

# 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

Office Email: [StAlsNola@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748

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

JOHN 2:10 “You have kept  
the good wine  
until now.”



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was a child growing up in the Chicago suburbs, I wanted to be a garbage man. I thought it was the coolest job and that no better job, existed. For me, there was the riding around the city in a big truck, picking up some of the best things being thrown away, and of course, no huge pressure – because the job seemed easier enough. And as an added bonus, I heard back then, garbage collectors made good pay and the job was easy.

St. Paul in the second reading this weekend, tells us that God has created us with the ability and the talent to do many different things. We all have gifts and talents to develop and to use in our lives, for our own benefit, and for the benefit of others.

As I grew up, and became older, I began to realize my goal in life was not to be a garbage collector, afterall. Rather, I wanted to help others and to serve others in the Church. So, I explored ways of doing that and I focused my energy on things which would help prepare me for accomplishing my goal.

Today, as a Redemptorist priest, I learned that I need help. I cannot do this job by myself. I need and I rely on the assistance of many other people to help make my dream goal come true. God in his goodness has constantly blessed me with many helpers in my life. It is truly a cooperative venture working in the Church and yet, together we can do wonderful things.

We understand what St. Paul was telling the Corinthians and that is God expects us to use our gifts and talents to help others and to make the world around us, a better place. If we help each other, together we can get it done. As you come to church to pray, I ask each of you to look around, and see what you can do to help someone, or to help our faith community grow and prosper. Perhaps, you can volunteer your time for various ministries, reach out to fellow church members in need, participate in church services as an altar server, lector, eucharistic minister, usher, choir member, help at various church events, offer financial support through tithes and donations, or participate in small groups to build meaningful connections. The point is to use your gifts God has given to you, to help others. And if you need help in deciding what or where to offer help, let me know, and I would be happy to guide you.

-Fr. Andrew Thompson, C.Ss.R. – Associate Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgy Notes

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The Eucharistic Minister and Lector Schedules for the weekend of January 25 & 26 will be available soon.

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Ordinary Time 2 Response | Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1040

Song of Gathering: #645 – Arise, O Spirit

Song of Offertory: #849 - O God beyond All Praising

Song of Communion: #555– One Bread, One Body

Rec: #673 - We Are Your People



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 18

4:00pm St. Thomas Health Clinic

Sunday, January 19

9:00am: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

12:30pm: Victims of the Terrorist Attack

Monday, January 20

7:30am: +Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, January 21

7:30am: +Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.

Wednesday, January 22

7:30am: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

Thursday, January 23

7:30am: +Jeanne Marie Abadie Spitzfaden

Friday, January 24

7:30am: +Jeanne Marie Abadie Spitzfaden

Saturday, January 25

4:00pm: Redemptorist Vocations

Sunday, January 26

9:00am: Sisters of Mercy

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

12:30pm: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE  
JANUARY INTENTION

St. Mary's Assumption Church

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



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/>)

## Stewardship

### Giving Update: January 11 & 12, 2025:

\$745.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$795.00	Loose Collection
\$460.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$1,040.00	Religious Education
\$4,279.58	C.Ss.R. Lawn, Flood Insurance
\$959.55	Online Giving
<b>\$9,279.13</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your financial support!  
- Fr. Chung

### Food Drive Totals:

**January:** 82 Non-perishable food items  
**Year to Date:** 82 food items and a \$25 cash donation.

I thank you for our continued support. Your food donations help feed families who are struggling in our community. We appreciate your generosity!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

### MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

*Join us on Sunday, Jan. 19*

Following the 10:30am Mass, please join us at the Mercy Covent (1017 St. Andrew Street) to make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors with the N.O. Catholic Worker. (Social gathering to follow).

Thank you!



### Second Collection: Weekend of January 25 & 26:

Our second collection for next weekend is for the Catholic Schools' Collection to help fund faith-based education for children and to help promote a lifetime of learning and service.

**Thank you!**



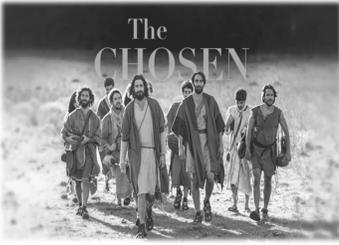
**Jan. 18 – Sean Montgomery & Sophia Cacioppo**

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

**Our office is CLOSED on (Mon) January 20th!**



*We Will Be*  
**CLOSED**  
*On*  
**MLK DAY**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING



## Movie Series - *The Chosen*, Season 2

**Hello Everyone!** We would like to show **Season 2** of *The Chosen*, to learn more about the life, times and companions of Jesus. Each episode takes about 40 minutes and we will have a short discussion afterwards. Light refreshments will be served.

Please plan on joining us, beginning on **Wednesday, January 22nd**. We will meet at the parish rectory's 1st floor, conference room. (Enter by the driveway off of 2030 Constance Street).

If you are interested in watching *The Chosen*, please email us at [StAlsNOLA@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNOLA@gmail.com) or call 504-522-6748.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

### *News around the Archdiocese:*

**MLK DAY "Day On, Not Off" on January 20:** All are welcome to participate in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Day On, Not Off" Community Service Event. The day begins at 8am with a prayer service at the CYO Building located at 2241 Mendez St., in New Orleans and will continue at various service sites. This event is a day of service for churches, schools, families, social/civic groups, and individuals to make a positive contribution to society in remembrance of Dr. King. For more information, call (504) 861-6207.

**Christ in the City: Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm-8pm** - All young adults are invited to the next Christ in the City, the first for 2025, will be on Tuesday, January 21st beginning at 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Uptown - located at 631 State St., New Orleans.

Christ in the City is a monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, 30s, which is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It is our hope that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as well. (Social hour to follow).

**Legacy Sunday:** Parishes are invited to participate in the second archdiocesan-wide Legacy Sunday celebration on **(Sat) February 1 and (Sun) February 2, 2025**.

Going forward, Legacy Sunday, an annual event, will be celebrated on the first Sunday of February. The Catholic Community Foundation will host two informative training webinars for Parish Administrators and Pastors. For questions about Legacy Sunday, please contact Joseph B. Galloway, Director of Philanthropy & Engagement at 504-527-771, or 504-527-5778.

(For more information on other events, go to [nolacatholic.org](http://nolacatholic.org))

### Our Mass Intention Book is open for 2025.

Please call our parish office to schedule a Mass Intention at 504-522-6748 for a loved one, from January - December 2025.

◇ Mass Intentions – \$5 stipend

Thank you!

### Annual Statements 2024:

To our parishioners: the annual statements for your annual donations, online giving and others will be available soon.

If you have any questions, contact Connie at 504-451-4108.

Thank you!



Below is the opportunity to sponsor our Sanctuary Lamp available April-August; & Oct-Dec 2025

### SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



I would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at

St. Mary's Assumption  Chapel

For the month of \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation: (\$50.00)\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_

For the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill out this form and return it in the offertory basket or return it to our parish office)

If you have any questions, please call us at (504) 522-6748.



**St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at [StAlsPrayers@gmail.com](mailto: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 Bridget, Helen, Gay, Pat, Janet, Carmelita, Michele, Carly, Mandy, Jeanne, Rachel, Nadia, Audrey, all those injured in the terrorist attack in the French Quarter, all those suffering around the world, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

**Updates:** April and Kyle are both doing well in their new jobs. Christopher and Janet are doing better.

**Special Intentions:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jack who died recently after a long battle with cancer; Jimmy who died; Frankie who also died; and Jeanne who passed recently. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us.

Updated:



## SCENES FROM THE SEELOS HEALING MASS ON JANUARY 12TH!

Pilgrims from near and far came to the Blessed Seelos Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick. We pray all of your prayers are answered. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us!

# PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## Jubilee 2025 Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



The 2025 Jubilee Year's theme is "pilgrims of Hope" and many parishes are participating in pilgrimages. The Jubilee Year is a time to reconnect with God, each other, and creation.

### Pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- Cathedral-Basilica St. Louis King of France
- Basilica of St. Stephen
- National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
- Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs
- National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- St. Jude Shrine
- St. Joseph Church and Shrine/Westbank
- St. Ann Church and Shrine/Metairie
- St. Joseph Abbey/Covington
- St. Augustine Church
- St. John the Baptist Church
- St. Charles Borromeo Church

(For more details on the above pilgrimage sites – log onto: [nolacatholic.org](http://nolacatholic.org))



**PHASE I - EXTERIOR Renovations are underway (on the riverside of the Church)** (picture taken: Dec. 14, 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)**