

April 20, 2025 * Easter Sunday *

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
Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748



"HE IS RISEN!"

Matthew 28:6

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter joy is a joy that sends us out. Just as Mary Magdalene ran from the empty tomb to tell the others, we too, are sent forth with the good news: *"He is Risen!"* This joy cannot be kept to ourselves. It compels us to share hope with the hopeless, to share peace with the troubled, and to love those who are forgotten. As the disciples of Jesus, we are called to be everyday missionaries in our local community, and Easter joy becomes both a gift we receive and a mission we carry.

When the stone was rolled away and Jesus rose from the dead, He didn't stay in the tomb. He went out to meet His disciples and meeting them in their fear, walking with them in their doubt, and breaking bread with them in their confusion. In the same way, we are not meant to keep Easter joy inside the walls of the church, we are called to bring it into our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and homes.

We experience Easter not just on a liturgical calendar, but in the rhythm of our lives. We see it in the transformation of hearts, in the quiet victories of grace, and in the smiles in those who encounter Christ through us. We are witnesses to the Resurrection in both word and action.

Our missionary life is simple but powerful. We don't need to travel far to proclaim the Good News. We do it by:

Welcoming others with open hearts in our parish community —just as Christ welcomes all to the joy of His Resurrection.

Bringing comfort to those who are lonely, sick or grieving —becoming a presence of peace of hope.

Serving quietly through parish ministries, charitable outreach, or simple acts of kindness —planting seeds of the Gospel in ordinary soil.

Living joyfully and with integrity —showing others that faith is not just a ritual, but a relationship with the Risen Lord who gives meaning to every moment.

Celebrating Easter means recognizing that Christ is alive in our midst, and that our daily lives are part of His mission. It means being the ones who help others rise again through compassion, service and witness. Even the smallest act done in love like visiting a neighbor, helping a struggling family rise from despair, and offering them the hope that only God can give.

This is the joy we carry: not a shallow happiness, but a deep, abiding certainty that Christ has conquered death, and that love has the final word. Missionary dynamism rooted in our local church and community, we are the Easter people, joyful, hopeful, and always ready to go out and to tell the world. *"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"*

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

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, April 26 – 4:00pm

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Saia

Sunday, April 27 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Soileau

•Sunday, April 27 – 10:30am

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Fleischer; J. Cross; B. Sallettes

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Easter Sunday Response/Gospel C45 Readings: Hymnal #1009

Song of Gathering: #455 All Glory Laud, and Honor

Seq: #460 Let Christians All Their Voices Raise

Spr: #006 Wash Us With Fresh Water

Song of Offertory: #457 Come, Spread the News

Song, during Communion: #571 What You Gave Us For Our Taking

Rec: #462 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April 2025:

For the us of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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

PLEASE NOTE: There is No 9am Mass at St. Mary's Chapel on Easter Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 20

8:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Special Intentions for the LaRocca Family

Monday, April 21

7:30am: +Elisabeth Robert
+Mercedes R. Waldron
+Margaret K. Regan

Tuesday, April 22

7:30am: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.

Wednesday, April 23

7:30am: +Letizia Raimondo

Thursday, April 24

7:30am: +Letizia Raimondo

Friday, April 25

7:30am: +Letizia Raimondo

Saturday, April 26

4:00pm: +Patricia Hahn Rodriguez

Sunday, April 27

9:00am: +Letizia Raimondo

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

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.

Weekly Offering



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Report: Weekend April 12 & 13, 2025:

\$1,281.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,531.00	Loose Collection
\$1,503.00	Donations/Legacies
\$30.00	Mass Stipends
\$145.00	Easter Flowers
\$108.25	Miscellaneous C.Ss.R. Lawn
\$1,527.05	<i>On-Line Giving</i>
\$6,125.30	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity!
-Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

April = 152 non-perishable food items donated
Year to Date: 1,775 food items and \$45.00 in cash and checks.

I am humbled by your kindness. We appreciate all food donations and for helping our parish's Food Drive ministry which supports Hope House. May you all have a happy and blessed Easter.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

Second Collection: Weekend of April 26 & 27, 2025

We will have a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions. Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

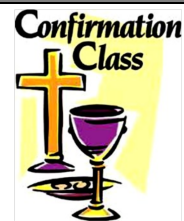
Thank you!



Thank you to our church members who volunteered to help during Holy Week.

Also, thank you to our Hispanic Community for hosting a Fish Fry on Holy Thursday, and all those who helped greet visitors at our church and chapel on Good Friday.

-Fr. Chung



Confirmation Classes: For those of you who may be interested, St. Alphonsus Parish will offer Confirmation Classes beginning on **(Sunday) April 27th** at 11:45am – 12:30pm in the 1st floor conference room of the Rectory.

It is open to the youth in the parish, both English/Spanish who are baptized Catholic, but would like to be *Confirmed* in the Catholic Faith.

