

# 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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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35.

Graduation is often seen as a moment of arrival, a milestone that marks the completion of a journey. And while it certainly celebrates hard work, growth, and perseverance, it also quietly whispers a deeper truth: this is not the end, but the beginning. Let us not forget that the very word “commencement” means “a beginning”. While this chapter of learning and formation may be closing, a new one is opening. It is a new mission to live out our faith as the disciples of Jesus.

As followers of Christ, we understand that every stage of learning involves preparation, not just for careers or accomplishments, but for vocation. Our true graduation is into a life of discipleship that a journey doesn’t conclude with a certificate but continues daily through acts of service, humility, and love.

Jesus did not command His followers to simply “graduate” in faith; He called them to go, to step out, serve so the people know that you are my disciples (Jn 13:34-35). This mission is not limited to pastors or missionaries; it belongs to all who follow Him. Whether, we are called to boardrooms or classrooms, hospitals or homes, our mission field is wherever our feet are planted.

Discipleship is costly. It means trading comfort for compassion, pride for humility, and status for service. But it also means walking in the footsteps of the One who served us first, the One who knelt and washed feet, the One who fed the hungry, the One who healed the broken, and the One who gave us His life, so that we could live.

So, as we celebrate a graduation of a loved one, let it also be a commissioning. Let it mark not only what we have achieved, but what we are now entrusted to give. May we go forward in faith with no fear, not to be served, but to serve others as disciples on a mission for Christ.

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



# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, May 24 – 4:00pm

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Maginnis

Sunday, May 25 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Frater

•Sunday, May 25 – 10:30am

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: 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 5 Response/Gospel C50 Readings: Hymnal #1019  
Song of Gathering: #457 Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen  
Song of Offertory #888 Wake the Song of Jubilee  
Song during Communion: #740 A New Commandment  
Song of Sending: #688 They'll Know We Are Christians by  
Our Love

## STEWARDSHIP

### Food Drive Totals:

May = 13 non-perishable food items donated

Year to Date: 2,296 food items and \$165.00 in cash and checks.

We are grateful for all those who have donated food items to help keep our parish pantry full. Our goal is to collect 8,000 or more items this year. All non-perishable food items are given to Hope House and they are distributed to people in need living in our community. **Thank you!**

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 18

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Marie & Dr. AJ Giorlando  
+Fr. Gerard LaPorte, C.Ss.R.

Monday, May 19

7:30am: Richard and Kim Larson

Tuesday, May 20

7:30am: +Rose Quinlan Smith

Wednesday, May 21

7:30am: Alma Quinlan

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

7:30am: Ed Larson

Saturday, May 24

4:00pm: Jason Higginbotham (Birthday)

Sunday, May 25

9:00am: Belsy Larson

10:30am: +Charles Hurth Price

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

### & MASS 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 10 & 11, 2025:

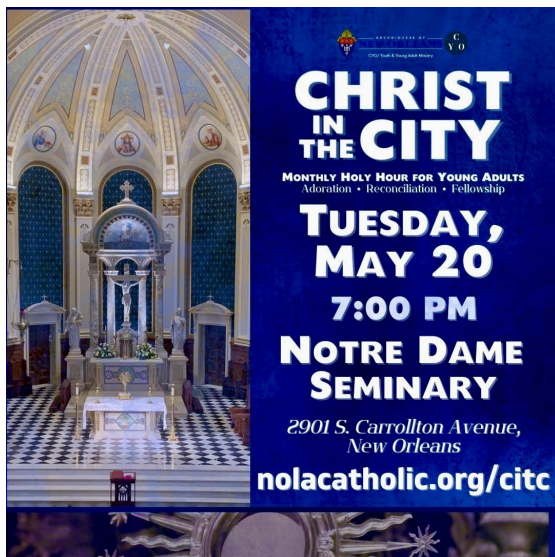
\$671.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,594.00	Loose Collection
\$505.00	Donations/Legacies
\$55.00	Mass Stipends
\$820.00	Second Collection for Retired Priests
\$108.25	Lawn – C.Ss.R. Reimbursement
\$1,026.55	On-Line Giving
<b>\$4,779.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Thank you for your generosity!  
-Fr. Chung



## MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

**Christ in the City:** All young adults are welcome to attend the monthly Eucharistic Adoration on **(Tue) May 20th at 7pm** at the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, located at 2901 S. Carrollton Ave. (A social hour will follow). For more information, contact the Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans at [yam@arch-no.org](mailto:yam@arch-no.org).



**Congratulations** to all of our St. Alphonsus School students for a successful schoolyear and a special congratulations to our Pre-K, Kindergarten & 7th Graders on their upcoming Graduations!

And, congratulations to all of those in our parish who are graduating this year.

**May God bless you all!**

Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community



Wishing you all a very **Happy Birthday** filled with all of God's blessings!

