



August 31, 2025 * 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *

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

The Invitation

You are invited to come dine with me,
from now through all eternity.
Believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
and dine with Jesus as your host.
To live in heaven eternally,
all you must do is
R.S.V.P.



August 31, 2025

Jesus visits a Pharisee's House
(Luke 14:1, 7-14)

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and friends,

There is an old saying that goes something like this: *'There is a time and a place for everything.'* We are on a continuous journey in our lives and certain things can happen to us along the way at any time. There are circumstances and choices we may have made in the past, and that we continue to make each day which impacts our lives. As we go day by day, there are **'stand out'** moments or events in our lives, that help shape us and who we will become.

In my life, for example, I was born in a small suburb of Chicago in 1954. My parents and most of my family and relatives were Catholics. My brothers and my sister, including myself – all went to a Catholic grade school. We all went to church on Sundays and we prayed together as a family every evening. As I grew up, we vacationed together, we worked together, and we participated in our church parish. In many respects, I am who I am, because of all of those things. I believe doing things at a particular time and in a particular place molded my life in a certain way. All of us, I believe, can say the same thing. And changing any of those things, events, times and places would have formed me into a different person – maybe better, maybe worse, but definitely, different.

In our lives – we will experience milestones. Or rather those times and places that are irreplaceable and that make us unique; and I would say special. Most of us celebrate birthdays, weddings, graduations, funerals – both happy and sad moments. And these experiences help shape us in so many ways. They make us, who we are. Those times and places in our lives do matter; for us, and those around us.

Hopefully, our Catholic Faith and our belief and love of God makes us the best, possible us. Through our faith and belief in God, we can and do influence those times and places in our lives. We can take control of our journeys and be good disciples and practitioners of our faith. As we move along in this wonderful life of ours, we can also make a difference. It is not a question of time and place.

Blessings,

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.



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 Peggy, Connie, Jane, Carol, Lisa, Michelle, Joe, Marilee, Darnell, Veronica, Danny, Sharon, Mary Catherine, Mary, Janice, Barbara, peace throughout Ukraine and the world, for the children who died, and those injured in the Annunciation Catholic School of Minneapolis, 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 Jacairn Scott, a teenager killed in the St. Roch neighborhood; for Linda's brother and Sister M. Evelyn. Pray for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop Aymond, and all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: (8/26/25)

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 6 – 4:00pm

Lector: D. Gaiennie

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Gaiennie

Sunday, September 7 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

Sunday, September 7 – 10:30am

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; C. Nelson; 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

22 OT Response/Gospel C82 Readings: Hymnal #1100

Song of Gathering: #861 Praise to the Lord

Song of Offertory: #865 A Place at the Table

Song during Communion: #877 For the Healing of the Nations

Song of Sending: #864 Praise the Lord, Lift Up Your Voice

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Food Drive Totals:

August = 492 non-perishable food items donated plus a total of \$275.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 4,420 food items have been collected.

Your weekly food donations greatly help Hope House. We appreciate your kindness.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30

4:00pm: +Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

Sunday, August 31

9:00am: Kay Mumphrey

+Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, September 1

7:30am: +Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

Tuesday, September 2

7:30am: +Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

Wednesday, September 3

7:30am: +Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

Thursday, September 4

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Friday, September 5

7:30am: +David A. LeClere

Saturday, September 6

4:00pm: Prayers & Intentions for the
Annunciation Catholic School of
Minneapolis

Sunday, September 7

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Ed Lewis

+Joseph Stiebing, Jr.

Please call the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, or Sponsor a Sanctuary Lamp Intention at 504-522-6748, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm.

Our Mass Intention Book is open from
September-December 2025.

And we currently have Sanctuary Lamp Intentions available for November 2025 for St. Mary's Church or St. Mary's Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: Weekend of August 23 & 24:

\$4,061.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,881.00	Loose Collection
\$540.00	Donations/Legacies
\$5.00	Mass Stipends
\$315.00	OMPH Filipino Mass
\$891.55	Online Giving
\$7,693.55	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Join us on Sunday, Sep. 21

Following the 10:30am Mass, **all are welcome to join** us at the Mercy Covent (1017 St. Andrew Street) to make sandwiches for our homeless neighbors with the N.O. Catholic Worker. (Social gathering to follow).

