

# 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

St. Mary's Church or Redemptorist Chapel  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass  
Third Sunday of each month at 3pm with  
Filipino Faith Community & Parish

### 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

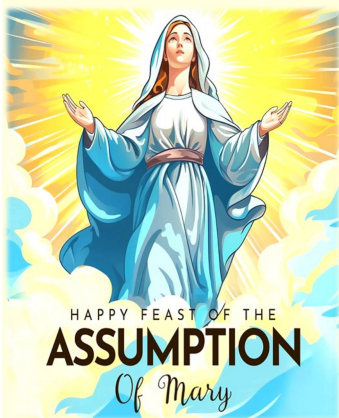


**The Feast of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 15, 2025**



**St. Mary's Chapel Project Update!** We are very happy with the recent exterior and interior renovations of our beautiful chapel. We are thankful to Brothers Antonio and Dai for helping restore the chapel's wood floors, doors, and for painting the concrete entranceway, front gate, and touching up the front steps. You may have noticed a crew last week trimming trees and removing large branches away from the chapel's roof and the side of the building. **In the fall**, and as temperatures cool, Fr. Chung would like to also add a new 'Meditation Garden' along the side of the chapel, where parishioners and visitors can enjoy a quiet & peaceful outdoor space to reflect and to pray. *More updates coming soon!* - Fr. Chung.



**All are welcome!** Join us on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Friday, August 15, 2025** at St. Mary's Church, for a day of prayer, reconciliation and fellowship.

The schedule is as follows:

10:45am – Confessions

11:00am – Rosary

11:30am – Mass

12:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

**All are welcome!**



**Happy 61st to Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM!** Sister Monica, the principal of St. Alphonsus School will celebrate her 61st anniversary of ministry as a Sister of Mercy on August 15th. Congratulations! May God bless her and her ministry. – Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community.



**Confirmation Classes Update!** Confirmation Classes for our parish high schoolers with Fr. Andy will resume on **(Sunday) September 7th** from 11:40am-12:15pm in the 1st floor conference room of the parish rectory. The 5th class will focus on 'Prayer, Talking to God'. **Thank you – Fr. Andy.**

\*(There will be no confirmation classes in August). **Thank you – Fr. Andy**

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, August 16 – 4:00pm

Lector: D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Gaiennie

Sunday, August 17 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

•Sunday, August 17 – 10:30am

Lector: B. Perrault

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Nelson; Connie & Ed 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

19 OT Response/Gospel C79 Readings: Hymnal #1091

Song of Gathering: #733 Faith of Our Fathers

Song of Offertory: #867 Christ, Be Our Light

Song during Communion: #540 Gift of Finest Wheat

Song of Sending: #673 We Are Your People



### Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for August 2025: For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9

4:00pm: Evelyn Higginbotham

Sunday, August 10

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Anne Dragon Crawford  
+Deacon Harold Burke

Monday, August 11

7:30am: +Deacon Harold Burke

Tuesday, August 12

7:30am: +Deacon Harold Burke

Wednesday, August 13

7:30am: Francisco Alecha

Thursday, August 14

7:30am: +Deacon Harold Burke

Friday, August 15

7:30am: +Marie Giorlando

Saturday, August 16

4:00pm: Clover Quinn Cremaldi

Sunday, August 17

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

### Mass Book is Open!

Do you have someone you want to remember or celebrate? The 2025 Mass Book is open from Aug.-Dec.

### Masses Available for Intentions

**Weekends:** Saturday Vigil 4pm  
Sundays: 9am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

**Weekdays:** Monday-Friday – 7:30am

Call 504-522-6748 (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm)



## STEWARDSHIP

### Your Gifts of Treasure: Weekend of August 2 & 3:

|                   |                                   |
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| \$2,035.00        | Weekly Envelopes                  |
| \$1,783.00        | Loose Collection                  |
| \$648.10          | Donations/Legacies                |
| \$1,000.00        | Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral, etc. |
| \$699.30          | Cox, Zella, miscellaneous checks  |
| <b>\$6,165.40</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                      |

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

### Parish Food Drive Totals:

**August** = 45 non-perishable food items and a total of \$255.00 donated to Hope House.

**Year to Date:** 3,973 food items have been collected.

We ended the month of July with a total of 3,914 food items donated. We appreciate your kindness. Our goal is to collect 8,000 food items this year. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you.

**Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator**

**All Young Adults are invited on Aug. 19th!**



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**CHRIST  
IN THE CITY**

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
Adoration • Reconciliation • Fellowship

**WITH  
ARCHBISHOP AYMOND**

**TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 19**

**7:00 PM**

**NOTRE DAME SEMINARY**

*2901 S. Carrollton Avenue,  
New Orleans*

**[nolacatholic.org/citc](http://nolacatholic.org/citc)**



**August 30**

**David Delio & Becki Landry**

May God bless this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.



**GUILD MINISTRY**

*Giving Back!  
One Brown Bag at a time*

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food and water to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags are available to purchase (suggested donation \$2 each) on **August 9 & 10** Masses.

*Thank you!*

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

By participating, you help the Church help people in need in the U.S. and around the world. You can give at Mass this weekend, **August 9 & 10.**

**Thank you!**



Join us for the Solemnity of the  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

### Mass Schedule:

St. Mary's Chapel

7:30am Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church

11:30am Mass

## SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Friday, August 15

St. Mary's Assumption  
Church, New Orleans

10:45 am – Confessions

11:00 am – Rosary

11:30 am – Mass

12:00 pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00 pm – Eucharistic Benediction



*All are welcome!*

(For more information - Call the Seelos Shrine at 504-525-2495)

*St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:*



*Please remember to pray for:*

Connie

Jane

Michael

Lisa

Maxine & Steve

Matthew

Fr. William

Nick

Mel

Kim's family

A newborn, Elise

Todd

Andrea & Caceres Family

Peter

Greg's sister

Ella

World Peace & end to wars

For the family of a Tulane student  
who was killed in a tragic accident

**Updates:**

Both Connie & Jane are recovering  
from recent surgeries. Little Conner  
is doing better; newborn Elise is out  
of the hospital; & Michael is  
recovering well.

**Please pray for** the repose of the  
souls of the deceased family mem-  
ber of the Caceres, Rios, Alonso &  
Santa Cruz families.

**Special Intentions:**

For Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop  
Aymond, and all of our religious,  
Redemptorists — Blessed Francis  
Seelos, pray for us.

If you would like us to pray for you,  
or for a loved one, contact us at  
**StAlsPrayers@gmail.com** or call us  
at **774-701-1863**. Please leave your  
first name and the  
reason for your prayer request.



**Flower & Environment  
Memorials for the  
Feast of Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
(August 15)**



We invite all parishioners to share in and  
to consider donating a plant or flowers to  
help decorate the altar. This is a beautiful  
way to remember a family member or friend.

Please **fill out** the **person's name** being  
remembered, memorial dedication,  
donation amount, and your phone number  
on the lines below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please attach donation and this information and  
place it in the offertory basket), **and return by**  
**August 10, 2025.***

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*\*Memorials will be printed in the  
August 17th Bulletin\**

## 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, 504-522-6748

### 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.





**We are making progress on the exterior renovations!**

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