

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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504-522-6748

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



*1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024*

PARISH NEWS!



'Save St. Mary's' Fundraiser Campaign: Please consider making a donation to help continue to restore our beautiful church. Your gift is tax deductible and if received by December 31st, 2024 – can be included in your tax returns for this year.

Please make all checks payable to St. Alphonsus Parish, with a notation, "Save St. Mary's". Please **see the bulletin insert**, and **fill out the 'Save St. Mary's' Donation form today**, and return it along with your donation in the offertory basket, or **SCAN** the **QR Code**:



Thank you very much! - Fr. Chung

Senior Showcase/Mercy Endeavors Senior Center – (Fri) Dec. 6th, 10a to 1pm – Help support the annual Christmas Bazaar by donating new or gently used household items, jewelry, crafts, books, hats, and other home items by dropping off your donations to the Mercy Endeavors Senior Center by or before Dec. 6th, between 8am-3pm at 457 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans. If you have any questions, call **504-568-0607**. All are invited to attend the Senior Showcase and buy nice gifts at great prices on (Fri) Dec. 6th. **(See the flyer in the bulletin)**

An Advent Morning of Reflection: Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus: We invite you to begin this season of Advent with a morning reflection on how to prepare for the birth of Jesus in our hearts! Presented by: Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., on (Sat) Dec. 7th – from 8:45am to 12:00pm, at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center. **(See the announcement in the bulletin for more details). All are welcome!**

(See the bulletin for Advent Liturgies and other events)



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 7pm on Sunday.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for Tony, Barbara F., Mark, Vivien, Michael, Father Michael, Cindy, Kelly, Penny, Estre, Mike Pat, Sue, Father Doug, and all those in war situations; our country's leadership, and all those who are homeless and hungry. Please keep these above people in your prayers and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Special Intentions: For the repose of the souls of Delores and Elizabeth Dowling. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. (Nov. 26, 2024)

- **Saturday, December 7 – 4:00pm**
Lector: T. Borgman
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, December 8 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Costanza
Eucharistic Minister: C. Wilkerson
- **Sunday, December 8 – 10:30am**
Lector: L. Moran
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cross; B. Sallettes; C. Nelson

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #5 Krie | #21 Holy | #28 Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #36 Lamb of God

Response | Gospel C1 Readings: Hymnal #956

Song of Gathering: #367 - Proclaim the Joyful Message (Verse 1)

Song of Offertory: #344 - O Lord of Light

Song of Communion: #528 - Wisdom's Feast

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November:

Pope's prayer intention for November: For those who have lost a child. In his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis asks that all parents grieving the loss of a son or daughter find comfort in their community and receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



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

Saturday, November 30
4:00pm +Colette Gorris

Sunday, December 1
9:00am: +Marie Giorlando
+Dr. AJ Giorlando

10:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, December 2
7:30am: +Barbara Adams

Tuesday, December 3
7:30am: +Barbara Adams

Wednesday, December 4
7:30am: +Tim Rigney
+Angela Rizzo

Thursday, December 5
7:30am: Felice Stokes
+William G. Melber

Friday, December 6
7:30am: +Paul R. LeClerc

Saturday, December 7
4:00pm: +Barbara Adams

Sunday, December 8
9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners
10:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams

**SANCTUARY CANDLE
NOVEMBER INTENTION**

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





Stewardship

Giving Update: Nov. 23 & 24, 2024:

\$1,137.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,477.00	Loose Collection
\$2,730.00	Donations/Legacies
\$175.00	Mass Stipends
\$5,519.00	Total Giving

Thank you for your stewardship! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

November = 500 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 6,990 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

We have collected almost 7,000 food items for the year! Please help us reach or exceed our goal of 8,000 items. We appreciate your generosity for supporting our Food Drive for our parish and helping feed families in need.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



November 30 – Drew Jones & Sara Gambel

May God bless this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of marriage.

We hope our parishioners, family, friends & visitors had a

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving .

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

Hospitality Sunday!
December 1st



Join us after 9am & 10:30am Masses for donuts & refreshments!

