong to the truth listen to his voice. This is because the truth is relational. It calls for engagement and commitment. In truth, we who listen to Jesus are betrothed to him. We assist in building the Reign of Jesus, where we are engaged with and committed to God and to our neighbor in love.

Therefore, this commitment has been practiced by Christians for two millenia, mostly without having an official feast or teaching of the heart of Jesus until Pope Pius XI's Quas Primas (1925), where he gave us the feast we are celebrating today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical calendar. The pope was responding to growing tensions between the Church and national secularization movements which caused national persecutions of Christians in Europe, Middle East, and America. The same tensions still exist in today's world and we can add several more places to the list.

Ultimately, the Feast of Christ the King was created to answer the question, "Who is in charge here?" It is Christ the King who oversees all creation and everything, and everyone in it. We claim it and celebrate it today, but "long live Christ the King". This Feast day should be an invitation to join our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in building his Reign of peace and justice in our time and place. Pope Francis stated, "What kind of worship would we give to Christ if we were to rest content with an individual relationship with him and show no interest in relieving the sufferings of others or helping them to live a better life?" The Pope reminds us that love has the capacity to inflame the hearts of others in love. Loving others is our witness to Christ the King who in his incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection, revealed to us.

As we celebrate Jesus Christ as the one who oversees our lives and actions, we are also invited to become engaged and committed to the mission of Jesus, in such a way, that our love will inflame love in others. In this way, we extend and build up the Reign of our Lord in our parish, community and family.

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.



Our  
Lord Jesus  
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Universe

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, November 30 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** T. Borgman

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. Saia

• **Sunday, December 1 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George

• **Sunday, December 1 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** D. Everard

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

## 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 34 Response | Gospel B92 Readings: Hymnal #1135

Song of Gathering: #619 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Song of Offertory: #703 - Lift High the Cross

Song of Communion: #539 - Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Rec: #626 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

### SANCTUARY CANDLE NOVEMBER INTENTION

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



### Please Note:

There will be NO 7:30am  
Chapel Mass on (Thu) Nov. 28th.

**Saturday, November 23**

4:00pm Janene Taylor

**Sunday, November 24**

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Marie Giorlando  
+Dr. AJ Giorlando  
+Barbara Adams

12:30pm: Redemptorist Vocations

**Monday, November 25**

7:30am: +Rosalie Caserta  
+Barbara Adams

**Tuesday, November 26**

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

**Wednesday, November 27**

7:30am: Linda Meszaros

**Thursday, November 28**

9:00am: Thanksgiving Day Intentions

**Friday, November 29**

7:30am: Tyler Stokes  
Philip Manning (90th b-day)

**Saturday, November 30**

4:00pm: +Colette Gorris

**Sunday, December 1**

9:00am: +Marie Giorlando  
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Call to schedule Mass Intentions and  
monthly Sanctuary Candle Intentions  
at 504-522-6748.



## Stewardship

### Giving Update: Nov. 16 & 17, 2024:

\$1,140.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,226.00	Loose Collection
\$470.00	Donations/Legacies
\$369.00	2nd Collection – Human Developmt.
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates
\$380.00	Mass Stipends
\$990.00	Miscellaneous Reimbursement
\$4,171.34	Parish Insurance Reimbursement
\$1,226.35	Online Giving
<b>\$11,972.69</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

### Food Drive Totals:


**November** = 449 non-perishable food items

**Year to Date:** 6,939 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

### I am very touched by our parish's generosity!

A generous donor gave nearly 360 food items to our parish Food Drive this week. We appreciate all those who donate food – all of your donations go directly to help feed families living in our community.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



*Weddings*

**November 30 – Drew Jones & Sara Gambel**

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


We hope our parishioners, visitors, family and friends have a

***Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.***

We are thankful to God for all of you and for being a part of our parish!

**(Thu) Nov. 28th**  
**Thanksgiving Day Mass – 9am**  
St. Mary's Assumption Church

(There will be No 7:30am Chapel Mass)



**Our Parish Office**  
will be **CLOSED**  
**(Nov. 28 & 29)**

(We will reopen on Dec. 2nd)

***Hospitality Sunday!***  
***December 1st***



**Join us after 9am and 10:30am**  
**Masses for donuts, coffee & fellowship.**



## Advent Liturgies & Events

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:**

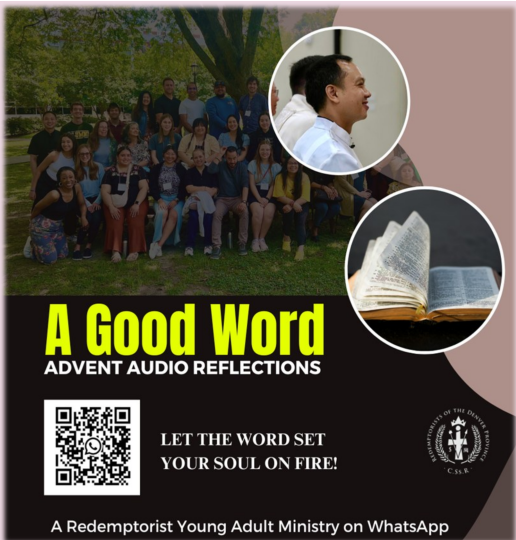
**(Sat) Dec. 7 – 4pm Vigil Mass** for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception  
St. Mary's Assumption Church

