

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

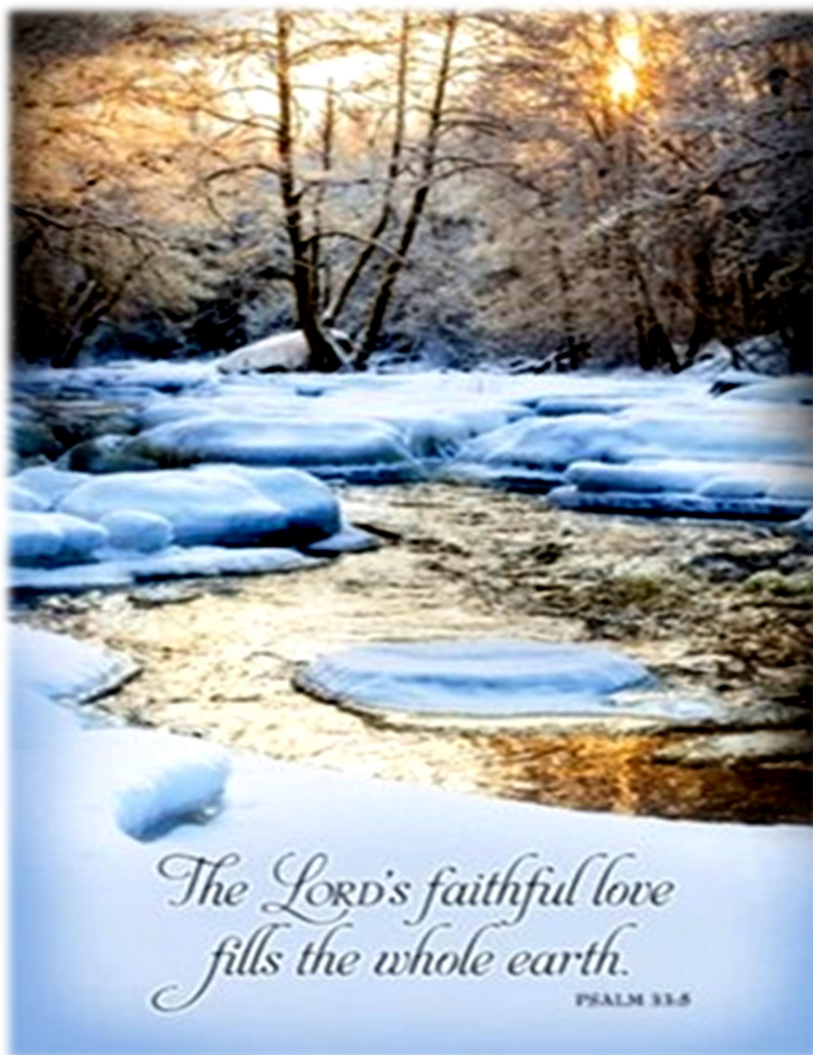
St. Mary's Assumption Church

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)*



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Joint Statement of Concern and Prayer for Healing National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos & St. Alphonsus Parish

January 4, 2025

In the wake of the tragic attack against the citizens and visitors of our beloved city of New Orleans on January 1, 2025, the Redemptorist Missionaries and staff who serve at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, offer our condolences and prayers to all those affected by these evil acts. Our hearts are heavy with grief, and our prayers are lifted in solidarity with the victims, their families, and all who are suffering in the aftermath of this senseless act of violence. We also praise the efforts of the first responders and all those who demonstrate courage and compassion as they care for the victims and their loved ones.

To the broader community of New Orleans, we extend our unwavering support and commitment to walk with you through this painful journey. We invite all people of goodwill to join us in praying for an end to violence, for peace to take root in our hearts and homes, and for the grace to heal from this wound to our city.

In this season of hope, we pray for an end to violence, for the rebuilding of trust and for peace to reign in New Orleans and throughout the world. Firm in faith, we find comfort knowing that “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18). With God’s help, we will heal and emerge from this time of sorrow with renewed strength and resilience that is a hallmark of the people of this great city of New Orleans.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us.

With prayful solidarity,

Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.,

Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Rev. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.,

Pastor, St. Mary’s Assumption Church of St. Alphonsus Parish

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, January 11 – 4:00pm**

Lector: D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie

- **Sunday, January 12 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

- **Sunday, January 12 – 10:30am**

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Nguyen; C. Nelson; B. Fleischer

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Epiphany Response | Gospel C14 Readings: Hymnal #974

Song of Gathering: #410 – What Star is This

Song of Offertory: #383 - The First Nowell

Song of Communion: #406 - We Three Kings Of Orient Age

Rec: #405 - As With Gladness

Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2025:

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

4:00pm Hope House Ministry

Sunday, January 5

9:00am: Fr. Steve Benden, Fr. Tim Watson, and Fr. Chung Tran (Birthday celebrations)

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

12:30pm: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, January 6

7:30am: Victims of the Terrorist Attack

Tuesday, January 7

7:30am: All Men of the Parish

Wednesday, January 8

7:30am: All Women of the Parish

Thursday, January 9

7:30am: All Children of the Parish

Friday, January 10

7:30am: All Sick of the Parish

Saturday, January 11

4:00pm: All Newly Wed Couples

Sunday, January 12

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

12:30pm: Redemptorist Vocations

SANCTUARY CANDLE JANUARY INTENTION

St. Mary's Assumption Church

In Memory of Fabio & Maria Fernandez,
requested by Terry Loetzerich & family.