If you are interested, please call our parish office at 504-522-6748, and leave your contact information, or see Fr. Andy Thompson for more details.



Easter Flower Memorials

In Memory of:

- Kauchak & Baker Families
- Maria & Fabio Fernandez
- Cookie Scheuermann
- Julia Helen Wingard
- Payton Family
- Karen Kattengell
- Moran & Russell Families
- Wingard Family
- Saia Family
- Ross & Higginbotham Families

Requested by:

- Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kauchak
- Jay & Terry Loetzerich
- Ms. Inez Hinckley
- Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Usey
- Mrs. Dorothy Payton
- Ms. Janene Taylor
- Ms. Lillian Moran
- Mrs. Mary Ann Wingard
- Ms. Trudy Saia
- Jason & Sue Higginbotham

Deceased Redemptorists

Thank you for the flower sponsors and donors!



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at 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 Lori's mother, Marjie, George, Mike, Tiffany, Pebbles, Greg's neighbor Jill, Christina, Lisa, Maris, Manfred, Cook kids, good health for pregnant mom, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Updates: Kim is home recovering and receiving therapy following a stroke; Vaughn is recovering from heart surgery.

Special Intentions: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lauris who passed on March 17; and June who died last week and for her daughter. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us.

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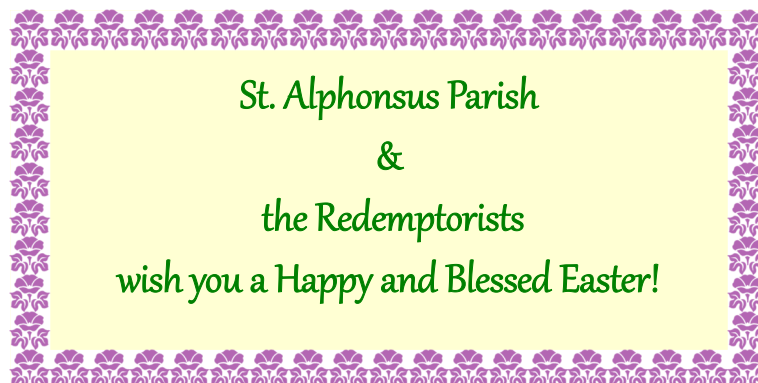
Join us for our **Parish Easter Egg Hunt,**
Sunday, April 20th at 12pm in
St. Mary's Church courtyard.

**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



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.

**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

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Forres Collins, Plant Manager/Maintenance

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

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Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,
wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

Parish Leadership

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Parish Council V. Pres. Sara Schexnayder, 908.303.9935

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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

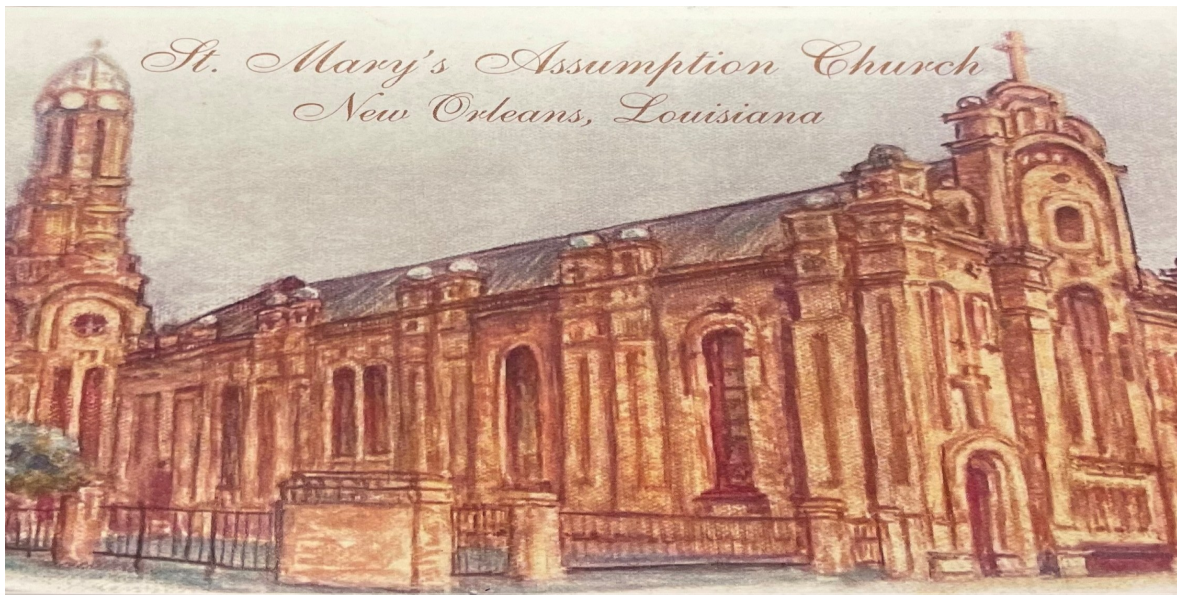
For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance.

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

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