

# 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)  
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*February 9, 2025*

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

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**LCCB Pastoral Statement**

**Together, Pilgrims of Hope with our Immigrant Community**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We write to you with hearts full of compassion and a deep desire to express our solidarity with you during this stressful time. We recognize the immense challenges you face as migrants, and we want to assure you that you are not alone. Compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and recognizing the inherent dignity of each person as a child of God, we stand in firm solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters.

As your bishops, we will advocate for your just treatment and dignity within the framework of the law. We assure you of our prayerful support and ask the State of Louisiana to do the same. You are our brothers and sisters. Please know that you are not forgotten and that your Church stands with you in solidarity.

The Church has always recognized the responsibility of nations to control their borders and create migration policies. However, the Church teaches that this right is not unlimited and must be exercised with respect for the human dignity of each person and the common good. What is clear is the urgent need for a comprehensive reform of our country's immigration system. The U.S. immigration system is overly complex and unjust, often keeping family members apart; it must be fixed.

Catholic social teaching identifies principles that should be included in any reform. It is necessary that the root causes of forced migration should be addressed. Any law enforcement efforts should be targeted, proportional, and humane, and should guarantee humanitarian protection and due process. Long-time residents should have an earned pathway to citizenship. Family unity should remain a cornerstone of the U.S. system and legal pathways to migration and citizenship should be expanded, reliable, and efficient.

We also hope that our country can develop an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and an immigration system that keeps our borders safe and secure. Enforcement policies should focus on those who present risks and dangers to society, in particular, efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.

Sacred Scripture provides us with countless examples of God's love for the stranger and the sojourner. These words remind us that we are all pilgrims of hope on this earth. O Mary, you and your family were forced to seek refuge in Egypt after the visit from the Magi (Mt. 2: 13-15). We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, Jesus, whom you brought forth from your womb to shine as the Light of the World.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, February 15 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Gaiennie

**Eucharistic Minister:** G. Maginnis

• **Sunday, February 16 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** K. Soileau

**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Soileau

• **Sunday, February 16 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** B. Perrault

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

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #8 Gloria | #21 Holy | #28 Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer #36 Lamb of God

OT Time 5 Response | Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1049

Song of Gathering: #830- Holy, Holy, Holy

Song of Offertory: #728 - When Hands Reach Out

Song of Communion: #550 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Rec: #817 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 8**

4:00pm Lora Higginbotham  
(Birthday blessings)

**Sunday, February 9**

9:00am: +Robert Payne

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

**Monday, February 10**

7:30am: +Paul R. LeClere

**Tuesday, February 11**

7:30am: Les Beyer

**Wednesday, February 12**

7:30am: Jane Cross

**Thursday, February 13**

7:30am: Jim Meszaros

**Friday, February 14**

7:30am: +Katherine Grinstead

**Saturday, February 15**

4:00pm: Ricky Higginbotham

**Sunday, February 16**

9:00am: +Adele Yost Fauchaux

10:30am: +Frankie Connor

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### SANCTUARY CANDLE FEBRUARY INTENTION

In Memory of Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.,  
requested by Arthur & Audrey LaPorte  
and Family



Call 504-522-6748 to schedule a  
Mass Intention or to sponsor a  
Sanctuary Candle Intention,  
for a loved one at  
St. Mary's Assumption Church  
or  
St. Mary's Chapel,

Thank you.



## Stewardship

### Giving Update: Feb. 1 & 2, 2025:

\$1,805.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,807.00	Loose Collection
\$1,220.00	Donations/Legacies
\$180.00	Mass Stipends
<b>\$5,012.00</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for generous support!  
- Fr. Chung

### Food Drive Totals:

**February** = 9 non-perishable food items  
**Year to Date:** 623 food items and a total of \$25, donated. Thank you for helping keep our parish pantry full!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



**Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM**  
Principal, St. Alphonsus School  
**February 6**

**May God Bless you!**



### Weddings

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

# ATTENTION!

Dear Church Family,  
please do not reply to emails, or text messages from anyone posing as Fr. Chung or one of our clergy members - that ask you to buy gift cards or to provide financial assistance.

