

May 4, 2025 * 3rd Sunday of Easter *

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



First Communion

May 4, 2025

Parish Office: 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130
504.522.6748 | Parish Website: StAlphonsusNO.com
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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our parish family celebrates, lifting up to God our joys and blessings. We also lift up fourteen of our children and their families, the children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. We praise God for their faith and perseverance and we ask Him to give them the grace they need to be good children for the Lord and His church.

Since September of 2024, with the help of some very dedicated catechists, the children came on Mondays to receive instruction in their faith and to learn how to grow in their commitment to the Lord and His church. They also prayed together and shared all the discoveries about God. The children were inquisitive, and at times a bit rowdy and full of energy but they were always eager to learn more about God's love for them and their families.

We as a community of believers are excited for the children and thrilled as they and their families continue on their journey of faith. As we celebrate with the children and their families, let us recall our own First Communion day and once again, thank God for His wondrous gift of His body and His blood for our journey of redemption.

Life is so precious and amazing, and it is moments like today, that we understand, and appreciate life so much more. As we pray with these children, let us ask God to preserve them in their innocence, and to guide them into a fuller communion with Him.

May our merciful, loving God grant us all a truly blessed day and that we may rejoice with Him always. Let us Celebrate!

- Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.



Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, May 10 – 4:00pm

Lector: D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Gaiennie

Sunday, May 11 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

•Sunday, May 11 – 10:30am

Lector: D. Everard

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

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 3 Response/Gospel C48 Readings: Hymnal #1013

Song of Gathering: #470 Hail Thee, Festival Day

Song of Offertory #258 All You Nations

Song during Communion: #539 Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Song of Sending: #454 Be Joyful Mary, Heavenly Queen

Food Drive Totals:

April = 660 non-perishable food items donated

Year to Date: 2,283 food items and a total of \$45 in cash and a \$120 check donation for a total of \$165.00. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous food donations to the church. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will help many in need. Your contribution will make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families within our community.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 3

4:00pm: +Lee Tawney

Sunday, May 4

9:00am: +Sandra Trout Wilson

+Delbert Larson

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

+Donna Larson

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, May 5

7:30am: +Leroy Gravois

Tuesday, May 6

7:30am: +John "Bubby" Gallagher

Wednesday, May 7

7:30am: +Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen

Thursday, May 8

7:30am: +Mary Knippi

Friday, May 9

7:30am: +Mark Larson

Saturday, May 10

4:00pm: John Larson

Sunday, May 11

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

SANCTUARY CANDLE MAY INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Assumption Church

For the repose of the soul
of Karen Kattengell,
requested by Janene Taylor.

St. Mary's Chapel

Special Intentions for the Wilkerson &
the Quinlan Families,
requested by Carol Wilkerson



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Report: Weekend April 26 & 27, 2025:

\$750.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,129.00	Loose Collection
\$897.00	Donations/Legacies
\$15.00	Mass Stipends
\$760.00	Second Collection for Home Missions
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates
\$2,082.31	Misc. Reimbursements C.Ss.R.
\$1,346.55	<i>On-Line Giving</i>
\$7,979.86	TOTAL

Thank you for your generous support!
-Fr. Chung



May the joy and love
of Jesus,
present in the
Holy Eucharist be with
you today and always.

**Congratulations on
your First Holy
Communion!**

GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags will be available next weekend:
May 10 & 11 at all Masses. Each bag contains
water, food & supplies for the poor.



(Suggested donation is \$2 per bag)

WEDDING BANNERS

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**May 10 – Stephen Ewanciw &
Elizabeth Jervey**

**May 10 – Jonathan Rizzo &
Mallory Gardner**

May God's bless these couples as
they prepare for the
sacrament of marriage.

Second Collection Next Weekend: May 10 & 11

We will have a second collection taken for the Diocesan Priest
Retirement. The funds collected will help care for priests living in the
Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Thank you.



Below is the opportunity to sponsor
our Sanctuary Lamp from
June – August 2025; November 2025.

SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

I would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at

☐ St. Mary's Assumption ☐ Chapel

For the month of _____

Suggested donation: (\$50.00) _____ Other: _____

For the Intention
of: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Please fill out this form and place it in our
offertory basket or return it to our parish office)

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



Mass Intentions

*Want to remember a loved one?
Want to celebrate an anniversary or
birthday? Mass Intentions are a
beautiful way to remember
someone. We have Mass Intentions
available from **May - December 2025.***

Please Call: 504-522-6748.



