

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

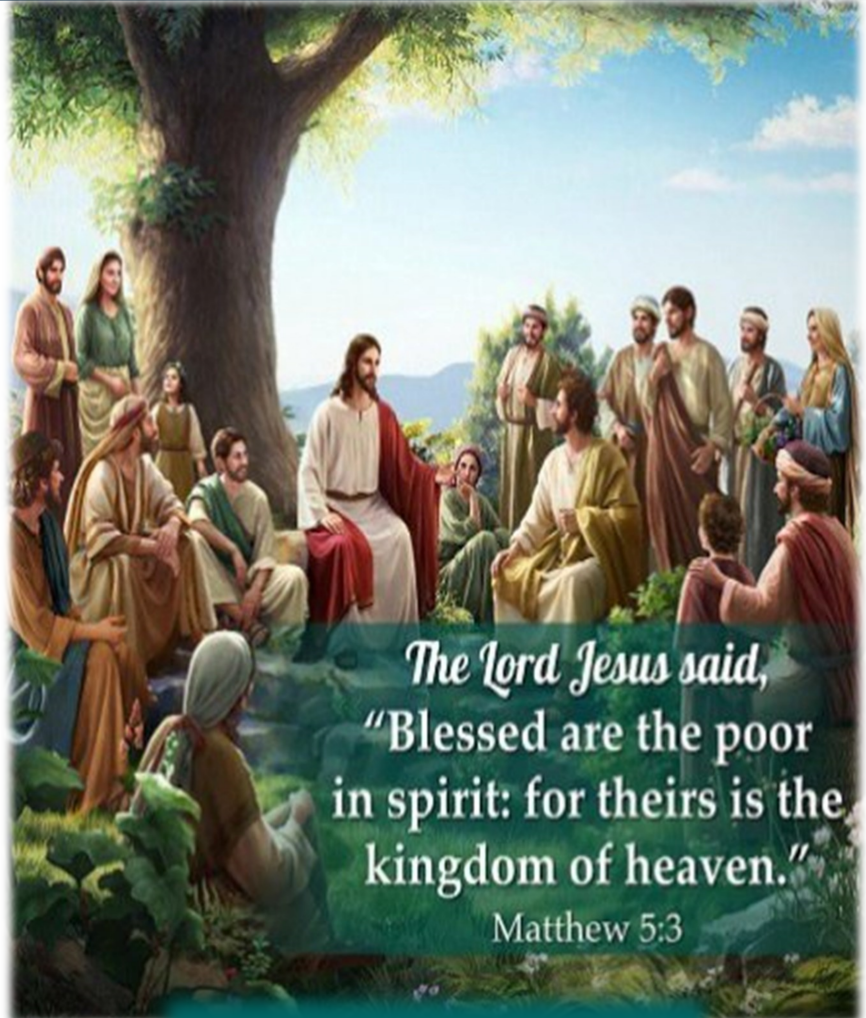
St. Mary's Assumption Church

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)*



February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Friday was Valentine's Day. A day known as expressing our love and affection to those people, closest to us. The origins of Valentine's Day are mixed with pagan customs, religious fervor and cultural lore, all mixed into one. Today, it is more secular than religious, although the Church still commemorates St. Valentine, an early martyr of the Church.

When I was child, every year I would give my mother a card proclaiming her as my special valentine. It was usually the only one I sent, and I never expected one in return. It gave me great joy and happiness to honor my mother in such a simple way. It was also my way of letting her know how important she was to me, and how much I loved her.

Now, that I am an adult, I don't give valentine cards to anyone. Although, I love and I appreciate many people in my life. I presume they know that and who they are. Maybe they expect a card from me or maybe not. I don't know. What I do know, is that I often take them for granted and I never tell them how much they mean to me.

I hope that as you are reading this, you can call to mind people you love and cherish, but haven't told them so, in a while. Perhaps, a simple gesture or a word can make an ordinary day, very special. We need to be reminded of this and make it more of a daily practice in our lives – letting those we love and cherish, how much they mean to us.

Today, as you gather with friends and family, tell them, *you love them*. Tell them, they are special to you. Tell them, you care and pray for them. Don't take them for granted or presume they know how you feel. Rather, show them. Tell them.

God loves us very much. Let God know that you love him. Enjoy your Valentines.

God bless,

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



Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, February 22 – 4:00pm**

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Minister: T. Saia

• **Sunday, February 23 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

• **Sunday, February 23 – 10:30am**

Lector: M. Balducci

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

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 6 Response | Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1052

Song of Gathering: #809 - God is Here! As We His People

Song of Offertory: #508 - We Know That Christ is Raised

Song of Communion: #536 - Eat This Bread

Rec: #883 - The Kingdom of God

SANCTUARY CANDLE FEBRUARY INTENTION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15

4:00pm Ricky Higginbotham

Sunday, February 16

9:00am: +Adele Yost Faucheux

10:30am: +Frankie Connor

+Brenda Pendley

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, February 17

7:30am: +Pat Quinlan

Tuesday, February 18

7:30am: +Bette Hinckley

Wednesday, February 19

7:30am: +Fred Faucheux

Thursday, February 20

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, February 21

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Saturday, February 22

4:00pm: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

Sunday, February 23

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Call 504-522-6748 to schedule a
Mass Intention for 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, and 12:30pm Masses or
to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle
Intention, for a loved one at
St. Mary's Chapel or St. Mary's
Assumption Church.

Thank you.

