

St. Alphonse 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



Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

St. Alphonse Parish, New Orleans

St. Alphonse Parish Office: 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130

504-522-6748 | Parish Website: www.StAlphonseNO.com

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND PARISH NEWS



St. Mary's Restoration Update: Phase I, Exterior Renovations are underway and we are happy to report that the Constance Street side of the church's exterior repairs are complete! The contractors have put up scaffolding on the river side of the church or next to the Seelos Welcome Center and the exterior renovations are underway. We are facing some challenges with a bee hive which will need to be safely removed and relocated by a bee keeper. But overall, everything is moving along as scheduled. **We appreciate all those who donated to our Restoration Fund – on Giving Tuesday, and just recently!** Please consider donating a one-time gift, or making monthly donations over a period of time to help us raise additional funds needed to pay for Phase II, Interior Renovations of the inside walls, plasterwork and repainting of the church. **If you are looking for a tax credit before the end of the year, all donations/gifts for 'Save St. Mary's/Restoration Fund are fully tax deductible by the law.** **Please see the Save St. Mary's Form in the bulletin,** fill it out today and return it with your donation in the offertory basket or you may mail it to St. Alphonsus Parish/2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

(Please make all checks payable to St. Alphonsus Parish with a notation, Restoration Fund. **Thank you!**)

Christmas Eve and Christmas Mass Schedules: All are welcome to join us on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) for 4pm Vigil Mass or on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) for 9:30am or 12:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Parish Office will be CLOSED (Tue) Dec. 24 through (Thu) Dec. 26 for the Christmas holidays! We will reopen on Dec. 27 at 9am.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Schedules: All are welcome to join us on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) for 6pm Vigil or on New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2025) in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – (This is an Holy Day of Obligation) for 9:30am or 12:30pm Spanish Mass.

Collaboration with the Parish and NOCW: John Yevtich, New Orleans Catholic Worker has been helping a group of men, find work by collaborating with Pastor Chung to help with various cleanup projects at the rectory including: updating the rectory conference room, helping care for the gardens, cleaning the inside/outside of the church, refurbishing the wooden fence on the church property, reorganizing the rectory's chapel, and others. We appreciate the ministry and support of the NOCW!

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass: All are invited to join us on **Sunday, January 12th at 10:30am** at St. Mary's Assumption Church for Blessed Father Seelos Healing Mass.

FIND BABY JESUS HIDDEN IN THIS BULLETIN!

Can you *find baby Jesus hidden* in this bulletin? If you find baby Jesus in this bulletin, **you must call the parish office on Monday, December 23, and correctly identify** the hidden location of baby Jesus **WILL WIN A PRIZE!** If you call on Monday morning, and the phone line is busy, leave your name, phone number and the location of where you found baby Jesus in the bulletin. Call the parish office at 504-522-6748 – we open at 9am. **GOOD LUCK! – Fr. Andy**

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, December 28 – 4:00pm**

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Minister: T. Saia

• **Sunday, December 29 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: C. Wilkerson

• **Sunday, December 29 – 10:30am**

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Fleischer; J. Cross; B. Perrault

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 C4 Readings: Hymnal #965

Song of Gathering: #367 – Proclaim the Joyful Message (All Verses)

Song of Offertory: #907 - The Hands That First Held Mary's Child

Song of Communion: #345 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Rec: #921 - We Sing with Holy Mary

PLEASE NOTE: There is No 7:30am Chapel Mass on Christmas Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, December 23

7:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

Tuesday, December 24

7:30am: Doris Stokes

Wednesday, December 25

9:30am: Sandra Borgman

Thursday, December 26

7:30am: +Sr. Maryellen Tierney

Friday, December 27

7:30am: In Memory of Fr. Joseph Armshaw, C.Ss.R.

Saturday, December 28

4:00pm: +John Dimicelli, Jr.

Sunday, December 29

9:00am: +Paul Spryopoulos

10:30am: +Hugh G. Ross

Food Drive Totals:

December = 60 non-perishable food items

Year to Date: 7,067 food items and a total of \$153.00, donated.

Thank you so much for your generous food donation! Your kindness will make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Please continue to drop your food items in one of the church baskets in the back of church. **Thank you!**

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



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. 14 & 15, 2024:

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| \$1,216.00 | Weekly Envelopes |
| \$1,718.00 | Loose Collection |
| \$4,256.00 | Donations/Legacies |
| \$349.00 | Christmas Flowers |
| \$984.75 | Seelos Lawn & misc. reimbursements |
| \$8,523.75 | Total Giving |

Thank you for your generosity!
- Fr. Chung



We need Volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas!

All young adults, church family
and friends are invited to **help us
decorate the church** after **10:30am
and 12:30pm Masses** on
Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

All volunteers will enjoy pizza &
refreshments, following the
12:30pm Mass.

Thank You! - Fr. Chung

Happy Birthday!



Fr. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.
December 20

Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R.
December 30

St. Alphonsus Parish Just Winter Clothing Drive!

Items needed:



heavy-duty
blankets



socks



men's coats



hats



gloves

Items will be collected at the masses on
January 4th and 5th, 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.

St. Alphonsus Parish
We Remember Our Loved Ones this Christmas

In Memory of

Kauchak & Baker Families

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph O'Neill

Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

Fabio & Maria Fernandez

Ronald Chmura

Helen Gorris Hurley

The Scheuermann Family

Will R. Williams, Jr.

Del Bartel

Amy Conn Harvey

Juan Alberto Navarrete

Sternberg & Beyer Families

Russell & Moran Families

Julia Helen Wingard

Bernadine Sylvester

Higginbotham & Ross Families

Larry Konikoff

Haywood Hansell Hillyer, IV

Hinckley Family

Thank you for the Flower Sponsors and donors!



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 William Crotty, Helen Crotty, Kori, Greg, Melanie, Frankie, Pat, Kyle, Shawn, Holly, Terry, Emery, Michele, April, Anthony, Susan, Henry, Mike, Jill, Nicole, Relatives who are traveling from near and far for Christmas. 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 Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us.

(12/10/2024)



St. Alphonsus Parish and the Redemptorist Community wishes peace and blessings upon all of your homes this Christmas – May you experience the hope, joy and love of Christ today, and throughout the Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Christmas Mass Schedule

(TUE) DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL: 4PM
(WED) DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30AM
SPANISH MASS - 12:30PM

THERE WILL BE NO 7:30AM CHAPEL MASS ON DEC 25



Our parish office
will be **CLOSED**
December 24 - 26.

(We will reopen on Dec. 27 at 9am)

In the
Spotlight

🔔 **St. Alphonsus Students receive books for Christmas! Many thanks** to our Parish for making sure each child had a new book for Christmas and to our volunteers who helped plan, sort books, and make sure every student had a book, **thank you!** Our school Chaplain, Fr. Steve Benden enjoyed giving out books to the children!



Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will take place on

Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 3:00pm,

At Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans.

If you will be celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 (married in the year 2000) or you were married between 1995-2000 and wish to attend, please register with the parish office, no later than Friday, January 17, 2025.

To Register: Call the parish office & speak to Sue at 504-522-6748.

(Please Note: This celebration is a prayer service and not a Mass)

Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.



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