

May 11, 2025 \* 4th 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

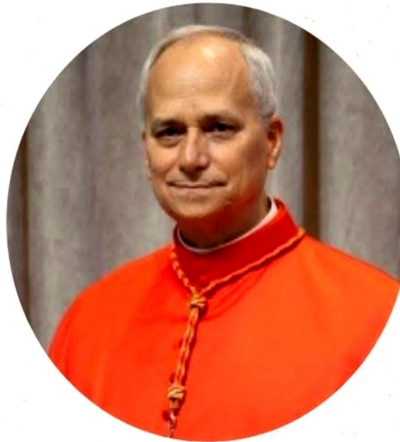
Perpetual Help Devotions  
St. Mary's Chapel  
Tuesdays during 7:30am Mass

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](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748

The Redemptorists joyfully  
join the Church  
in celebrating  
Pope Leo XIV!



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**Pope Leo XIV**

*Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost*  
(May 8, 2025)

We joyfully celebrate Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy  
Spirit guide the pilgrim Church with our  
new shepherd!

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

*Happy Mother's Day* to all mothers, with many blessings.

Mother's Day is a time of gratitude, remembrance, and love. This celebration takes on a deeper spiritual dimension: it becomes a reflection of resurrected life, sacrificial love, and faithful presence. Jesus, in his resurrected life, revealed the power of love over death, service over status, and presence over fear. These are qualities we often witness in the vocation of motherhood.

Mothers embody Christian love when they rise each day to care, nurture, and guide, which often involves quiet and unseen acts of service. Their steadfastness mirrors that of the women who stood at the cross and were the first to witness the empty tomb.

Mothers, too, often live the Gospel, not with grand gestures, but with everyday acts of care, patience, and quiet perseverance. Like the first disciples, especially the women who remained at the cross and reached the tomb, these women are witnesses because they harbor hope and love in uncertainty. Their faithfulness resonates in the lives of mothers who rise each day to serve, guide, and love. Their sacrifices, often hidden, reflect the selfless love of Christ.

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On this Mother's Day, we honor all women who embody the spirit of Christ in their love, leadership, and dedication to others. May we learn from his example how to follow Christ with courage, tenderness, and joy.

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

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### •Saturday, May 17 – 4:00pm

**Lector:** T. Borgman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Kauchak

### Sunday, May 18 – 9:00am (Chapel)

**Lector:** T. Costanza

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Wilkerson

### •Sunday, May 18 – 10:30am

**Lector:** G. Gitz

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

Easter 4 Response/Gospel C49 Readings: Hymnal #1016

Song of Gathering: #845 Let Everyone Praise

Song of Offertory #834 Festival Canticle

Song during Communion: #540 Gift of Finest Wheat

Song of Sending: #477 Christ is Risen

## STEWARDSHIP

### Food Drive Totals:

**May** = 13 non-perishable food items donated

**Year to Date:** 2,296 food items and a total of \$165.00 in cash and checks. Thank you.

We appreciate your generosity and please remember to bring non-perishable food items to Mass each week. We closed out April with a total of 2,283 food donations. Please help us keep the Hope House pantry stocked.  
**Thank you!**

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 10

4:00pm: John Larson

### Sunday, May 11

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

### Monday, May 12

7:30am: John Larson

+Lucy Burke

### Tuesday, May 13

7:30am: +Elisabeth Robert

### Wednesday, May 14

7:30am: Gary Grismer

### Thursday, May 15

7:30am: +John "Bubby" Gallagher

### Friday, May 16

7:30am: Mary Larson

### Saturday, May 17

4:00pm: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

+Charlene Waguespack

### Sunday, May 18

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.

+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

## 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 May 3 & 4, 2025:

\$1,848.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,772.00	Loose Collection
\$540.00	Donations/Legacies
\$210.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates
\$130.00	Religious Education
\$296.88	Miscellaneous C.Ss.R. Reimbursements
\$3,149.55	On-Line Giving
<b>\$8,946.43</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Thank you for your financial support!  
-Fr. Chung



## GUILD MINISTRY

**Brown Bags** will be available at Mass on **May 10 & 11**. Each bag contains water, food & a few supplies for someone in need. Please buy a bag, to give to a homeless neighbor. Thank you!

*(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 bless these couples as they  
prepare for the sacrament  
of marriage.

## Second Collection: May 10 & 11

We will have a second collection  
for the Retirement of Diocesan  
Priests.  
We appreciate your support.

**Thank you!**



**Join us for a NEW  
Weekday Blessed See-  
los Novena Mass!**

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

*All are Welcome!*

*\*(Confessions available after Mass)*

## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

### **Christ in the City:**

**(Tue) May 20 – 7pm-8pm –** All young adults in their late teens, 20s & 30s are welcome to join the monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration at the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel (2901 S. Carrollton Ave., N.O.).

**Sponsored by:** the CYO/Young Adult  
Ministry of the Archdiocese  
of New Orleans.



*Congratulations to our First Communion students!*



The students spent a year preparing with the help and support of their Catechists pictured, parents, families, and Fr. Andy. We ask for God's blessings upon them and may they be nourished by Christ's love as they grow in their faith.





**St. Mary's Chapel Project:** Fr. Chung is in the process of planning and working with a contractor to secure a quote for the costs of pressure washing the exterior of the chapel, cleaning and preparing it to be repaired, including repairing some woodwork and trim, repairing the floor, trimming trees off of the roof and around the chapel, and repairing its bell. Fr. Chung said the costs may be expensive to finish the work that is needed and he will provide updates on the progress soon.



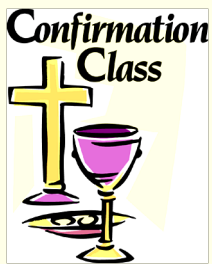
**Save St. Mary's Restoration/Phase 1 Project:** We are excited to report that the exterior renovations of the riverside of the church are coming along nicely. The contractors are wrapping up the exterior brick repairs, mortar, windows, and they are going to begin spraying herbicide to make sure all foliage and weeds are removed so they can water proof and seal the exterior of the church. This process may last a few more weeks. Updates will be provided soon!

Fr. Chung asks everyone to please keep our parish in your prayers with all of the restoration projects and that all can stay on time with repairs. And that we are able to raise an additional \$2 Million dollars to cover the costs of Phase 2/Interior Restoration of our beautiful church and home to the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos – to restore and repair the interior walls, plaster, including repainting with historic colors, and other repairs as needed.

**If you would like to donate a one time gift today, please Scan this QR Code**  
Or you can fill out the [Save St. Mary's donation form](#) in the bulletin.



**Thank you! - Fr. Chung**



**Confirmation Classes will resume on (Sunday) June 1st! -** The Confirmation Classes for the youth of the parish, high school aged teens will resume on **June 1st at 11:45am to 12:15pm** in the 1st floor conference room of the Rectory.

Fr. Andy is asking those who joined the class & met with him a few weeks ago, to please join us on June 1st to go over the class schedule & information.

Sue Higginbotham, our Parish Secretary will be assisting Fr. Andy with the classes – if you have any questions, please call us (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) at 504-522-6748 or email us at [StAlsNola@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com). **We look forward to seeing you soon!**

## St. Alphonsus Parish Mission Statetment

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](http://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

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

### Wedding Coordinator

Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,  
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### 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.

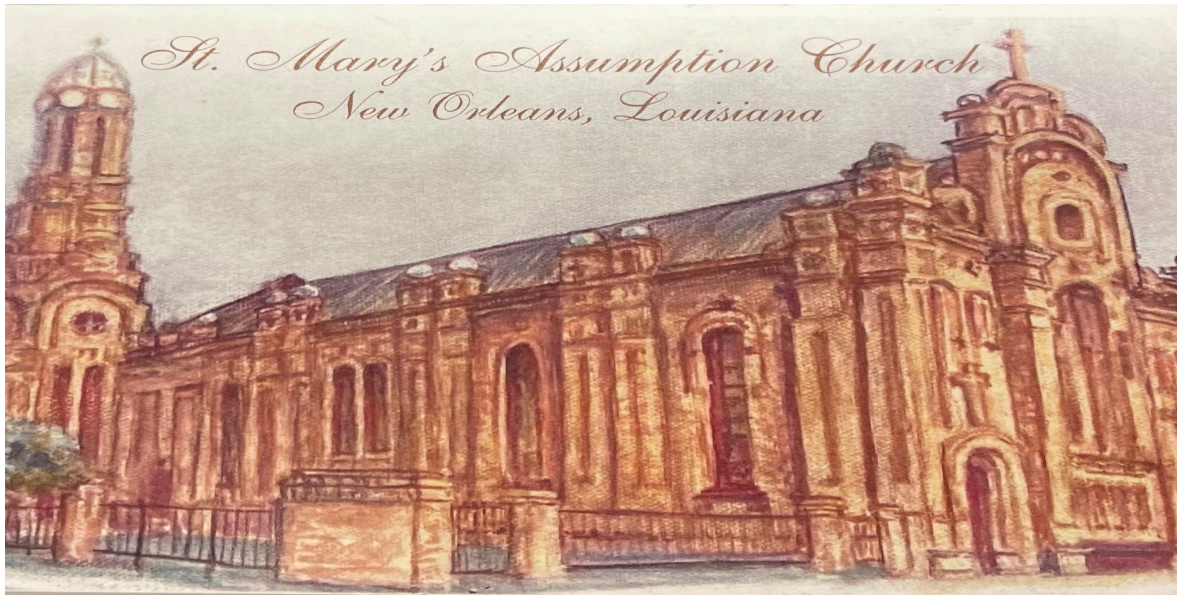
### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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](http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment)

### SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email to: [StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsNola.Communications@gmail.com). All submissions require pastoral staff approval.





## Campaña de capital para la restauración de la Iglesia de Santa María de la Asunción

Santa María es una de las iglesias más hermosas e históricas de Nueva Orleans. También es el lugar de descanso final del Beato Francisco Seelos, sacerdote redentorista que atendió a su parroquia, especialmente a los enfermos y moribundos a causa de la epidemia de fiebre amarilla. Gracias a su heroica atención a los demás, contrajo la enfermedad y falleció a causa de ella. Su dedicación desinteresada lo ha encaminado hacia la santidad en la Iglesia Católica.

Sus 164 años de antigüedad y el clima —caluroso, húmedo y vulnerable a los huracanes— han afectado gravemente a Santa María. Como resultado, la iglesia ha sufrido graves daños en las paredes interiores de yeso y el techo.

Como administradores de este tesoro y profundamente dedicados al legado del Beato Francisco Seelos, los Redentoristas de la parroquia están recaudando los fondos necesarios para preservar esta hermosa iglesia. El Comité de la Campaña "Salvemos a Santa María" está organizando y dirigiendo los esfuerzos para restaurar la belleza original de Santa María, a la vez que fortalece la estructura para las generaciones futuras. ¿Considerarías ayudarnos?

**Envía tu donación por correo:**

St. Alphonsus Parish  
Attn: Restoration Fund  
2030 Constance Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

**¡Dar es fácil!**



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