- Rev. Allan Weinert, C.Ss.R. – May 10
- Rev. Kevin Zubei, C.Ss.R. – May 10
- Rev. Dominic Bao Tran, C.Ss.R. – May 11
- Forres Collins, Plant Manager & Food Drive Coordinator – May 16

**May the Redeeming Love of Christ bless each of you on your Birthday!**

## *A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV*



*Heavenly Father, You have entrusted Pope Leo XIV with Christ's Church. Bless him, protect him, keep his heart soft amid the stresses and challenges he will undoubtedly face, so that he's open to the Spirit guiding him—and all of us—towards the future of the Church, a future that sees us loving more deeply and treating those around us with greater charity, in the spirit of Augustine.  
In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.*



**St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at [StAlsPrayers@gmail.com](mailto: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 Connie, Mark, Leigh & baby, Jerry, Sarah & Gabe, Jason, Rebecca, Christopher, Estre Andrea, Gustavo & the Canceres Family, Shawn, for peace across the world, pray for all those who are sick and suffering in our parish, 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 Pope Leo XIV and for Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, seminarians, Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us.

*Updated: (5/6/2025)*



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Congratulations!** to the students of St. Alphonsus School for completing another successful school year. And congratulations to the PreK, Kindergarten and 7th Grades who will be graduating next week. And a special thanks to all of the teachers, staff and families for their love and dedication throughout the year.

May God bless you all! - Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community



**Save St. Mary's Restoration/Phase 1 Project Update:** The exterior restoration and repairs have just wrapped up on the riverside of the church. You will notice that scaffolding has gone up in front of the church, on Josephine Street and the contractors will continue removing old mortar and replacing bricks, and all exterior repairs as needed. We appreciate your prayers and support of this project.

We will provide more updates as this project continues.

If you would like to help us to continue to restore the church, and to help with **Phase 2/Interior Restoration** – to restore our beautiful church, please consider making a donation to preserve it for future generations. **Scan the QR Code:**



**Thank you!** - Fr. Chung



**Confirmation Class** Confirmation Classes will resume on (Sunday) June 1st! - The Confirmation Classes for our parish's 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 meet us on June 1st to go over the class schedule & information.

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

## 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](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

### Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

### Wedding Coordinator

Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,  
[wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com](mailto: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

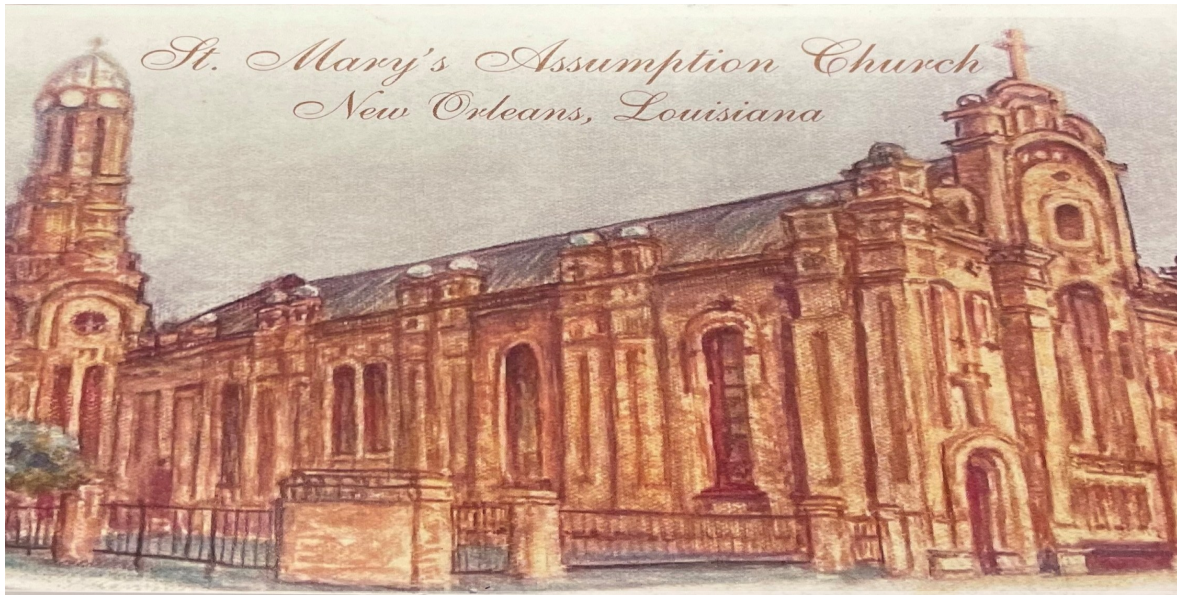
For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance.

### 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](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.



## 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!**

**Scan the QR Code:**



**For updates, visit:**  
**[www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**