

# 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 CATHOLIC WORKER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

My name is John Yevtich, and I am with the New Orleans Catholic Worker, located one block from the church at 1910 Constance Street and I would like to talk to you about what we do here at our home in New Orleans, is we help house homeless families, this is one of the many things we do. We do not have a mission statement per say, but if we did – it would be taken from, *Matthew 25:35 – "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"* - which is what we are about.

We will be collecting winter clothing items as listed below, on **(Sat) January 4th** and **(Sun) January 5th, 2025** at all of the weekend Masses. We are asking for your help in donating new, or like new winter clothing for men and women. And if you would like to volunteer in helping organize the clothing and distributing it, please call us at the number listed below, if you have any questions. We appreciate your generosity.






Peace and Blessings, John



### St. Alphonsus Parish

## Just Winter Clothing Drive!

Items needed:

 <i>heavy-duty blankets</i>	 <i>socks</i>	 <i>men's coats</i>
 <i>hats</i>		 <i>gloves</i>

Items will be collected at the masses on  
**January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
The New Orleans Catholic Worker  
will then distribute these items to our  
brothers and sisters  
sleeping under the freeway bridge

If interested in helping distribute these items call the NOCW, 504-457-8062.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, December 21 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Gaiennie

**Eucharistic Minister:** S. Gaiennie

- **Sunday, December 22 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** K. Soileau

**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Soileau

- **Sunday, December 22 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** B. Perrault

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Nelson; C. Berbuesse;

B. Sallettes

## 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 C3 Readings: Hymnal #962

Song of Gathering: #367 - Proclaim the Joyful Message (Verse 3)

Song of Offertory: #352 - O Come, Divine Messiah

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

Rec: #365 - Comfort, Comfort You My People

### 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 14

4:00pm +Colette Gorris  
+Michael F. Dolan

### Sunday, December 15

9:00am: +Vincent Montalbano  
+Major Ted Carroll McNeel, Sr.

10:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, December 16

7:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

### Tuesday, December 17

7:30am: Doris Stokes

### Wednesday, December 18

7:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

### Thursday, December 19

7:30am: +Clary Higginbotham

### Friday, December 20

7:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

### Saturday, December 21

4:00pm: Janene Taylor

### Sunday, December 22

9:00am: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.  
+Sr. Maryellen Tierney

10:30am: +Marie Giorlando

+Dr. AJ Giorlando

+Bertha Ledet Dragon

### 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: Dec. 7 & Dec. 8, 2024:

\$1,725.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,350.00	Loose Collection
\$965.00	Donations/Legacies
\$423.00	Religious Retirement Collection
\$50.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,250.00	Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals
\$108.25	C.Ss.R. Lawn reimbursement
\$4,171.33	Insurance/storage reimbursement
\$1,309.55	Online Giving
<b>\$11,352.13</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your financial support!  
- Fr. Chung



### Food Drive Totals:

**December** = 41 non-perishable food items  
**Year to Date:** 7,048 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

We ended the month of November with 7,007 food items donated year to date. We appreciate your kindness. We hope to make our goal of 8,000 food items donated by the end of this year. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items from your pantry and bring them to Mass and place your donations in the basket in the back of church. Thank you!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



## 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.



*All memorials will print on Dec. 22nd.*

## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS



**Sunday, December 22:** Our next gathering will be next Sunday 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. We appreciate your help.

**(Pizza & refreshments for all Volunteers!)**

*Thank you! - Fr. Chung*



- 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.

*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](https://SymphonyChorus.org) or at the door.

**Please invite your family and friends!**

**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](https://SymphonyChorus.org) or at the door**

# Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

St. Mary's Assumption  
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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, 25 & 26**

*(The parish office will reopen on Fri, Dec. 27)*



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## Parish News!

### FIND BABY JESUS CONTEST!

Can you **or| h e| e- ;jšžš qrhj|** in the bulletin?

Discover the joy of finding Christ in Christmas! The wisemen followed a bright star in the night sky to find baby Jesus.

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If you find baby Jesus in next week's bulletin, you **must call** the parish office on **Monday, Dec. 23** and tell us where you have found him.

The first (5) people who call the parish office on **Monday, Dec. 23**, and **correctly identify the hidden location** of baby Jesus will **win a prize!**

Please be sure to leave your name, phone number and the location where you found baby Jesus.

Parish Office – 504-522-6748 – we open at 9am -2pm, on Mon, Dec. 23rd.

**Good luck! - Fr. Andy**



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**NEW ORLEANS**

**Christmas Concert**  
**St. Louis Cathedral**  
**Sunday, December 22 at 5:30pm**

All are welcome to attend a Christmas Concert at St. Louis Cathedral on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Followed by Caroling in Jackson Square at 7pm.

For more information and other events log onto>  
**<https://nolacatholic.org/events>**



**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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**