

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

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

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

Redemptorist Rectory Chapel
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees
Sunday Filipino Mass, Third Sunday of each
month at 3pm

Weekday Mass Times

St. Mary's Chapel
Monday-Friday at 7:30am

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Monday-Friday at 11:30am
Novena Mass in Honor of Blessed Francis
Seelos, Confessions available, after Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's Chapel
First Friday or each month after 7:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Parish Office Hours: M-F; 9am-2pm

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*March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent*

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share Archbishop Gregory Aymond's thoughts he recently shared on the death penalty, along with the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops. Sadly, as many of you may have read or heard in the news, an inmate serving nearly 28 years in prison in Louisiana was executed a few days ago by nitrogen hypoxia. He is the first inmate in 15 years to be put to death in Louisiana.

Archbishop Aymond has expressed his opposition to the death penalty, aligning with the Catholic Church's pro-life teachings that uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Recently, in February 2025, the Louisiana Conference of Bishops, including Archbishop Aymond, expressed sadness over efforts to resume executions in the state of Louisiana. They further noted, no method of execution, including nitrogen hypoxia, is acceptable.

Previously, in April of 2017, Archbishop Aymond and the Louisiana bishops also, issued a Statement, asserting that the death penalty does not address the root causes of violent crime and perpetuates a culture of death. They expressed that their opposition is not intended to diminish the suffering of victims and their families but to affirm the value of all human life. And, later in January of 2020, he participated in a prayer service marking a decade without executions in Louisiana, viewing it as progress toward abolishing the death penalty.

Archbishop Aymond's consistent stance against the death penalty reflects a commitment to upholding the dignity of all human life and advocating for alternatives to capital punishment that align with restorative justice principles. Archbishop also emphasized in his recent letter, about teachings on forgiveness and rehabilitation, over retribution.

Recently, Don Everard, the Director of the Hope House held a prayer vigil for the inmate and for the repose of his soul, including prayers for the murdered victim and her family, as well as the family of the inmate. In this Lenten season, and *Jubilee Year of Hope*, we pray for the end of violence, and for peace to take roots in our hearts.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Pray for us,

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, March 29 – 4:00pm

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Saia

Sunday, March 30 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Wilkerson

•Sunday, March 30 – 10:30am

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Nelson; B. Perrault; C. Berbuesse

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 3 Response/Gospel C20 Readings: Hymnal #987

Song of Gathering: #777 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Song of Offertory: #738 What Wondrous Love

Song, during Communion: #579 Grant to Us, O Lord

Rec: #685 God, the Father of Your People

STEWARDSHIP

Food Drive Totals:

March = 506 non-perishable food items donated

Year to Date: 1,568 food items have been donated, and \$25 in checks and cash.

Thank you for your continued generosity and to an anonymous donor for giving over 300 food items earlier this week. Your love and support are amazing. Thank you for helping keep our parish food bank full.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 23

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

7:30am: Melissa Pellerin
+Marie Giorlando

Wednesday, March 26

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Thursday, March 27

7:30am: Special Intentions for the
LaRocca Family

Friday, March 28

7:30am: Celine Pellerin

Saturday, March 29

4:00pm: +Patrick Regan

Sunday, March 30

9:00am: +Lyla Nugent

10:30am: +Brenda Pendley
+Lance Lenfant

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

MARCH INTENTIONS

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



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: March 15 & 16, 2025:

\$682.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,756.00	Loose Collection
\$1,060.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,500.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$280.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,441.55	On-Line Giving
\$1,216.00	St. Patrick's Mass Donations
\$8,935.55	TOTAL

Weekly Offering



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Thank you for your generosity!
-Fr. Chung

Many Thanks! to all of our **volunteers** who helped with our St. Joseph's Altar and those who helped fill cookie bags.

We appreciate your love and dedication you give to our parish!

May God bless you - Fr. Chung



St. Patrick's Irish Channel Parade has been rescheduled to roll on:

*(Sat) March 29, 2025
at 10am*

Please Note: We will have a 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church.