**Join us for a NEW Weekday
Blessed Seelos Novena Mass!**

**St. Mary's Assumption Church
11:30am – Seelos Novena Mass
(Monday-Friday)**

*(*Confessions available after Mass)*

All are welcome!



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 Christina, Lisa, Maris, Manfred, Connie, Mark, Leigh & baby, Adrea, Gustavo & the Canceres family, Robert & Sheila in thanksgiving for the beautiful music during the Easter season, Jerry, Sarah & Gabe, Jason, Rebecca, the Cook children, for peace for all nations, for a parishioner who is depressed, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Special Intentions: Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Prayers for the Vatican and Conclave, and for Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: (4/29/2025)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for May Crowning!



On **Sunday, May 11th** before the 10:30am Mass, we will pray the Rosary in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 10 AM.

We will also have our **May Crowning of Mary** at the beginning of Mass. We invite all present to participate by bringing flowers to place at the foot of Mary's statue.

We will also have a special Mother's Day Mass and blessing.


All are welcome!



Get your new Church T-Shirts while supplies last! Buy a custom t-shirt with St. Mary's logo and help support your parish. Each t-shirt costs \$15.00 each.

We currently have a few sizes in small, medium, large, x-large, and 2X. Call the parish office to place your order or email us at StAlsNola@gmail.com.

(ALL T-Shirt Orders must be picked up ONLY at the parish office at 2030 Constance St., between (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) - **Thank you!**



**Seelos Beatification
25th Anniversary
Commemorative Booklet**

- + Beatification ceremony remembrances
- + Prayers for intercession and canonization of Blessed Seelos
- + Letters from around the world
- + Full-page color photos
- + Much more!

Limited Quantity! \$12 in the Online Gift Shop

Get a Seelos Beatification 25th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet at the Seelos Gift Shop!

The booklets are \$12 each and can be purchased online or at the Seelos Gift Shop or in person, while supplies last.

Call 504-525-2495 for more information.

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

Parish Staff

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Forres Collins, Plant Manager/Maintenance

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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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/MyOwnChurch)) to register as a parishioner.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

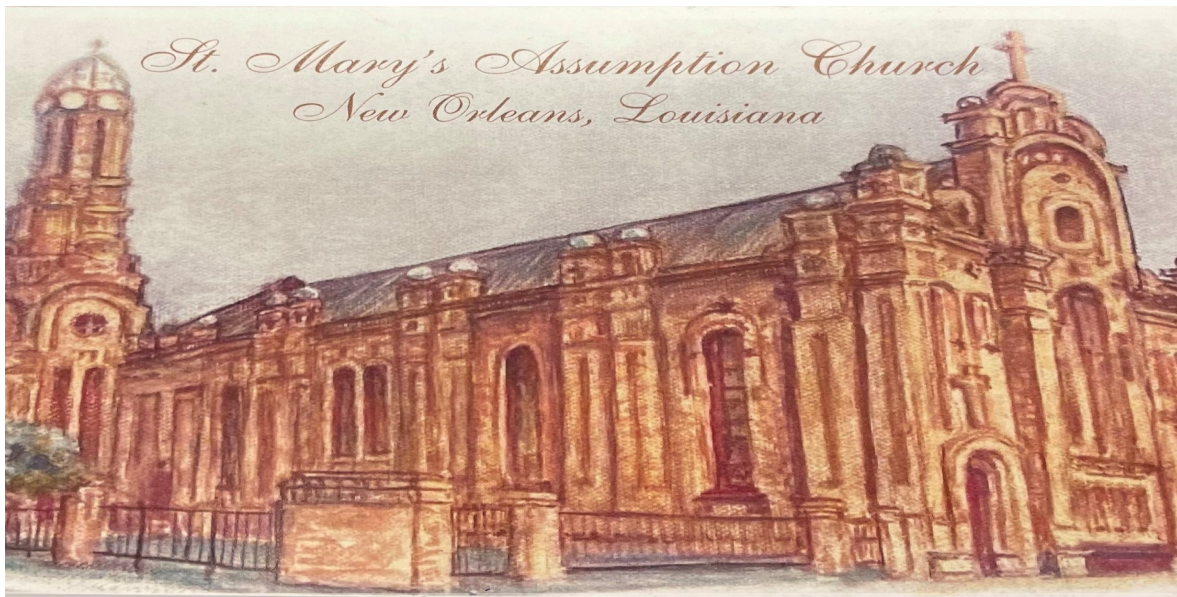
For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance.

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!

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For updates, visit:
www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys