



September 7, 2025 * 23rd 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

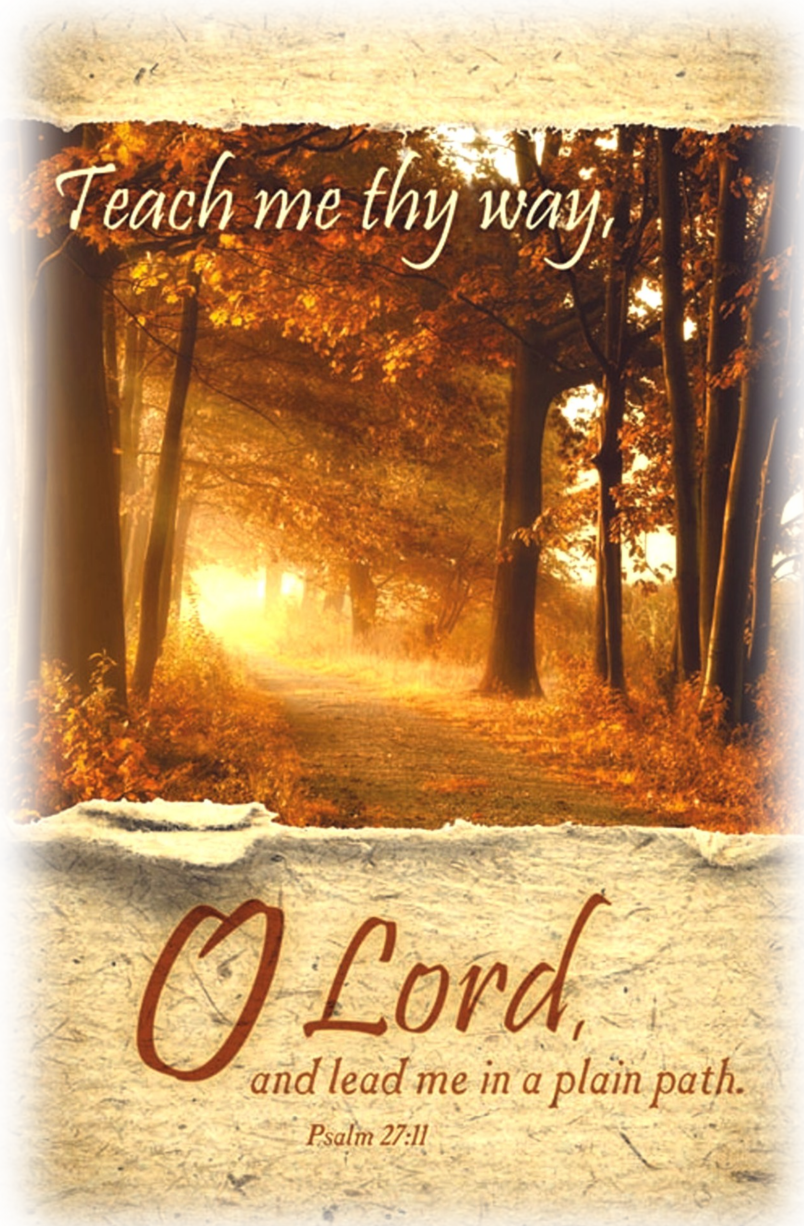
St. Mary's Chapel
First Friday or each month after 7:30am Mass

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



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LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confession will be available in all Catholic churches on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

*“Pope Leo XIV’s Apostolic Blessing – “Urbi et Orbi,” May 8, 2025, he reminds us-
“God loves us; God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!”*

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Wishing you God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



**(Wednesday) September 17th
Confessions Available**

St. Mary’s Assumption Church
5:00pm – 6:30pm

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 13 – 4:00pm

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Kauchak

Sunday, September 14 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Frater

Sunday, September 14 – 10:30am

Lector: G. Gitz

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dahleh; E. Berbuesse; 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

23 OT Response/Gospel C83 Readings: Hymnal #1103

Song of Gathering: #871 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Song of Offertory: #710 Make Your Home in Me

Song during Communion: #528 Wisdom's Feast

Song of Sending: #766 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Food Drive Totals:

September = 43 non-perishable food items were donated,
\$20.00 in cash donations for a total of \$295.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 4,484 food items have been collected.

We appreciate our parishioners food donations, we
ended the month of August with a total of 492 non-perishable
food donations. We appreciate your generosity.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, September 8

7:30am: Rosanne Quinlan McKee
+Marie Giorlando

Tuesday, September 9

7:30am: +Patrick Regan

Wednesday, September 10

7:30am: +Angelo Chetta

Thursday, September 11

7:30am: +Angelo Chetta
+Claudia Beghe Balducci

Friday, September 12

7:30am: +Angelo Chetta

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm: +Dorothy V. LaRocca

Sunday, September 14

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Claudia Beghe Balducci

SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTIONS FOR

SEPTEMBER

St. Mary's Assumption Church
In Memory of Elsie Dufresne Duffel,
requested by
David Earl & Peggy Simmons



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Update: Weekend of August 30 & 31

\$830.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,819.00	Loose Collection
\$348.00	Donations/Legacies
\$70.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.
\$20.00	Food Bank Donation
\$2,584.85	<i>Online Giving</i>
\$7,671.85	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung



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

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!



Sunday, Sep. 7th – Hospitality Sunday

Please join us after 9am and 10:30am
Masses for donuts & coffee!

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 will be available to purchase (suggested donation \$2 each) on **Sep. 13 & 14** after Mass.

Thank you!



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass

Sunday, September 21 at 3pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church

All are welcome to join us for our monthly celebration of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Mass & Prayer.

Please invite your family & friends!

Fr. Steve Benden

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Joan
Veronica
Connie
Danny
Sharon
Mary Catherine
Mary
Janice
Barbara
Evelyn
Soi
Clarence
Joe D.

*Annunciation Catholic School of
Minneapolis*

Those having marital problems

For Ukraine & world peace

UPDATES:

Darnel's operation went well.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Linda's brother, and Sister M. Evelyn. 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 the name of the person you would like us to pray for and the reason for your prayer request.

In order for your prayers to be included in our weekly prayer chain—please contact us by 7pm each Sunday evening.

Updated: 9/2/2025



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Alphonsus Parish's annual Family Day is coming soon! On this day, join us for 10:30am bilingual Mass, following Mass, we will gather in St. Mary's courtyard for food, fun, fellowship, games, raffle tickets, Bouncy House for kids & more.

(Bring your favorite folding chair!)

We will need volunteers to help set-up, donate food & desserts, serve food, and clean-up after the event.

Also, we ask you to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

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



Upcoming Events!

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

All are Welcome!

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

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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!

Scan the QR Code:



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