Just a reminder: For those of you who may be interested, St. Alphonsus Parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St. Mary's Chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



(Friday) December 6th.

All are welcome to attend!



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 with Fr. Steve Benden, at (457 Jackson Ave.) from 8:45am-12pm
(See more details in the bulletin)

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

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.

A Good Word
ADVENT AUDIO REFLECTIONS

LET THE WORD SET
YOUR SOUL ON FIRE!

A Redemptorist Young Adult Ministry on WhatsApp

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

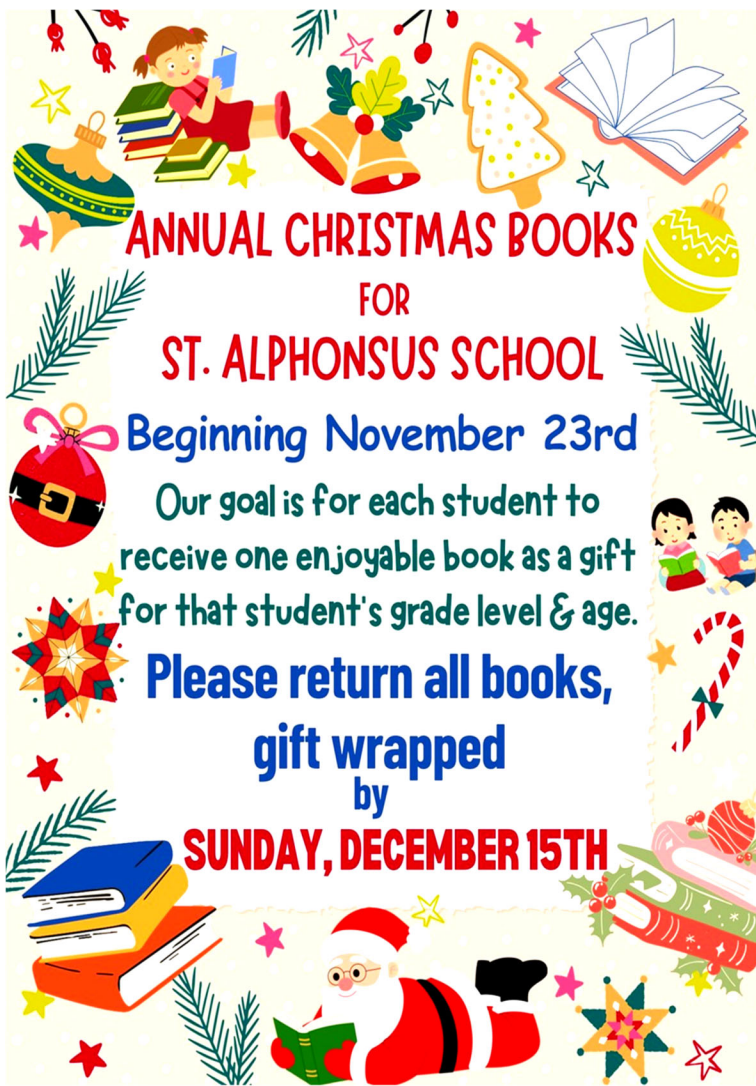
Please pick a name tag from our Christmas Tree in the back of church or from the basket in the back of the chapel.

Each name tag on our Giving Christmas Tree will have a student's name, age and grade. Also, please see the copy of the book list for each student's age and grade in the bulletin, or on the back table.

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 level.

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

Thank you!



**#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

Save the Date

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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An Advent Morning of Reflection

Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus



The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is often the busiest time of the year, with shopping, decorating, and parties. Yet, the Church reminds us that these few weeks are a precious time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ, for preparing our hearts to open to Christ's love, so that we may bring that special presence of love to others.

We invite you to begin this season of Advent with a morning of reflection on how to prepare for the birth of Jesus in our hearts!

Presented by Fr. Steve Benden, C.S.s.R.

Saturday , December 7, 2024

Location: Mercy Endeavors, 457 Jackson Ave

Time: 8:45 am – 12:00 pm.

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.



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