

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

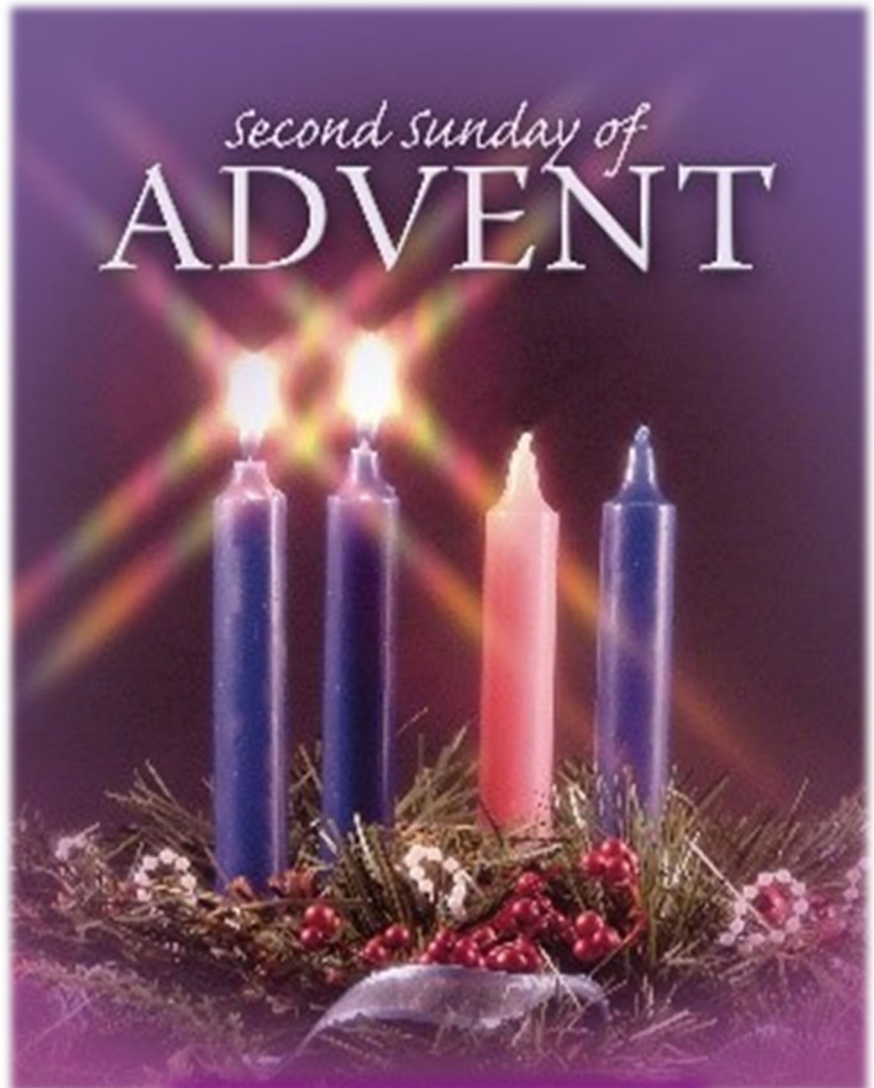
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

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

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

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



*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024*

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of December has always been one of my favorite months. Growing up in the Chicago area it was the month we usually saw our first snow of the year. I loved the snow and the freshness it brought to everything. But it also reminded me of how fleeting that freshness and beauty can be and how quickly it can change to slushy ugliness. Our lives can also be beautiful and fresh but they can also change quickly, if not attended to properly with God's flowing graces.

December also gives us some insight into Mary, the Mother and friend of Jesus. We celebrate her in honoring her Immaculate Conception, her visiting us as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the beloved mother of Jesus on Christmas, and as our mother in praying with the Holy Family.

In addition, December is also my mother's birth month. We all think our mother is the best there is, but I know that God chose an exceptional woman to be my mom. She, with my dad, taught me the faith, encouraged me in my vocation, and she remains to this day, my very best friend. It is said, that behind every great man is a greater woman; my mother is that saintly greater woman behind me, an ordinary man. This month, I honor and I love her, thanking God with all my heart for his gift to me of two fantastic women—MY MOM AND MARY!

As Christmas approaches and we think about the gifts we want to give to our loved ones, the best gift we can give to them is our **LOVE**. God gave us the very best, maybe we should give our very best, also.

Love and peace,

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, December 14 – 4:00pm**
Lector: J. Marvel
Eucharistic Minister: D. Waldron
- **Sunday, December 15 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Frater
Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater
- **Sunday, December 15 – 10:30am**
Lector: T. Schafer
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Fleischer; J. Higginbotham; M. Schafer

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 C2 Readings: Hymnal #959

Song of Gathering: #367 - Proclaim the Joyful Message (Verse 2)

Song of Offertory: #867 - Christ, Be Our Light

Song of Communion: #747 - Where Charity and Love Prevail

Rec: #361 - People, Look East

Pope Francis' prayer intention for December:

Pope's prayer intention for December:

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7
4:00pm +Barbara Adams

Sunday, December 8
9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners
10:30am: +Joshua "Franklin" Williams
12:30pm: +Juan Suarez

