

# 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

St. Mary's Chapel  
Sunday at 9:00am

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
Sunday at 10:30am  
Sunday Spanish Mass at 12:30pm

### 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 or 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/Holiday Hours Vary – Parish  
Office may be closed or hours may vary)*



The message of the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" is to renew hope in God and in each other, and to share that hope with the world.

([www.usccb.org/Jubilee2025](http://www.usccb.org/Jubilee2025))

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are about to begin a new season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. We receive ashes on our foreheads, as a reminder that we are dust, and to dust we shall return (Gen. 3:19). As I reflect on my life in the past few months, and a few experiences, including witnessing a friend dying, I'm reminded of how precious life is. We are the dust that is precious, destined for eternal life. We are also, God's hope, his treasures and his creations.

I'm also reminded, that life is short. The phrase, "life is short" serves as a reminder of our limited time on Earth and it encourages us to focus on our relationship with God and with each other. This phrase, also *prompts action*, it encourages us to cherish our time with our loved ones, to enjoy quality time with those we love, and care for, and most importantly, to focus on God.

Lent is a time to reflect, renew and to repent. It's a journey of hope in our faith to repent our sins and to prepare for the celebration of Easter, and Christ's resurrection. It sets the tone for an opportunity for spiritual growth.

I close with these thoughts, Pope Francis once said in his Lenten homily, "let us look inside, into our hearts." He reflected on Jesus' invitation for us to "go into your inner room", urging believers of Christ to focus on one's heart, and genuine relationship with God. During this season of Lent, and Jubilee year of hope, let us return to God with all our heart, and renew our commitment to living according to Christ's teachings. The Jubilee year, "Pilgrims of Hope" - also referred to as the 'Holy Year', may we open our hearts in preparation for the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising. Let us allow God to transform our hearts and experience the unconditional love he has for us.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.



**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 Kim, Peace in Gaza & Ukraine, Julia, Frank, Pope Francis and his health, Mary, Luke and Braden, Anastasia, All everyone to have a safe & happy Mardi Gras, for a sick mom and the the health of her baby, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

**Updates:** Both Hailey and Bella have recovered and are back in school. Jim had a successful surgery and he is well. Natalie is home from the hospital and recovering.

**Special Intentions:** Please pray for the repose of the soul Joan, beloved wife of Charlie who passed recently. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us.

*Updated: (02/18/2025)*

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### •Saturday, March 8 – 4:00pm

**Lector:** D. Gaiennie

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Gaiennie

### Sunday, March 9 – 9:00am (Chapel)

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Wilkerson

### •Sunday, March 9 – 10:30am

**Lector:** D. Everard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Nguyen; C. Nelson; B. Perrault

## 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 8 Response/Gospel C Readings: Hymnal #1058

Song of Gathering: #834 Festival Canticle

Song of Offertory: #711 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Song, during Communion: #528 Wisdom's Feast

Rec: #673 We Are Your People

## STEWARDSHIP

### Food Drive Totals:

We ended the month of February with a total of 448 non-perishable food items donated, and a total of \$25.00.

**Year to Date:** 1,062 food items have been donated.

We appreciate our generous parishioners and visitors for donating food items weekly to support our parish's food drive. Our goal is to reach 8,000 or more items this year.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 1

4:00pm: Evelyn Higginbotham

### Sunday, March 2

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

10:30am: +Brenda Pendley

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, March 3

7:30am: +Deceased Daughters of Charity

### Tuesday, March 4

7:30am: +Deceased Members of the Corner Club

### Wednesday, March 5

7:30am: +Frank Doyle

### Thursday, March 6

7:30am: +Mercedes R. Waldron

### Friday, March 7

7:30am: +Louise Koch Manning

### Saturday, March 8

4:00pm: +Hugh G. Ross

### Sunday, March 9

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

10:30am: +Bertha Ledet Dragon

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

### MARCH INTENTIONS

In Memory of the Rafferty & Agan Families, requested by  
Liz Rafferty



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: Feb. 22 & 23, 2025:

\$490.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,783.00	Loose Collection
\$367.00	Catholic Charities Collection
\$694.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,200.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$660.00	Reimbursements
\$1,203.55	On-Line Giving
<b>\$6,397.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Thank you for your generosity!  
-Fr. Chung

GUILD MINISTRY



**Brown Bags:** Brown bags will be distributed and available for sale next weekend at all Masses, on **March 8 & 9**. Each bag contains water and a food items to give to someone in need. Bags are \$2 each. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



Our Parish Office Schedule:

**(Mon) March 3 - (Open 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



**Mar. 7 – Brennan Domangue & Alicia Murphy**

**Mar. 29 – Garrett T. McNamara & Carolyn Hammond**

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

## *St. Alphonsus School's Mardi Gras Celebration!*

The St. Alphonsus School students and teachers celebrated Mardi Gras with fun festivities including a marching band, a parade and other activities on February 26th. Principal, Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM, and school chaplain, Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., joined in the fun.



## *Filipino Mass at St. Mary's Redemptorist Chapel in the Rectory*

Filipino Devotees of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, gathered on Sunday, February 16th to pray the Rosary, followed by Mass at 4pm with Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R. St. Alphonsus Parish will offer a Filipino Mass on the third Sunday of each month, at 3pm in the Rectory's Chapel. **All are welcome!** (Picture taken by: Bert Anfone)





**FRIDAY MONTHLY  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please join us on the first Friday of each month for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:30am Mass at the Chapel.

**Friday, March 7th**

All are welcome!



**St. Patrick's Day Mass**

St. Mary's Assumption Church

**Saturday, March 15 at 12pm**

There will be an **Irish Channel Parade starting at 1pm,** following the **12 Noon Mass.**

*(Please note: There will be **No** 4pm Mass)*

All are welcome!



**St. Joseph's Altar & St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations:**

We are accepting donations of cookies for our Church's Altar – please bring your cookies to the parish office, (Mon-Wed, March 10 - 12, 2025), from 9am-2pm.

If you would like to **volunteer to help** set up, prepare and decorate the Altar, please call us at

504-522-6748. Of if you would like to donate baked Italian cookies, deserts, breads, vegetables, fruits, wines, and other meatless foods to adorn the Altar, please call us.

**Thank you!**

**Preparation Schedule for St. Joseph's Feast Day:**

**(Thu) March 13th at 10am** – Volunteers will fill cookies bags at our parish Rectory.

**(Tue) March 18th at 9am** – Volunteers meet at Church to set up, prepare & decorate the Altar

**(Wed) March 19th** – Church doors open at 8am-11am, Viewing of the Altar, followed by Blessing of Altar at 11am, and Mass at 11:30am with Devotions & Prayers to St. Joseph.

*(The church will remain open until 2pm).*

**The St. Joseph's 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.**

### 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.com/contact-us](http://StAlphonsusNO.com/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 School and St. Michael's Special School

#### Parish Staff

Susan Higginbotham, Secretary, 504.522.6748

Forres Collins, Plant Manager/Maintenance

#### Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

#### Wedding Coordinator

Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,  
[wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com)

#### Parish Leadership

Parish Council President, Skip Miller, 404.822.6370

Parish Council V. Pres. Sara Schexnayder, 908.303.9935

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

Hope House 504.525.2561

Hope House Adult Ed. 504.524.7353



#### 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/My Own Church)) 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.

#### 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 thru the archdioceses, please visit [www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment](http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment)

#### SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: [StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com).

**(All submissions require pastoral staff approval)**



## 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.

After 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. Their "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)**