Please call our parish office at 504-522-6748 to schedule a Mass Intention for 2025 or a Sanctuary Lamp Intention.

Stewardship

Giving Update: Dec. 28 & 29, 2024:

\$3,228.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,595.00	Loose Collection
\$660.00	Donations/Legacies
\$423.00	Religious Retirement Collection
\$5,937.05	Online Giving
\$11,843.05	Total Giving

Thank you for your financial support!
- Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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Food Drive Totals:

Year to Date: 7,629 food items and a total of \$153.00 in donations. We ended December and the 2024 year with a total of 7,629 food donations.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity throughout the year in keeping our parish pantry full.

Our goal is to reach or exceed 8,000 food items for 2025. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to Mass each weekend. Thank you!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Sunday, Jan. 5th – Hospitality Sunday

Please join us after 9am and 10:30am
Masses for donuts & coffee!

We would like to wish Fr. Tim
a very Happy Birthday!

Rev. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R. – January 3



May the Redeeming Love of Christ
bless you always!

GUILD MINISTRY

Giving Back!

One Brown Bag at a time

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food and water to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags will be available to purchase (suggested donation \$2 each) on **Jan. 11 & 12** after Mass.

Thank you!



Jan. 11 – Austin Daigle & Kaci Cazenave

Jan. 18 – Sean Montgomery &
Sophia Cacioppo

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

**We Need Volunteers to help
take down the Christmas
decorations in the Church!!!**

**Everyone is welcome to stay
after the 12:30pm Spanish
Mass to help take down and
put away our Christmas
decorations in the church.**

**We would appreciate your
help and support!**

(See Fr. Tim after Mass)



**If the Vatican approves a second
miracle, Blessed Francis Seelos will
be proclaimed a saint!**

**There will be a Blessed Seelos
Healing Mass and Anointing of the
Sick on (Sunday) Jan. 12, 2025 at
10:30am
St. Mary's Assumption Church**

Blessed Seelos, Pray for us!

Please invite your family & friends!

**Movie Series - *The Chosen*
and Discussion**

Hello Everyone! We would like to show several episodes of **Season 2** of *The Chosen*, to learn more about the life, times and companions of Jesus. Each episode takes about 45 minutes and we will have a short discussion with refreshments afterwards. Please plan on joining us, beginning on **Wednesday, January 8th** and every other Wednesday after that. We will meet in the parish conference room (First Floor of the parish rectory). You can enter through the driveway of the rectory, at 2030 Constance St.

The Chosen is a Christian historical drama series, created and directed by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st Century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him.

If you are interested in watching one or more of the Second Season of The Chosen, please email the parish office or call 504-522-6748, and leave your name and phone number.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

We look forward to seeing you!



We will be collecting winter clothing this weekend, Jan. 4 & 5th at all Masses.

We also will also need volunteers to help sort the winter clothing items - if you can help, please call **504-522-6748**.



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.

Our Mass Intention Book is open for 2025.

Please call our parish office to schedule a Mass Intention at 504-522-6748 or if you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for the Church or Chapel for the month of January - December 2025.

- ◇ Mass Intentions – \$5 stipend
- ◇ Sanctuary Lamp Intentions – \$50

Thank you!

My Own Church Sign-Up

Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish,
sign-up today for access to our My Own Church.
It's more than a directory!

CREATE your family profile
and connect with other parishioners.

VIEW your tithing and contributions.

UPDATE your contact information.

To learn more & get started, visit:
StAlphonsusNO.com/MyOwnChurch

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 and she will add you to the list to be submitted to the Archdiocese.

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

THE THREE KINGS CHALLENGE!

Can you ***find the Three Kings hidden*** in this bulletin?

In celebration of the Epiphany – We celebrate the Lord’s birth, more than two thousand years ago – as we remember, the Magi following a bright star in the western sky, centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the wisemen traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. O’Come, let us adore him!

Help Fr. Andy **find the Magi, The three kings hidden in the bulletin!**

We had one (1) caller call last week, who correctly identified where she found the hidden wisemen. **We need two (2) more callers**, to call the parish office and correctly give us the location of the hidden wisemen, in this bulletin, and you can be a Winner! **Call us at 504-522-6748**, or you can **Text Fr. Andy at (713) 205-0373** with location of the three kings.

We apologize if you tried to call us last week, unfortunately our phones and email systems were down, due to the Cox Network Outage in our area

THE WINNERS OF THE BABY JESUS CHALLENGE!

Thank you for participating in finding ‘baby Jesus’ in the Dec. 22nd Bulletin!

Congratulations to the three (3) Winners!

- Jeffrey Kane
- Jessica Varela
- Lily Quijano

We hope you participate in the Three Kings Challenge and win! – 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