

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

Weekend 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 thru Friday at 7:30am

Perpetual Help Devotions

St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays during 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month after the
7:30am Chapel Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Saturdays at 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours

M-F; 9am-2pm;
504-522-6748

(Holy Days/Holiday Hours Vary)



**Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from
Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.
(Luke 4:1)**

In this passage, Jesus was tempted by the devil for 40 days.

Parish News!



Lenten Mission

Parish Lenten Missions: All are invited to join us on:

- **(Sat) Mar. 22** - A reflection on “Discipleship” with speaker, Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center/457 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, at 9am-1pm.

- **(Sat) April 5** – A reflection on “Signs & Symbols of Holy Week” with speaker, Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R., at Mercy Endeavors Senior Center/457 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, 9am-1pm. (Doors will open at 8:30am, light breakfast and lunch will be served). Please call (504) 522-6748 if you would like to attend.



The Chosen, Season 2, 'Movie Night' will resume next week: If you would like to watch Season 2, Episode 4 of the video series, *The Chosen*, please join us at **6:30pm** on **(Wed) Mar. 12** at the parish rectory, in the 1st floor conference room. Please join us to learn more about the life of Jesus and his disciples. Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. (Reflection to follow).



We are accepting donations of cookies for our St. Joseph's Altar!

Please bring your cookie donations on **(Mon) Mar, 10 - (Wed) Mar. 12**, to the Parish Office located at 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, between **9am-2pm**.

We thank those of you who have offered to donate cookies!

Volunteers will gather on **(Thu) Mar. 13** to fill cookie bags.

If you have any questions, call (504) 522-6748.



All are invited to our St. Patrick's Day Mass: (Sat) March 15th at 12pm. Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R. will be the presider. There will be an Irish Channel Parade immediately following, at 1pm. (Please Note: There will be no 4pm Vigil.)



Volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the St. Joseph's Altar – Join us on **(Tue) March 18** at **9am** at St. Mary's Assumption Church, and we will begin preparing the Altar.

We appreciate your help!

(Wed) March 19 – Viewing of Altar 8am-11am; Blessing at 11am; Mass at 11:30am with devotions & prayers to St. Joseph.

The church will remain open until 2pm.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, March 15 – 4:00pm

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Kauchak

Sunday, March 16 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

•Sunday, March 16 – 10:30am

Lector: G. Gitz

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dahleh; C. Berbuesse; C. Nelson

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Lent 1/Gospel C18 Readings: Hymnal #981

Song of Gathering: #421 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Song of Offertory: #428 O Lord, Your Mercy Does Extend

Song, during Communion: #551 Let the Hungry Come to Me

Rec: #585 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2025:

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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

PLEASE NOTE: There is no 4pm Mass or Confessions on March 15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 8

4:00pm: +Hugh G. Ross

Sunday, March 9

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

10:30am: +Bertha Ledet Dragon

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, March 10

7:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

Tuesday, March 11

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Wednesday, March 12

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham (Birthday)

Thursday, March 13

7:30am: +Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.

Friday, March 14

7:30am: Geraldine Ross (92nd Birthday)

Saturday, March 15

12:00pm: Irish Community of New Orleans

Sunday, March 16

9:00am: +Pat and Mike Quinlan

10:30am: +Diann Castin Pumphrey

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

MARCH INTENTIONS

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



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: Weekend March 1 & 2, 2025:

\$730.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,900.00	Loose Collection
\$645.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,143.25.00	Miscellaneous Reimbursements
\$4,418.25	TOTAL

Thank you for your stewardship!

-Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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Food Drive Totals:

February = 42 non-perishable food items
Year to Date: 1,104 food items and a total of \$25, donated. Thank you for your kind donations. Please place place your food donations in one of the bins in the back of Church and the Chapel.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Mar. 7 – Brennan Domangue & Alicia Murphy

Mar. 29 – Garrett McNamara & Carolyn Hammond

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

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 after Mass.

(Suggested donation: \$2 per bag)



Thank you!

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS AT 6PM
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL
MARCH 7 - APRIL 11



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime



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!

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 March - December 2025.

◇ Mass Intentions – \$5 stipend

Thank you!

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.

(We ask that parents bring their kids to the outside courtyard for further instructions – Fr. Andy)

Palm Branch Donations



Do you have Date, Fan, Mediterranean or other types of palms in your yard?

We are accepting palm branch donations for our Palm Sunday celebrations!

Bring your donations to the parish office **(Mon) March 24 - (Mon) April 7.**

Please call our parish office at (504) 522-6748 with any questions.

Thank you!





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\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.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

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

Parish Staff

Susan Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, 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

Parish Leadership

Parish Council Pres. 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) 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.

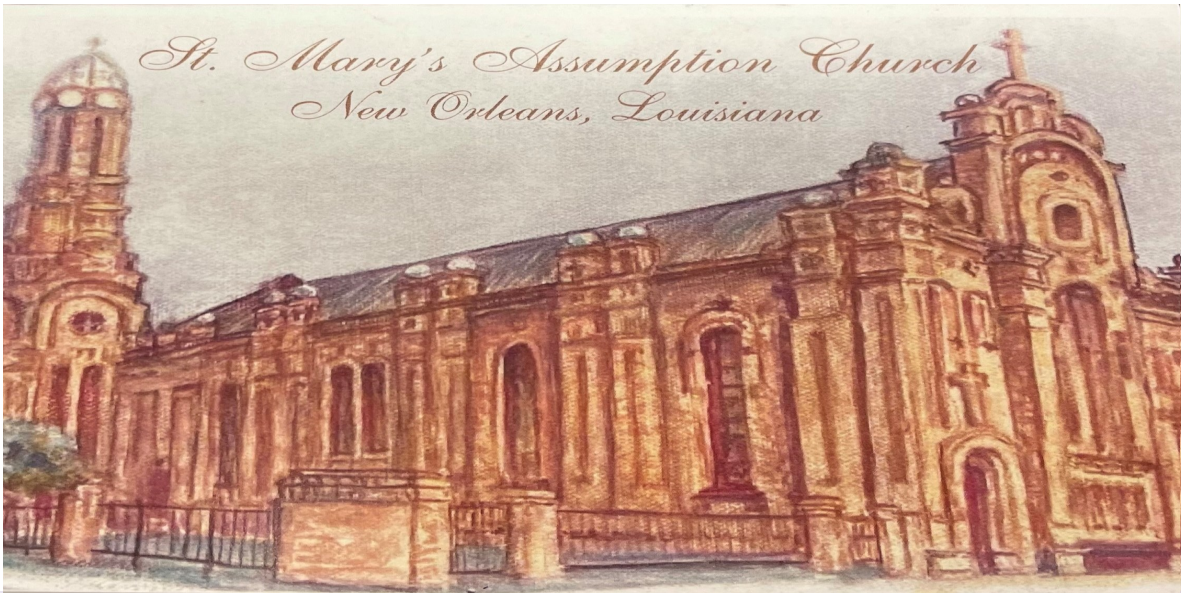
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: 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