

# 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

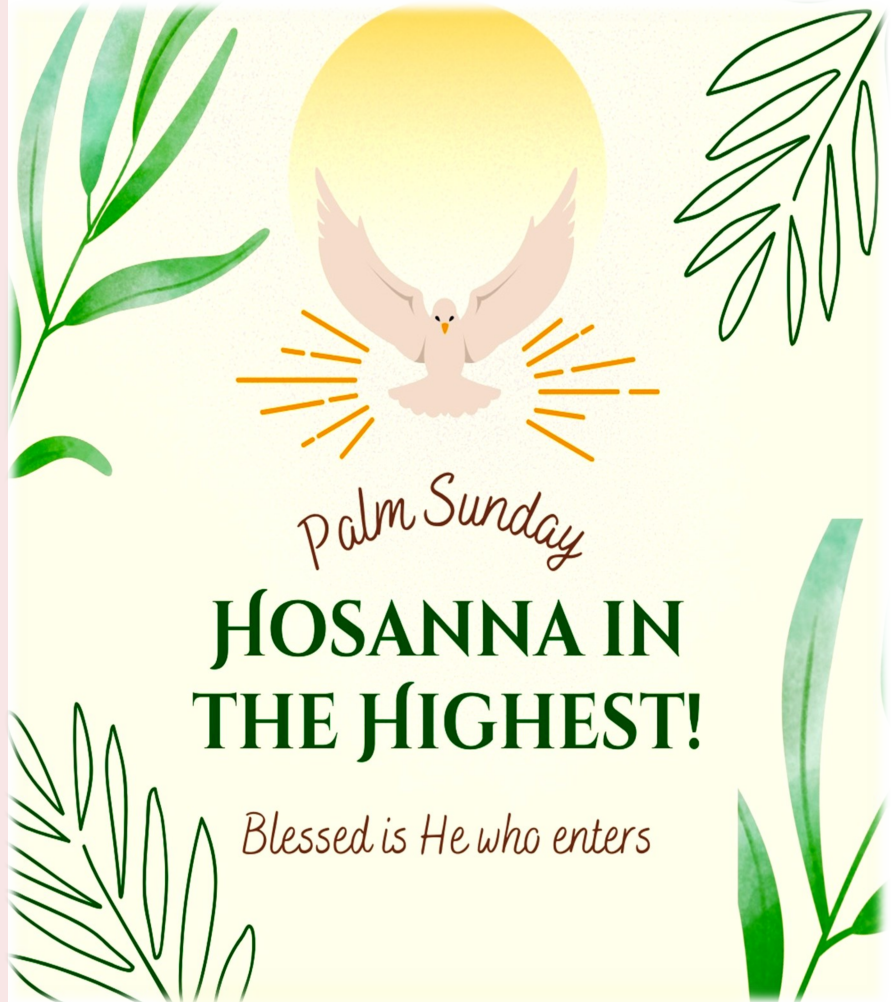
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

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

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April 13, 2025

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the  
name of the Lord!" - Luke 19:38*

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our journey during the Holy Week.

Holy Week is not just a sequence of sacred days – it's a mirror for the journey of discipleship. It draws us into the mystery of Jesus's final days and reveals what it truly means to follow Him.

We begin with **Palm Sunday**, where the crowds welcome Jesus with enthusiasm. It's a moment of public celebration, yet we know it leads to the cross. In discipleship, we too, may start with passion and joy, moved by Jesus' presence and the hope, He brings. But just as the week unfolds, so does our journey – into challenges that test our faith.

**Holy Thursday** teaches us that discipleship requires humility and service. Jesus kneels to wash the feet of His followers, even the one who would betray Him. He redefines greatness as self-giving love. As His disciples, we are called to serve without pride, to love even when it's uncomfortable or undeserved.

**Good Friday** is the heart of the cost of discipleship. Here, we confront the reality that following Jesus means carrying the cross. It means remaining faithful through suffering, rejection, and even silence from God. The disciples struggled here – fleeing, denying, hiding. And yet, Jesus remained faithful to them. His mercy shows us that failure is not the end, but part of the journey.

**Holy Saturday** is the day of waiting. The tomb is closed, hope feels lost, and yet, something sacred is happening in the silence. For the disciple, it's a reminder that growth often happens in the in-between-spaces – when we're unsure, yet still choose to trust.

And finally, **Easter Sunday** breaks through the darkness. The Resurrection reveals the goal of discipleship – not just suffering, but *transformation*. To follow Jesus is to die to ourselves and to rise into a new way of being – one marked by joy, freedom, and mission.