Monday, December 9
7:30am: +Barbara Adams

Tuesday, December 10
7:30am: +Barbara Adams

Wednesday, December 11
7:30am: +Barbara Adams

Thursday, December 12
7:30am: +Celso Cuellar, Jr.
+Barbara Adams

Friday, December 13
7:30am: +Celso Cuellar, Jr.
+Barbara Adams

Saturday, December 14
4:00pm: +Colette Gorris
+Michael F. Dolan

Sunday, December 15
9:00am: +Vincent Montalbano
10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Mass Intentions for Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., and the Nutt Family, requested by Fr. Maurice.

and

St. Mary's Chapel

In Memory of the Wilkerson and Quinlan Families, requested by Carol Wilkerson.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2024:

\$1,005.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$611.00	Loose Collection
\$735.00	Donations/Legacies
\$178.33	C.Ss.R. Utilities reimbursement
\$2,742.05	Online Giving
\$5,271.38	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



Food Drive Totals:

November = 517 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 7,007 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

I appreciate our generous parishioners! All food items donated at our weekly Masses – are collected and distributed by Hope House to help individuals and families in need living in our community. **Thank you!**

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, December 22: Our next gathering will be on Sunday, Dec. 22nd after the 10:30am Mass. All Young Adults, church family and friends are invited to help set up and decorate St. Mary's Assumption Church for Christmas.

(All volunteers will enjoy pizza & refreshments)

Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Second Collection for Retired Fund for Religious Appeal: We are taking up a second collection on **Dec. 7 & 8** for retired religious.

Envelopes will be available by the church doors and in the back of church. Please place your envelope and donation in the offertory basket.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Flower Envelopes!

Pick up a Christmas Flower envelope and fill it out, write the person's name of who you would like to remember, and return it along with your donation in the offertory basket by December 15th.



Thank you for your kind donations!

All memorials will print on Dec. 22nd.

WISHING YOU
A BLESSED
FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9, 2024
St. Mary's Chapel
7:30am Mass



All are welcome!

Please join us for 'Handel's Messiah' Concert and performance by the Symphony Chorus of New Orleans at St. Mary's Assumption Church on, Sunday, December 15th at 3pm.

You may purchase tickets online at SymphonyChorus.org or at the door.

SYMPHONY CHORUS
NEW ORLEANS
Steven Edwards, Music Director

Handel's
Messiah

Steven Edwards, Conductor
Professional Orchestra
Rachel Looney, soprano
Rachel Abbate, mezzo-soprano
Kevin Rouchelle, tenor
Richard Hobson, Bass-baritone

7:00 pm on Saturday, December 14, 2024
St. Dominic Catholic Church, 775 Harrison Avenue, NOLA

3:00 pm on Sunday, December 15, 2024
St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church 923 Josephine Street, NOLA

Celebrate this holiday season with your family and friends by purchasing tickets at SymphonyChorus.org or at the door

Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

St. Mary's Assumption
923 Josephine St.

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Ave.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

(Tue) Dec. 24 - 4pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - St. Mary's Assumption Church

(Wed) Dec. 25 - 9:30am Christmas Mass - St. Mary's Assumption Church

(Wed) Dec. 25 - 12:30pm Christmas Spanish Mass - St. Mary's Assumption Church

(Please Note: There will be No 7:30am Chapel Mass on Christmas Day)

Parish Office will be Closed:

Dec. 24 & Dec. 25

(We will reopen on (Thu) Dec. 26)



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www.StAlphonsusNO.com

Upcoming Events - News!

St. Mary's Chapel



1516 Jackson Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130

Preservation Resource Center's 49th Annual Holiday Home Tour - Tour of St. Mary's Chapel on Dec. 14 & 15, 2024

A huge "Thank You" to the Preservation Resource Center (PRC) for featuring St. Alphonsus Parish – and St. Mary's Chapel as one of its bonus properties for this year's Christmas Home Tour. We also **thank our Parish Council Members and volunteers** for making this possible!

Thank you to those who volunteered to greet visitors on the PRC Tour at St. Mary's Chapel, and for helping plan for this event. We appreciate your time, talent, love and support! - Fr. Chung

Please log onto www.prcno.org/holiday-home-tour/ for more information or if you would like to purchase tickets for the holiday tour.

St. Alphonsus Parish will have a Winter Clothing Drive soon!

Please check your closets to see if you have new or gently used, clean clothing items as follows:

Socks
Coats for (Men & Women)
Gloves
Winter Hats
Heavy-Duty Blankets
Sweaters for (Men & Women)

Note: All winter clothing will be collected at Mass on:

(Sat) Jan. 4 & (Sun) Jan. 5, 2025

An announcement and details coming soon from John with the New Orleans Catholic Worker.



Dec. 7 – James Pham & Sandi Nguyen
Dec. 13 – Jerome Magee & Tanya McDaniel
Dec. 14 – Louis Scott & Julia Mansour
Dec. 20 – Adam Delgado & Allison Pomet
Dec. 21 – Jake Weber & Claire Crosby

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

Coming Soon! – We will have a Contest – to find the 'baby Jesus' hidden in the Dec. 22nd bulletin.

The first (5) people **must call** the parish office on Mon, Dec. 23rd, and **correctly identify** where they found baby Jesus in the Dec. 22nd bulletin – will win a prize.

More details coming soon! - Fr. Andy



PHASE I - EXTERIOR Renovations (Constance St. side is complete! (picture taken: Dec. 5, 2024)

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