These are scammers trying to get your personal information.

Please know that Fr. Chung would never email, or text you to ask for money or financial assistance. Please ignore these kind of emails and messages.

**Thank you! - Fr. Chung**

if you have any questions, please call 504-522-6748.


**SCAM ALERT!**

### GUILD MINISTRY

**Brown Bags** will be available at all Masses:  
**February 8 & 9**




(Suggested donation is \$2 per bag)



**African Americans**  
on the path to  
*Sainthood*


**Celebrate  
Black History  
Month**



The "Saintly Six" are currently on the path to sainthood, which are:

- Henriette Delille
- Sister Thea Bowman
- Julia Greeley
- Mother Mary Lange
- Venerable Father Augustus Tolton
- Venerable Pierre Toussaint

*Pray for us!*



**CHRIST  
IN THE  
CITY**


MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
Adoration • Reconciliation • Fellowship

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

**7:00 PM**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI -  
EPIPHANY  
CHURCH**

2022 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans

[nolacatholic.org/citc](http://nolacatholic.org/citc)



**MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS**

All young adults and their friends are invited to attend Christ in the City's monthly Eucharistic Adoration on (Tue) Feb. 18th at 7pm Epiphany Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave., N.O.

For more information, go to [www.nolacatholic.org/citc](http://www.nolacatholic.org/citc).

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

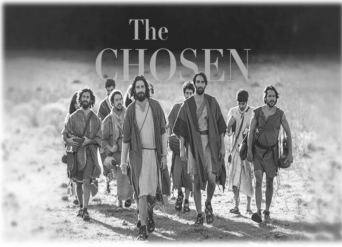
**MARCH 5**

**MASS TIMES**

7:30AM - CHAPEL | 12PM - CHURCH

6PM (SPANISH MASS) - CHURCH





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

**Hello Everyone!** We had a nice turn out last week, and many of you enjoyed watching Episode 1 of **Season 2** of *The Chosen*, to learn more about the life, and ministry of Jesus. Each episode takes about 40 minutes and we will have a short discussion afterwards. (*Snacks & refreshments will be served*).

Please plan on joining us, for Episode 2 of Season 2, on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30pm**. 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 join us.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

## *Gratitude to All our Co-Redemptorists!*

**Thank you for your generosity toward the Co-Redemptorists and for your hospitality!**

I realize it was a full weekend (Feb. 1 & 2, 2025) and I might not have seen some of you. If you did not have a chance to fill out a pledge card or make a contribution to support Redemptorist seminarians, there are still envelopes available in Church and the parish office. You can place your envelope in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. You can also give online by visiting [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org) or scan the barcode below.

Your contribution and support are greatly appreciated. Please continue to support us in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians. It was great being back in New Orleans and sharing this time with you.

**Thank you!**

**Antonio Montoya, C.Ss.R.**



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



*Thank you!*

### St. Alphonsus Parish Mission Statement

In the tradition of our immigrant founders, St. Alphonsus Parish continues to be a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community of faith. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit, formed by the Gospel under the mantle of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and since 1843 served by the Redemptorists, men of faith such as Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. We are committed to carry forward a living history that shapes us into a Eucharistic community.

Catholic Schools Week - celebrating our students! St. Alphonsus School students enjoy a field trip to St. Louis Cathedral with teacher, Ms. Whitaker, Principal, Sister Monica Ellerbusch, and school chaplain, Fr. Steve Benden. #NOLACatholicSchools#



Photo provided by: St. Alphonsus School, - Jan. 31, 2025



**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 7:00pm Sunday evening. Please update us weekly, if you need continued prayers.

**Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for:** Merle, Isaac, Brian, Evelyn, Jane, Jason, Conner, Megan, Gerard, Hailey & Bella, JoLynn, Father Doug, Sharon, thanksgiving for the showing of The Chosen in our parish; and for all of the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, and for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us prayer to the Lord. **Amen.**

**Special Intentions:** Please pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, religious brothers, Sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

*(Updated: 2/4/2025)*



**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)**