The journey of discipleship, like Holy Week, is full of ups and downs, doubts and grace, fear and love. But in walking it with Jesus, we are not alone. We are being formed, day by day, into His likeness.

So, this Holy Week, may we walk closely with Him – not just to remember, but to be changed. May we like the first disciples, stumble and rise again, always moving forward in faith, toward the empty tomb and the life it promises.

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

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### •Saturday, April 19 – 4:00pm

**Lector:** D. Gaiennie

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Gaiennie

### Sunday, April 20 – 9:00am (Chapel)

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. George

### •Sunday, April 20 – 10:30am

**Lector:** B. Perrault

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Nelson; C. Berbuesse; M. Schafer

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Palm Sunday Response/Gospel C29 Readings: Hymnal #994

Song of Gathering: #441 All Glory Laud, and Honor

Song of Offertory: #448 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Song, during Communion: #544 I Received the Living God

Rec: #783 Jesus, Remember Me

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 12

4:00pm: +Deceased Members of the Ross & Higginbotham Families

### Sunday, April 13

9:00am: +Brenda Pendley

+Dr. Nicholas Plaisance

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### Monday, April 14

7:30am: +Jocelyn Pechon

### Tuesday, April 15

7:30am: +Jocelyn Pechon

### Wednesday, April 16

7:30am: +Jocelyn Pechon

### Thursday, April 17

7:30am: +Valerie Gerarve

### Friday, April 18

7:30am: +Elisabeth Robert

### Saturday, April 19

8:00pm: For All the newly baptized and confirmed around the world.

### Sunday, April 20

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Special Intentions for the LaRocca Family

## SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTIONS

Call the parish office at 504-522-6748, Mon-Fri, 9a-2p, to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp or Mass Intention for your loved one.

We currently have June-August; and November-December available for Sanctuary Lamp Intentions.

We have April-December available for Mass Intentions.

## Second Collection: April 18:

Our Second Collection will be for the **Holy Land Collection** on Good Friday.

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

We appreciate your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP

Giving Report: Weekend April 5 & 6, 2025:

\$1,338.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$721.00	Loose Collection
\$310.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$324.75	Miscellaneous Lawn Income
\$193.00	Easter Flowers
\$250.00	Miscellaneous Reimbursements
\$2,988.05	On-Line Giving
<b>\$7,124.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Thank you for your financial support!  
-Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

April = 68 non-perishable food items donated  
Year to Date: 1,691 food items and \$45.00 in cash and checks.

We ended the month of March with a total of 1,623 non-perishable food donations. We greatly appreciate your kindness in supporting our parish's Food Drive. Each donation helps!

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



**Easter Lily Memorial Flowers**

This is the last weekend we will be collecting Easter Flower offerings.

Please fill out your Flower Offering envelope, along with the person's name being remembered, and place it in the offertory basket, and return it by or on, (Sun) April 13th.

*\*Memorials will be in the April 20th bulletin\**

**Congratulations  
Gilberto "Bert" Anfone!**



**Congratulations!** Bert is the recipient of the Order of St. Louis IX Award for 2024 for St. Alphonsus Parish!

Bert was recognized his years of service, dedication and work in the Church. We will honor him at 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday.



**Final Lenten Movie Night!**

All are welcome to join us on (Wed) April 16 at 6:30pm, in the rectory's 1st floor conference room to watch the final episode 8 of Season 2, of The Chosen.

We thank all those who have joined us the last few weeks to watch the video series of Jesus's life and his disciples.

We thank Barbara Fleischer for planning this Lenten activity for our parish.

All are welcome! -Fr. Chung



# St. Alphonsus Parish 2025 Lenten Calendar



## **Palm Sunday**

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
Saturday, April 12th - 4pm Vigil  
Sunday, April 13th - 10:30am & 12:30pm (Spanish)

St. Mary's Chapel  
Sunday, April 13th - 9am

## **Holy Week**

### St. Mary's Assumption Church

#### **Holy Thursday, April 17**

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
6:00pm (Bilingual Mass)

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

Adoration of the Cross  
3:00pm

Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
5:00pm

#### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

Easter Vigil  
8:00pm (English Mass)

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Sunday Masses  
8:30am & 10:30am  
12:30pm (Spanish)

*\*There is No 9am Mass at the Chapel*

#### **Good Friday – Walk of the Nine Churches**

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



The Hispanic Community invites the Parish Family  
to a **Fish Fry** on **Holy Thursday, April 17** at **4pm**  
in St. Mary's Courtyard.