-Fr. Chung



Lenten Evenings of Confession

WEDNESDAYS 5:00-6:30PM
MARCH 26, APRIL 2 & 9

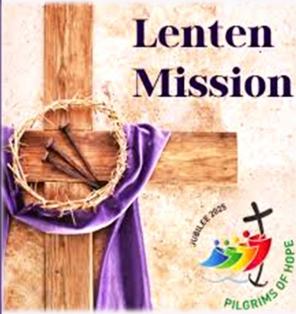
St. Mary's Assumption Church
OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH NEW ORLEANS



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Mar. 29 – Garrett McNamara & Carolyn Hammond

Please pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of marriage.



Parish Lenten Mission

(Sat) April 5 – “Signs & Symbols of Holy Week”

Presented by Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

Location: Mercy Endeavors Senior Center

Address: 457 Jackson Ave., New Orleans

Time: 9am-1pm

Doors will open at 8:30am

(Light breakfast and lunch will be served).

All are welcome to attend!

Please call the Parish Office at 504-522-6748 if you would like to attend

Mark your Calendars!





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.

Breakdown of St. Joseph's Altar

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Sunday, March 23

St. Joseph's Altar will be "broken",
following the
10:30am Mass

(Desserts will be shared from the Altar, after the
10:30am & 12:30pm Masses, until food runs out)

Lenten Evenings of Confession
5:00pm-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 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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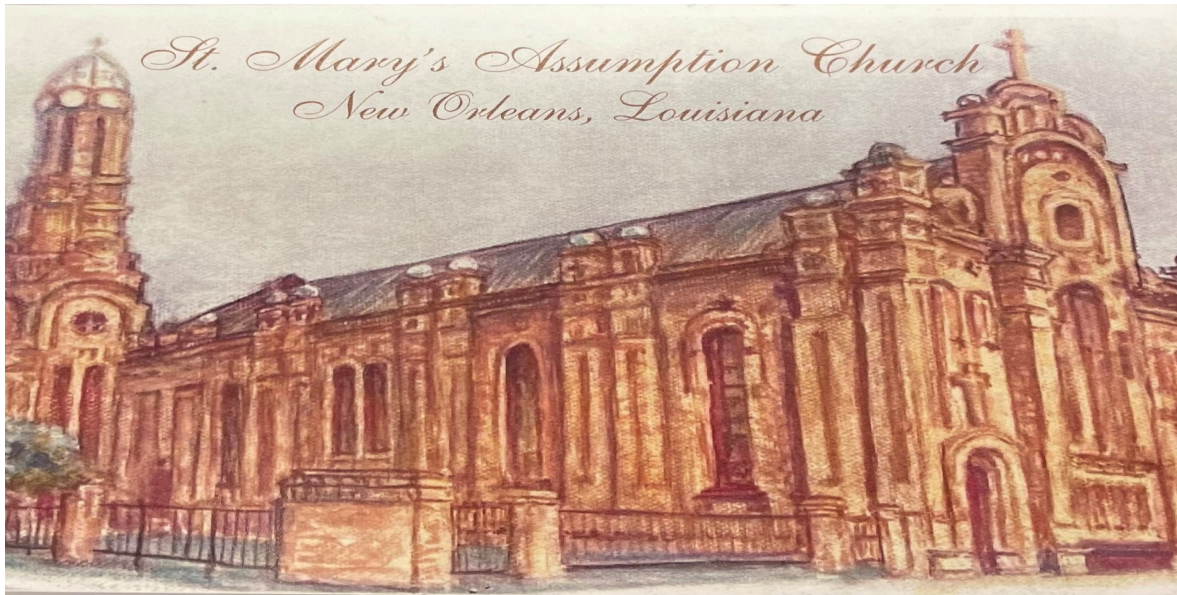


ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Redemptorist Community enjoyed fellowshiping with our Church Family and friends! We thank all parishioners and Seelos Shrine volunteers who helped gather food, cookies, desserts, breads, vegetables, fruits, Fava Beans, and other meatless food items to adorn our St. Joseph's Altar so beautifully.

Thank you – Fr. Chung





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

Thank you!

For updates and to give online, visit:
www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys