

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



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

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

(Picture on Cover: St. Mary's courtyard: Sue H.)



Stations of the Cross: All are welcome to join us on Fridays at 6pm, at St. Mary's Chapel, beginning on Friday, March 7, 14, 28, and April 4 & 11.



Novena in Honor of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos! Join us in our 9-week Novena to Blessed Francis Seelos as we celebrate his 25 years of Beatification! There will be an **In-Person Novena** at St. Mary's Assumption Church on **Wednesdays** at **11:30am** on **Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26;** and again on **April 2nd**. To end the 9-week Novena, there will be a **Seelos Healing Mass in English** at **10:30am** and a **Seelos Healing Mass in Spanish** at **12:30pm** on **(Sunday) April 6th**, followed by Anointing of the Sick at each Mass, at St. Mary's Assumption Church. On **(Wed) April 9th** – **Join us** for the **25th Anniversary Beatification Nine-Week Novena & Jubilee Day of Prayer** beginning

with Rosary at 10am, followed by Mass at 11:30am, and Novena Prayers, ending with Blessed Seelos Stations of the Cross at 3pm. And you can follow St. Mary's Assumption Church on Facebook to watch the weekly online Novena prayers and reflections. Please invite your family and friends! *Blessed Seelos, Pray for us!* If you have questions, call The Seelos Welcome Center at 504-525-2495.

St. Patrick's Day Mass coming soon! Save the date for **(Saturday) March 15th at 12 Noon** for our annual parish's St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church. There will be a 1pm Irish Channel parade following the Mass. All are welcome! (Please Note: There will be No 4pm Vigil Mass).

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations: It is that time of the year again, and soon we will gather to set up and prepare the altar, and we **will need volunteers**. If you can help, set up, prepare and decorate the altar, or if you would like to donate baked Italian cookies, deserts, breads, foods, wines, vegetables, and other meatless foods for the altar, and if could help fill cookie bags – call the parish office at 504-522-6748. (**See the Lent 2025 calendar in the bulletin for dates/times of events**).

Lenten Evenings of Confession: All are welcome! Our parish will offer evenings of confession from 5pm-6:30pm on the following Wednesdays: March 26, April 2 & 9 at St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Parish Lenten Missions Coming Soon! All are invited to join us on the following dates:

- **(Saturday) March 22nd – 9am-1pm** – at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, 457 Jackson Ave., N.O. – Lenten reflection on "Discipleship" - presented by: Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R.
- **(Saturday) April 5 – 9am-1pm** – at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, 457 Jackson Ave., N.O. – Lenten reflection on "Signs & Symbols of Holy Week" - presented by: Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

*(*Doors will open for both Lenten Missions at 8:30am – refreshments & lunch will be served)*

If you are planning on attending our parish's Lenten Missions, please call and give us your name, phone number, and how many people will be attending – this will help us to prepare – thank you.

(Call the parish office on Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm at 504-522-6748)

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, March 1 – 4:00pm**

Lector: D. Waldron

Eucharistic Minister: E. Rafferty

• **Sunday, March 2 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

• **Sunday, March 2 – 10:30am**

Lector: D. Everard

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; M. Schafer; M. Dahleh

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 7 Response | Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1055

Song of Gathering: #687 - Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Song of Offertory: #794 - Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Song of Communion: #571 - What You Gave Us for Our Taking

Rec: #688 - They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

SANCTUARY CANDLE FEBRUARY INTENTION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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

12:30pm: Hope House Ministry

Monday, February 24

7:30am: Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

Tuesday, February 25

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Wednesday, February 26

7:30am: +Fred Fauchoux

Thursday, February 27

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Friday, February 28

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Saturday, March 1

4:00pm: Evelyn Higginbotham

Sunday, March 2

9:00am: +Marie Giorlando & +Dr. AJ Giorlando

10:30am: +Brenda Pendley

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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. 15 & 16, 2025:

\$941.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,252.00	Loose Collection
\$150.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$1,499.85	Online Giving
\$5,842.85	Total Giving

Thank you for your financial support!
- Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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Food Drive Totals:

February = 422 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 1,036 food items and a total of \$25 in checks and cash.

We received over 350 food items from an anonymous donor! We are very grateful for your continued generosity! Thank you.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Feb. 21 – Adam Prentice & Taylor Zenno

Feb. 22 – Shane O'Brien & Brianna Gary

Please pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of marriage.



Our Parish Office Schedule:

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

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

(We will reopen on Ash Wednesday - 9a-2p)

St. Mary's Chapel Mass Schedule:

(Mon) March 3 - 7:30am

(Tue) March 4 - 7:30am

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5

MASS TIMES

7:30AM - CHAPEL | 12PM - CHURCH

6PM (SPANISH MASS) - CHURCH



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH, NEW ORLEANS

We wish Fr. Andy a Happy Birthday filled with the Love and Joy of Christ!



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

St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations!

(Tue) March 18th - Prep Day – Volunteers are needed to help us set up and decorate the Altar! If you can help, please join us at 9am at St. Mary's Assumption Church. And, if you would like to donate baked Italian cookies, deserts, breads, vegetables, wines, and other meatless foods to adorn the Altar, please call 504-522-6748. Thank you!
(See the Italian Cookie recipe Insert in the bulletin)

(Wed) March 19th - Viewing & Blessing – Viewing of Altar from 8am-11am; Blessing at 11am, followed by Mass at 11:30am at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Cookies and blessed bread and St. Joseph Candles will be available for a donation. *(The church will be open until 2pm).*

The Altar will remain in place through **Sunday, March 23rd** and it will be "broken" to share all foods from the Altar, following the **12:30pm Spanish Mass. - Thank you, Fr. Chung**

Join us for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt, on Sunday, April 20th at 12pm in St. Mary's courtyard.

All kids ages, 12 years and younger are welcome to participate! Bring your Easter basket and arrive a few minutes early, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin, promptly at 12pm.



Movie Series The Chosen

We thank everyone for joining us to watch, **The Chosen** on Feb. 19th. We will gather again soon, to watch Episode 4, of Season 2, following Ash Wednesday.

All are welcome to join us on **(Wed) March 12th at 6:30pm**, in the 1st floor conference room of the rectory.

(light refreshments served)

We look forward to seeing you!

-Fr. Chung



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)*

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Tuesday, March 18
Preparations of the Altar
(9am -2pm)

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Wednesday, March 19
Devotions to St. Joseph,
Viewing of Altar, 8am-11am, Blessing 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 (Spanish)
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 NO 9am Chapel Mass)*

(There will be a **Parish Easter Egg Hunt** at 12pm on
Easter Sunday in St. Mary's Church courtyard -
All Children ages 12 & under 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/Lent2025

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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

Sue Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, 504-522-6748

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

Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504-621-6249

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