Stewardship

Giving Update: Feb. 8 & 9, 2025:

\$865.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,877.00	Loose Collection
\$625.00	Donations/Legacies
\$50.00	Mass Stipends
\$108.25	C.Ss.R. Lawn services
\$1,049.55	Online Giving
\$4,574.80	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity!
- Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

February = 25 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 639 food items and a total of \$25, donated.

Thank you for bring non-perishable food items to Mass each week. All food donated is collected and distributed by Hope House to help individuals and families in need. Your kindness is appreciated!

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

Second Collection: Weekend of February 22 & 23:

Our second collection for next weekend is for the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities to help provide crucial funds that bring hope and support to those in need living in our archdiocese.

Thank you!



Our parish office Schedule:

(Mon) March 3 - (open from 9a-12p)

(Tue) March 4 - **CLOSED** on
Mardi Gras Day

(We will resume reg. hrs. on Ash Wednesday - 9a-2p)

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5

MASS TIMES

7:30AM - CHAPEL | 12PM - CHURCH

6PM (SPANISH MASS) - CHURCH



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH, NEW ORLEANS



Feb. 21 – Adam Prentice & Taylor Zenno

Feb. 22 – Shane O'Brien & Brianna Gary

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

Wishing you a Happy Birthday filled with the Redeeming Love and Joy of Christ!



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

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!

If you would like to help our church family prepare and decorate the St. Joseph's Altar, or if you would like to donate baked Italian cookies, desserts, breads, vegetables, wines, and other meatless foods to adorn the altar, help fill cookie bags or make a donation— please call the parish office, (M-F) - 9am-2pm at 504-522-6748. If you can help in any of the above ways, we would appreciate your support!


St. Joseph's Altar Schedule St. Mary's Assumption Church:

(Tue) March 18 – Prep Day – 9am-2p
Set up of Altar and Decorating

(Wed) March 19 – Viewing & Blessing of Altar, Blessing at 11am,
followed by Mass, at 11:30am with Devotions to St. Joseph
(Church will be open from 8am-2pm)

(Sun) March 23 – St. Joseph's Altar will be "broken" for all to share the delicious foods, following the 12:30pm Spanish Mass

Thank you! - Fr. Chung



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



Christ in the City will hold its monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Tue, Feb. 18 at 7pm, at Corpus Christi Epiphany Church, (2022 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans)

All young adults are invited to attend!
(A social hour to follow).

For more information, contact James Behan, at yam@arch-no.org.



PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 12:00PM

ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH COURTYARD
ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!





Lent 2025 Calendar - "Pilgrims of Hope"

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans

St. Mary's Assumption
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Ave.

St. Patrick's Day Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Saturday, March 15 at 12pm
**(There will be NO 4pm Vigil Mass)*

(Good Friday is obligatory day of abstinence for Catholics. Also, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. It is obligatory for: Catholics who are ages 14 until death to practice the law of abstinence. And Catholics who are 18-59 years old are bound to practice the law of fasting).

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Tuesday, March 18
Preparations of the Altar
(9am -2pm)

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Tuesday, March 19
Devotions to St. Joseph,
(Viewing and Blessing of Altar at 11am, Mass
following at 11:30am)

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Sunday, March 23
(St. Joseph's Altar will be "broken" for all to share
the delicious foods, following the
12:30pm Spanish Mass)

Lenten Evenings of Confession - 5-6:30pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church on Wednesdays
March 26, April 2 & 9

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm

St. Mary's Chapel
March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 & 11

Holy Week & Easter

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual Mass)

Friday, April 18 at 3pm
Adoration of the Cross

Friday, April 18 at 5:00pm
Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, April 19 at 8:00pm - Easter Vigil in
English

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Easter Sunday Masses
Sunday, April 20 at 8:30am & 10:30am
12:30pm (Spanish)

(There will be a **Easter Egg Hunt at 12pm** on
Easter Sunday in St. Mary's courtyard -
All children are welcome to participate)

Walk of the Nine Churches

St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open 8am-3pm
St. Mary's Chapel will be open 8am-12pm

Good Friday



For more information, visit www.StAlphonsusNO.com\Lent 2025

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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.

**Visit StAlphonsusNO.co/contact-us
to our email parish staff.**

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R., Pastor

Fr. Andrew Thompson, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor

Redemptorists In Residence

Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine,
St. Alphonsus and St. Michael's Special Schools

Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine,
Hispanic Ministry

Parish Staff

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Forres Collins, Plant Manager, Maintenance, 504-522-6748

Music Staff

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

Wedding Coordinator

Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,
wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

Parish Leadership

Parish Council Pres. Rachel Langkopp, 504-256-1464

Parish Council V. Pres. Marco Balducci, 504-388-3516

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504-454-1837

Local Ministry Information

Seelos Welcome Center 504-525-2495

St Alphonsus School 504-523-6594

Mercy Endeavors 504-568-0607

St. Thomas Clinic 504-529-5588

Catholic Worker 504-457-8062



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to any new parishioners! To register as a parishioner please contact the parish office or speak to us after any of our Masses. Reach out to a Redemptorist, contact the parish office at (504) 522-6748 or visit our online form ([www.StAlphonsusNO.com/My Own Church](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/MyOwnChurch)) to register as a parishioner.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance of your planned wedding date.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our parish is committed to creating a safe space for all who come to worship. For more information about safe environment practices here and through the archdioceses, please visit www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com.

(ALL submissions require pastoral staff approval)



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