



Welcome to 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

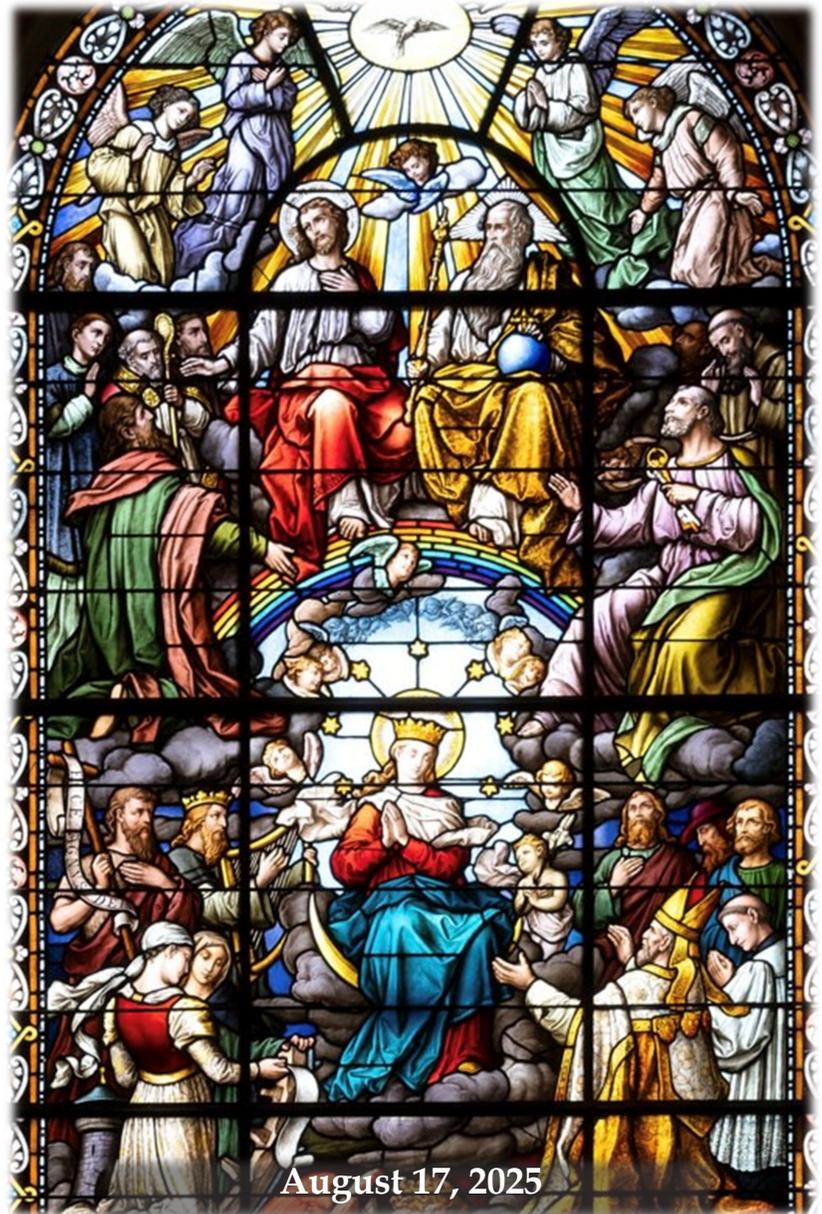
St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturdays at 3:15pm

Parish Office Hours: M-F; 9am-2pm

Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com

504-522-6748



August 17, 2025

(Picture: St. Mary's Assumption Church – large stained glass window of the Assumption of Mary)

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters of Christ,

We recently celebrated the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 15th – our Patronal Feast. This feast day is a significant Catholic feast day in which Redemptorists commemorate the belief that the Mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heaven after the completion of her earthly life.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven is an important Catholic belief. The belief was defined as dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches us that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Mary's love and obedience to God allowed her to accept his will, to bore her son, Jesus.

This extraordinary feast day highlights Mary's unique role in salvation and it gives us **hope** in this "*Jubilee Year of Hope*" of resurrection and eternal life for all believers. Mary's Assumption serves as a powerful foreshadowing of the resurrection that awaits all faithful. We can look to Mary as a model of faith, humility, and obedience, and an opportunity to renew our own commitment to following Christ. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and obedient of God's will.