The Parish will supply the water and sodas.

Join us for fellowship and food!



## Parish Office Hours Holy Week

**CLOSE** at 12pm on (Wed) April 16

**CLOSED** - (Holy Thursday) April 17

**CLOSED** - (Good Friday) April 18

*We will reopen on April 21 at 9am.*



## GUILD MINISTRY

## Volunteers ...

### HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We need **volunteers** to help decorate St. Mary's Church for Holy Week.

We will need **volunteers to help with preparations** for the Holy Thursday service, including (6) volunteers from the Hispanic Community and (6) volunteers from the English Speaking Community to help with the feet washing, and we will need help taking down and decorating the altar after Holy Thursday service for Good Friday liturgies. And if a few volunteers can help us set up for the 8pm Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Church.

Please **call the Parish Office** at 504-522-6748, leave your name, phone number and brief message or email us at [StAlsNola@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com) – if you can help.

**Thank you – Fr. Chung**

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

All kids ages, 12 years and younger are **welcome to participate!** All kids, please bring your Easter baskets to hold your eggs.

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin, promptly at 12pm.

Find a **'Special Egg'** and **WIN A PRIZE!!!**

Thanks – Fr. Andy



**Many Thanks**  
to everyone who donated  
Palm Branches for our  
Palm Sunday Liturgies!

## Pilgrims Near and Far came to the Seelos Healing Masses on April 6th - Celebration of Seelos' 25th Anniversary of his beatification



### Take a Walk

#### Good Friday \* April 18th\* Walk of 9 Churches

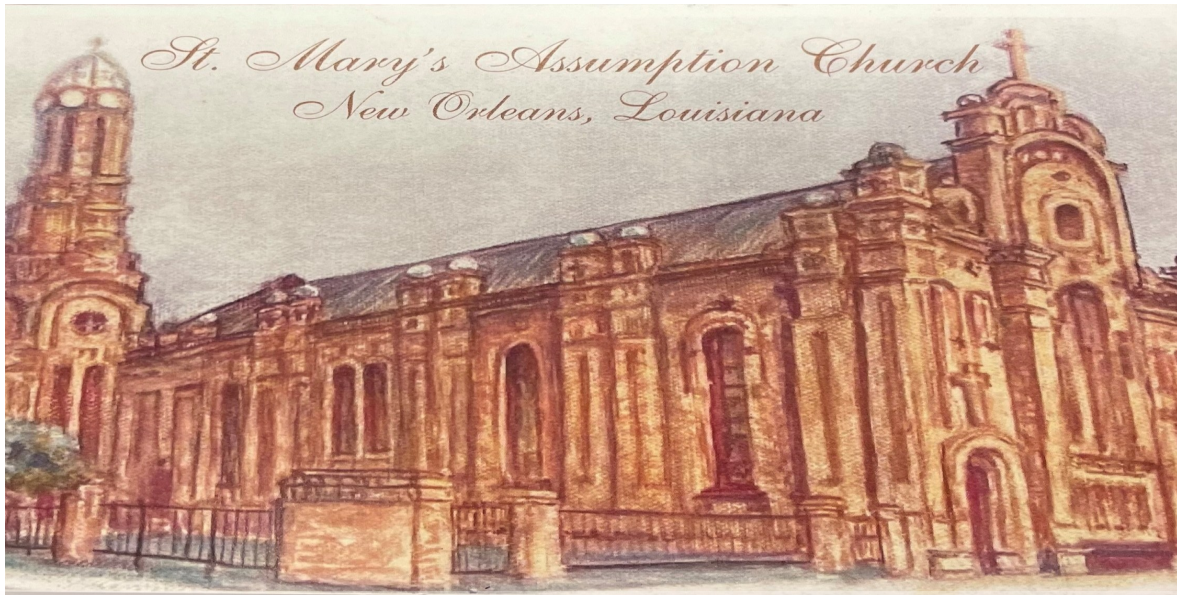
*All are welcome!*

\*St. Mary's Assumption Church  
will be open from 8am to 3pm  
Adoration of the Cross - 3pm  
Stations of the Cross - 5pm (Spanish)

\*St. Mary's Chapel—will be open from 8am to 12pm

Many Catholics make a special devotion on Good Friday by walking to nine churches to pray and to reflect on the passion and death of Christ.

*Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered on Good Friday to greet visitors at our church and chapel! - 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.

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

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