

# 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

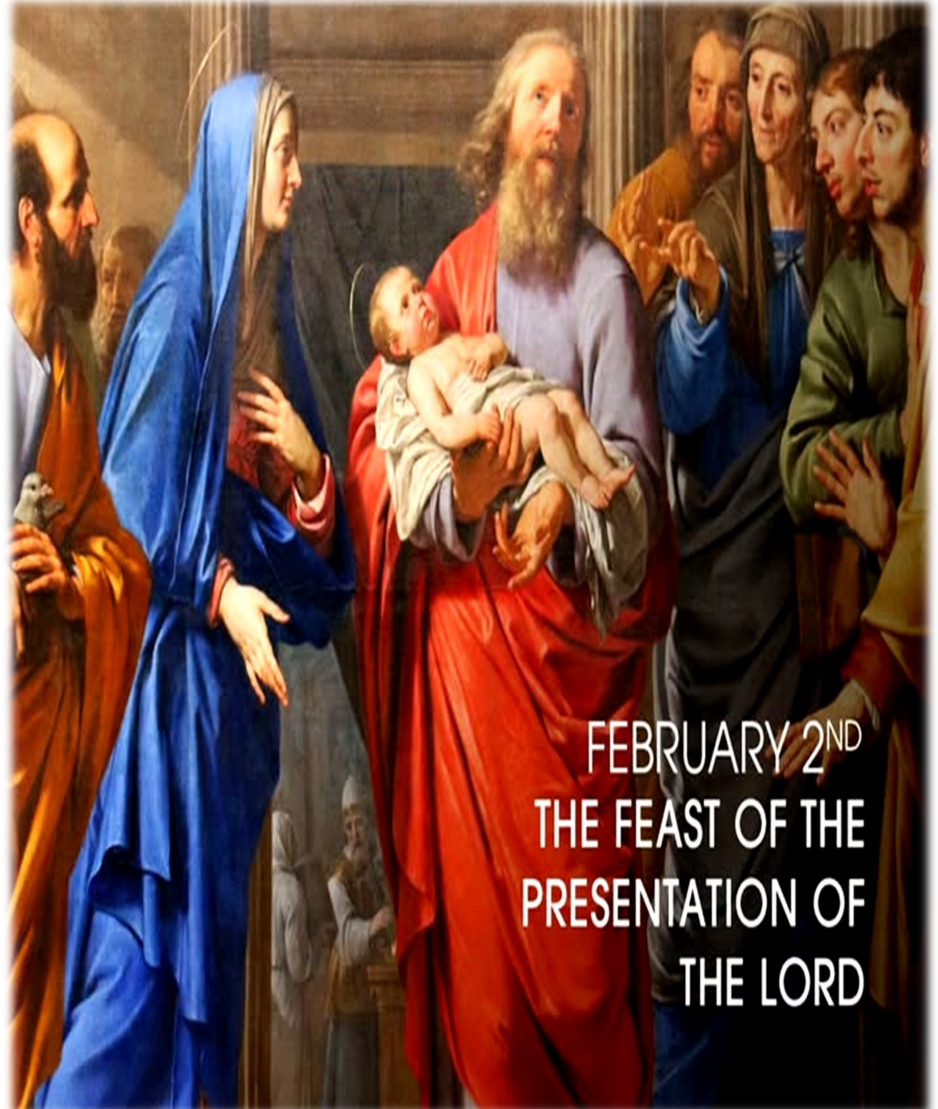
St. Mary's Assumption Church

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)*



FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
THE FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION OF  
THE LORD

## LETTER FROM ANTONIO MONTOYA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Antonio Montoya, C.Ss.R., and I was born and raised in Mexico. I moved to the state of Texas in 2009. A few years later, I decided to join the Redemptorists in 2017 and I have been in vows for four years. I am currently in my first year of theological studies at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.

I hope to complete my studies in Philosophy and Pastoral ministry at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Every summer, Redemptorist students are sent to minister in different Redemptorist communities. I have had the pleasure and joy of ministering in several communities, including The Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos in New Orleans in 2018, and most recently at the Basilica of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Boston, Massachusetts. I look forward to meeting you all.

I would like to tell you about the Redemptorist mission and how you can become part of the Co-Redemptorist Association. Thank you for being part of Co-Redemptorist Weekend with me, here at St. Mary's Assumption Church of St. Alphonsus Parish. Please remember myself and other Redemptorists in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians. We appreciate your contribution and support.

In the Redeemer,  
Antonio Montoya, C.Ss.R.



• **Saturday, February 8 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** Ted Borgman

**Eucharistic Minister:** D. Waldron

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

**Lector:** T. Frater

**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater

• **Sunday, February 9 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** T. Schafer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Schafer; K. Nguyen; B. Fleischer

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #5 Krie | #21 Holy | #28 Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #36 Lamb of God

Ordinary Time 4 Response | Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1046

Song of Gathering: #683 - In Christ There is No East or West

Song of Offertory: #639 - You Are the Way

Song of Communion: #530 - At That First Eucharist

Rec: #681 - God Has Spoken by the Prophets

**Saturday, February 1**

4:00pm Evelyn Higginbotham

**Sunday, February 2**

9:00am: Jean-Marc Pellerin

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

**Monday, February 3**

7:30am: Sue Higginbotham

**Tuesday, February 4**

7:30am: +Robert Payne

**Wednesday, February 5**

7:30am: +Deceased Daughters of Charity

**Thursday, February 6**

7:30am: Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM

**Friday, February 7**

7:30am: Kelly Wilkerson

**Saturday, February 8**

4:00pm: Lora Higginbotham

**Sunday, February 9**

9:00am: +Robert Payne

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

12:30pm: St. Alphonsus Parishioners

**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
FEBRUARY INTENTION**

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
In Memory of Fr. Gerard LaPorte,  
C.Ss.R., requested by Arthur & Audrey  
LaPorte & family.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for February 2025:**

**For vocations to priesthood and religious life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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



## Stewardship

### Giving Update: January 25 & 26, 2025:

\$930.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$991.00	Loose Collection
\$160.00	Donations/Legacies
\$624.00	Catholic Schools Collection
\$1,360.55	Online Giving
<b>\$4,065.55</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity!  
- Fr. Chung

### Weekly Offering



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### Food Drive Totals:

**January** = 478 non-perishable food items  
**Year to Date:** 478 food items and a total of \$25.00 in cash and checks.

Many thanks to a kind donor who donated over 300 food items this week. Your kind donations help feed people in need living in our parish. Please continue to bring what you can each week to Mass. **Thank you!**

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

**Just a reminder:** For those of you who may be interested, St. Alphonsus Parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St. Mary's Chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**All are welcome to attend!**  
**(Friday) February 7th.**

**Wishing you a Happy Birthday** filled with the Redeeming Love and Joy of Christ!  
May God Bless you!



**Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.,**  
**Associate Pastor – February 24**

**Dear Fr. Chung and Parish Family,**

On behalf of the Seniors of Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, **thank you** for your generous contribution to our Annual Christmas Bazaar 2024. Your donations helps us raise needed funds to ensure our seniors can continue to enjoy special activities and outings each month and special holiday memories all season long.

Your generosity helped to ensure our seniors had a wonderful Christmas and future planned events.

Thank you again for your thoughtful donations. As an important part of the Mercy Endeavors team, we look forward to continuing our relationship with you!

Thank you for the wonderful PUZZLES you gifted our seniors this Christmas.

**We gratefully appreciate your loving kindness. God bless you!**

**Sister Jane Briseno, RSM**



Below is the opportunity to sponsor our Sanctuary Lamp available April; June-Aug; & 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.



Feb. 21 – Adam Prentice & Taylor Zenno

Feb. 22 – Justin Bui & Diana Cao

Feb. 22 – Shane O'Brien & Brianna Gary

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

**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 February - December 2025.

◇ **Mass Intentions – \$5 stipend**

**Thank you!**



**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 Merle, Isaac, Brian, Evelyn, Jason, Conner, Megan, Gerard, and a man in a wheelchair who has stage four cancer, 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.

Updated: (01/28/2025)



To support our Redemptorist seminarians,  
visit [www.CoRedemptorists.org](http://www.CoRedemptorists.org)



*Thank you!*

*Welcome to Co-Redemptorist Association Weekend! February 1 & 2, 2025!*

**We welcome Antonio Montoya** who will share how we can support Redemptorist seminarians as members of the Co-Redemptorist Association. If you would like to support the Co-Redemptorists, please scan the bar code above, or you may fill out an envelope at Mass this weekend and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it, directly. Please remember to support the Redemptorists in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians.

Our Redemptorist seminarians like Antonio help spread the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned. Learn more about the Redemptorist Formation by visiting [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org).

Your contribution and support are greatly appreciated. Please continue to support us in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians. **Thank you!**

### **“Know Your Rights” Workshop in Spanish**

All Spanish speaking immigrants are invited to “Know Your Rights” Workshop in Spanish on **(Wednesday) March 12, 2025**, from **7:30-8:30pm** in the St. Jerome Parish Hall, located at 2402 33rd Street, Kenner, LA 70065.

For more information, please call the  
Hispanic Apostolate | Archdiocese of New Orleans  
2525 Maine Avenue,  
Metairie, LA 70003  
Main: 504- 467-2550  
Email: [ssaballos@arch-no.org](mailto:ssaballos@arch-no.org)

***Please invite your family and friends to attend!***

## Parish News!



In honor of Tết, Vietnamese New Year 2025, we wish you happiness, prosperity, and good fortune in the year ahead.

Happy Lunar new Year and Happy Tết, which fell on January 28 & 29!

May you receive all of God's blessings – Fr. Chung

### GUILD MINISTRY



### Sunday, Feb. 2nd Hospitality Sunday

Stay after 9am and 10:30am Mass for donuts, coffee and fellowship!

### 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 at Mass on **Feb. 8 & 9**.

(Suggested donation: \$2 per bag)

*Thank you!*

### *Upcoming Dates:*

**Lundi Gras – (Mon) March 3**  
(Parish Office will close at 12:30pm)

**Mardi Gras Day – (Tue) March 4**  
(Parish Office will Be Closed)

**†Ash Wednesday – March 5 –**  
**(The Season of Lent begins)**

*(Mass Schedule will be announced soon!)*



**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)**