**(Sun) Dec. 8**  
Solemnity of Immaculate Conception  
St. Mary's Chapel – **9am**  
St. Mary's Assumption Church – **10:30am & 12:30pm** Spanish Mass

### Advent Morning of Reflection:

**Saturday, December 7 – *Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus:*** Join us for an Advent Morning of Reflection at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center (457 Jackson Ave.) from 9am-1pm

## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS



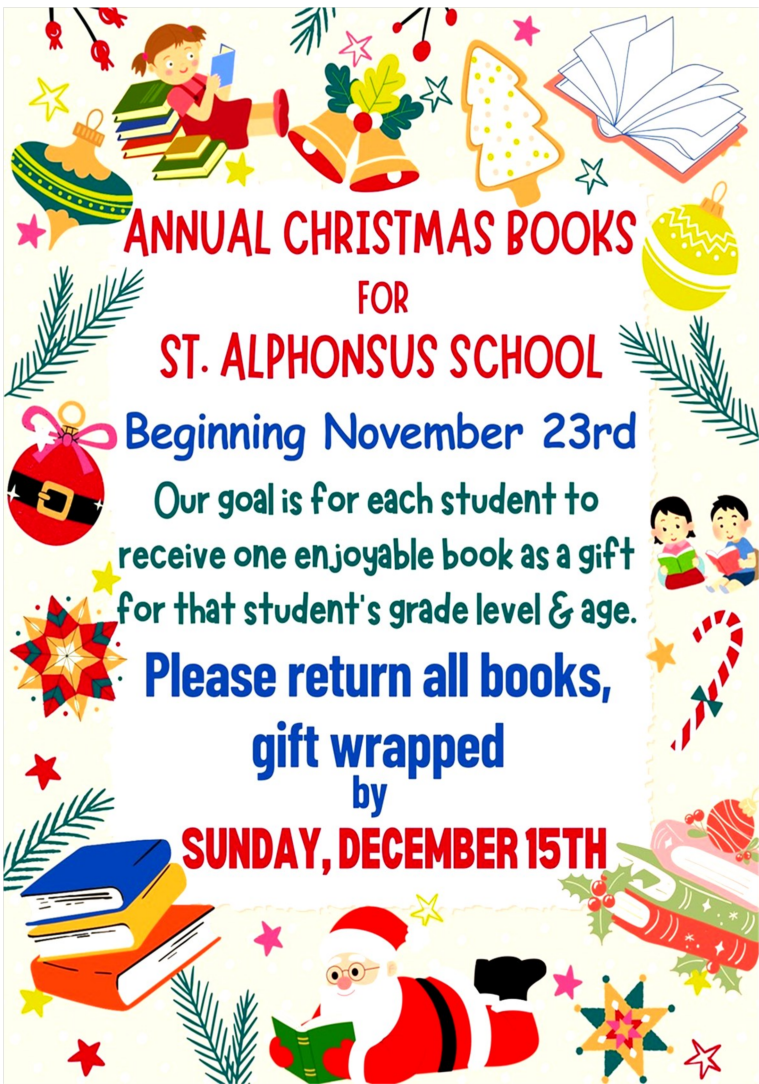
All young adults and their friends are invited to participate in **A Good Word** during the Season of Advent >>>>(Dec.1 – 24) - by scanning the QR Code in the picture to the left -- you can click on the link to sign up to the WhatsApp community.

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.

**Fr. Michael Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R.**



**Please Support our Parish's Annual Christmas Book Drive for St. Alphonsus School**

**Beginning on (Sat) Nov. 23rd**, you will be able to **pick a name tag** from our Christmas Tree in the back of church or from the basket in the back of the chapel.

Each name tag on our Giving Christmas Tree will have a student's name, age and grade. Also, please pick up a copy of the book list for each student's age and grade.

**Please feel free to take 1 or more of the Ornament Name tags from our tree**, and also take a list of suggested books to buy for each Grade.

**Please return all books, gift wrapped with the student's name tag attached to each by (Sun) December 15th.**

*Save the Date*

**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
ON GIVING TUESDAY

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**#iGiveCatholic—Giving Tuesday December 3rd**

We invite all faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" by supporting **St. Mary's Assumption Church** by donating to 'Save St. Mary's' Capital Campaign to help fund much needed exterior and interior renovations & repairs.

Help us to preserve our beautiful historic church, home of the National Shrine of Blessed Fr. Francis Seelos for years to come!

Scan the QR Code: or



Fill out the 'Save St. Mary's Donation Form in the bulletin'— and return it with your donation.  
*Thank you! - 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.co/contact-us](http://StAlphonsusNO.co/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. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine,  
St. Alphonsus and St. Michael's Special Schools

Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine,  
Hispanic Ministry

**Parish Staff**

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Parish Council V. Pres. Marco Balducci, 504-388-3516

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**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)**