Thank you!



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

Thank you to all those who donated school supplies for the students of St. Alphonsus School.

These supplies will directly benefit our students and help them thrive in the classroom.

We appreciate your support!



August 30

David Delio & Becki Landry

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



JOIN US FOR
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL
SEPTEMBER 5
AFTER THE 7:30AM MASS.

September Calendar

(Mon) Sep. 1st – Labor Day – The Parish and Seelos Shrine Offices will be **CLOSED**.

(Tue) Sep. 2nd – Parish Council Meeting at 6pm – at the Parish Rectory.

(Thu) Sep. 4th - Young Adult Adoration – 6pm at St. Mary's Chapel – The evening gathering is open to both young adults and parishioners. Come to a quiet place to pray, worship & fellowship.

(Fri) Sep. 5th – Eucharistic Adoration – following the 7:30am Mass, at St. Mary's Chapel.



(Sun) September 7th – 'Hospitality Sunday' - Please Join us after 9am & 10:30am Masses for donuts & coffee! All are welcome to fellowship with us!

(Sun) Sep. 7th – Confirmation Classes Resume! – Confirmation Classes for our high schoolers start up again on Sunday, Sep. 7th with Fr. Andy from 11:40am-12:15pm in the rectory's 1st floor conference room. The topic for the 5th class is "Prayer, Talking to God" - **Fr. Andy**.

Sep. 10-12th – Priest Convocation – The Priest Convocation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans is an annual event for priests to gather for prayer, study, and discussion on important topics and initiatives within the archdiocese, such as parish renewal, evangelization, and faith formation. Please keep Fr. Chung, Fr. Andy and other religious leaders in your prayers as they gather in unity to seek God, to help build and strengthen communities within their ministries.

(Mon) Sep. 15th – St. Mary's Assumption Church: Our Mother of Sorrows Day of Prayer: Join us at 10:45am for the Introduction to Our Lady of Sorrows, followed by Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary at 11am; and Mass following at 11:30am. (Confessions at 12pm).

(Wed) Sep. 17th – Confessions Available in all parishes – St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open from 5:00pm-6:30pm.



(Sun) Sep. 21st – All are welcome to join us on Sunday, Sep. 21st at 3pm at St. Mary's Assumption Church in celebration of **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Mass & Prayer**, along with our Filipino faith community, friends and parishioners. Celebrant will be Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R. **Please join us!**

(Sun) Sep. 21st – Second Collection – Catholic Communications Campaign (Please place your envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass). Thank you!

OCIA/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – Would you like to join the Catholic Church? - Would you or someone you know like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, have been baptized Catholic, but you did not receive any other sacraments – we are here to walk with you on your journey of faith. Call us at 504-522-6748, if you are interested. – **Thank you – Fr. Chung.**

Shrine News!



We Are Hiring!

The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos is hiring a part-time **Housekeeping Position**.

We are looking to hire a part-time (15hr/week) Shrine Housekeeper to clean and upkeep the Shrine and the Welcome Center, as well as assisting with special event days, and other needs as assigned.

How to apply

Email: Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.,
Shrine Director at:
ameszaros@seelos.org

OUR LADY OF SORROWS DAY OF PRAYER

Monday, September 15

St. Mary's Assumption Church
New Orleans



10:45 am – Introduction to
Our Lady of Sorrows

11:00 am – Chaplet of the
Seven Sorrows of Mary

11:30 am – Mass

12:00 pm – Confessions



Salamanca, Iglesia de la Vera Cruz

Get all the latest Shrine news for \$15 a year. visit seelos.org or call 504-525-2495 and sign up today!

Upcoming Events!

(Mon) Sep. 1st – Labor Day
Seelos Shrine is **Closed**

Seelos Healing Masses:

St. Mary's Assumption Church
(Sun) Oct. 5th – Vietnamese Seelos
Healing Mass at 3pm

(Sat) Oct. 11th – English Seelos Healing
Mass at 4pm

Sign up for our monthly newsletter!



In your mailbox *and* in your inbox!

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](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.



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

Giving Made Easy!

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