Mary's Assumption reminds us that God's infinite desire is that we be with Him for all eternity. It was Jesus himself who revealed this desire when he prayed: "Father I want those you have given me to be with me where I am" (John 17:24). When the angel Gabriel announced that she would conceive and bear the Son of God, Mary's initial reaction may have been troubled, yet her response was one of humble acceptance: "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." (Luke 1:38). May we be like Mary, and have the courage to say, "yes" to God's plan, even when it is difficult, or uncertain. Amen.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

•Saturday, August 23 – 4:00pm

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Waldron

Sunday, August 24 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Soileau

•Sunday, August 24 – 10:30am

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; B. Fleischer; 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

20 OT Response/Gospel C80 Readings: Hymnal #1094

Song of Gathering: #761 How Firm a Foundation

Song of Offertory: #774 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Song during Communion: #694 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Song of Sending: #883 The Kingdom of God



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16

4:00pm: Clover Quinn Cremaldi

Sunday, August 17

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, August 18

7:30am: +Kathi Callahan & Family

Tuesday, August 19

7:30am: +Jackie Mancia

Wednesday, August 20

7:30am: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.
+John B. Koch

Thursday, August 21

7:30am: St. Alphonsus School

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

4:00pm: Redemptorist Vocations

Sunday, August 24

9:00am: +Robert Payne

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Giving Update: Weekend of August 9 & 10:

\$465.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,566.00	Loose Collection
\$409.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral, etc.
\$674.00	2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services
\$20.00	Food Bank donation
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$755.53	Reimbursement Checks
\$70.00	Assumption Flower Memorials
\$1,232.30	<i>Online Giving</i>
\$6,201.83	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



Parish Food Drive Totals:

August = 56 non-perishable food items and a \$20 donation plus \$255.00, for a total of \$275.00 donated to Hope House.

Year to Date: 3,984 food items have been collected.

Thank you for your generous food donations to our parish's food drive. We are just shy of reaching half of our yearly goal of 4,000 items—please give what you can to help those in need.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Eucharist for Our Homebound Members

If you or a loved one are homebound and unable to attend Mass, but wish to receive the Holy Communion, please contact our parish office at 504-522-6748 or email us at StAlsNola@gmail.com, to arrange a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister.

We are here to support you – Fr. Chung



August 30

David Delio & Becki Landry

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

All Young Adults are invited on Aug. 19th!


APPROVED BY G.V.O.
CHIC Young Adult Ministry
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

St. Alphonsus School Supply Drive!

Our parish is organizing a school supply drive to support the students of St. Alphonsus School. Together, let us make a difference in the lives of our students and ensure they have a successful and fulfilling school year. **Thank you! - Fr. Chung**

Drop-off Locations:

The collection bins, near the food drive baskets in the back of the church and the chapel.

Drop-off Dates:

You can drop off your school supply donations:

- **August 18-22:** Parish Office, 2030 Constance Street - Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm
- **August 23-24:** At all Weekend Masses at St. Mary's Assumption Church & Chapel



Upcoming Events!

- (Mon) September 1 – Labor Day – Parish Office is Closed
- (Sun) September 7 – Confirmation Classes resume with Fr. Andy
- (Mon) September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows Mass – at St. Mary's Church
10:45am – Introduction to Our Mother of Sorrow
11am – Chaplet to Our Mother of Sorrows
11:30am – Mass, followed by Confessions at 12pm



Feast of the Assumption Flower Memorials:

In Remembrance of Karen Kattengell

In Memory of Deceased Beyer & Sternberg Families

In Memory of Deceased Kauchak & Baker Families

In Memory of Deceased Ross & Higginbotham Families

For the Repose of the souls of
Stephen & Helen Kaczvinsky

We appreciate your donations!



As we approach the **20th anniversary** of Hurricane Katrina, we prayerfully remember the events of **August 29, 2005** and all of those who were affected, who were displaced, and who lost their lives. We also remember those affected by Hurricane Ida four years ago on August 29, 2021.

**Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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

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

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) 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.



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