



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

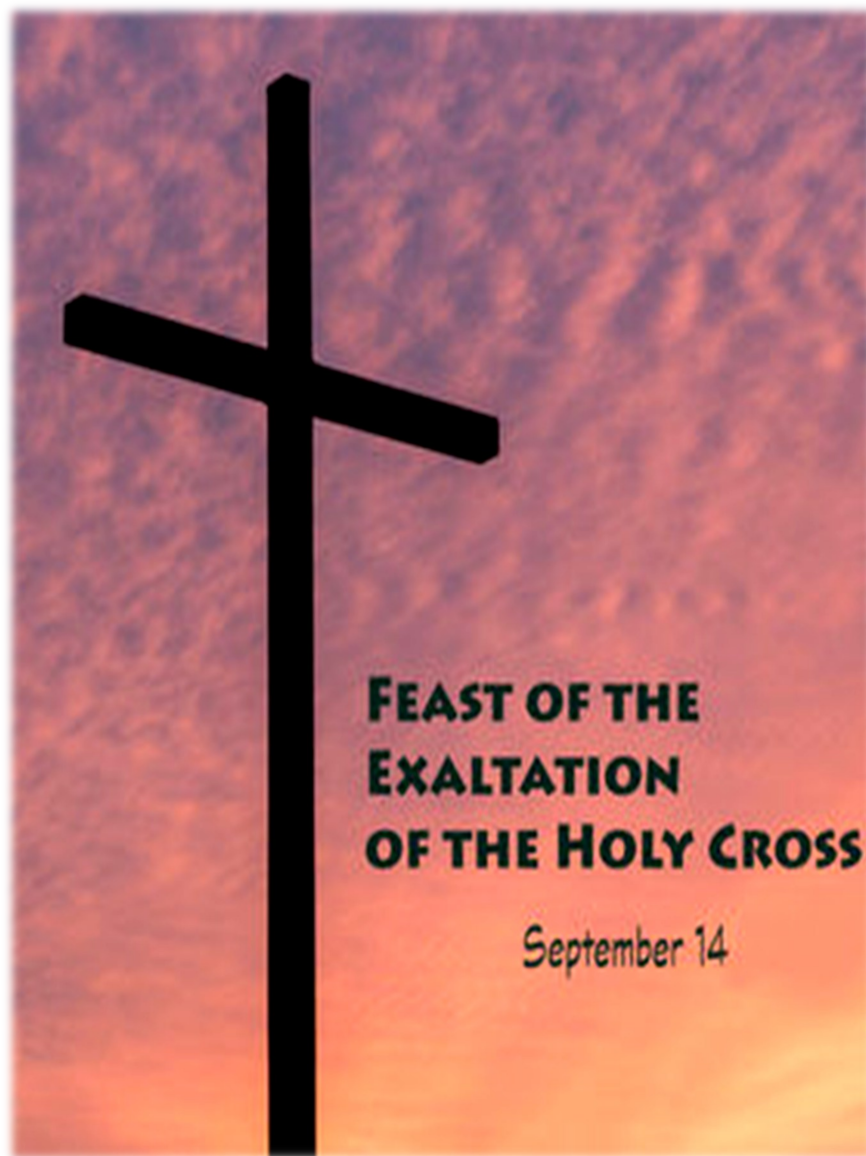
St. Mary's Chapel
First Friday or each month after 7:30am Mass

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





Fr. Joseph's Farewell Message

Dear Parish Family and Pilgrims of the Blessed Seelos Shrine,

As my time in New Orleans draws to a close, my heart is filled with gratitude. Over the past three months—from July 1 to September 22—I have been blessed with the privilege of serving at St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Mary's Chapel, and the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. During this grace-filled season, it has been an absolute joy to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with you, to break open the Word of God to a receptive and faith-filled community, and to minister the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each day at Blessed Seelos Center, offered me the chance to encounter and to pray with pilgrims seeking healing and hope, and to listen to their powerful testimonies of grace through the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

I am deeply grateful to Fr. Kevin Zube, C.Ss.R., Provincial Superior of the Denver Province, for granting me this opportunity to minister here during my summer break in Rome. My heartfelt thanks also go to Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R., Pastor and Rector of St. Alphonsus Parish, as well as to my wonderful Redemptorist confreres—Frs. Andy, Steve, and Tim—for their fraternity and hospitality, which made my stay both pleasant and memorable. My special thanks to Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., Director of the National Shrine of Blessed Seelos, for welcoming me into the ministry of the shrine. I remain especially indebted to the dedicated staff and joyful volunteers of both the parish and the shrine, whose faith and generosity have inspired me deeply.

On a more personal note, I grew up singing the familiar tune "Jambalaya (on the Bayou)... Crawfish pie and a fillet gumbo..." Never, did I imagine that one day, I would find myself in the very place where these flavors, melodies, and traditions come alive! New Orleans has a rhythm of its own—music, food, culture, and above all, a vibrant faith. While there is much more I could have seen and done, I leave feeling grateful and blessed by what I have experienced here.

As I return to Rome to continue my doctoral research, I humbly ask for your prayers, and please be assured of mine for each of you. Until we meet again, may God bless you abundantly.

Au revoir... and merci, New Orleans!

In Christ the Redeemer,

-Fr. Joseph Royan, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 20 – 4:00pm

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Maginnis

Sunday, September 21 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Soileau

Sunday, September 21 – 10:30am

Lector: D. Everard

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; B. Salettes

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #8 Gloria | #21 Holy | #28 Mem. Accl. | #31
Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #36 Lamb of God

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Gospel C105 Readings: Hymnal
#1147

Song of Gathering: #677 We Acclaim the Cross of Jesus

Song of Offertory: #679 Take Up Your Cross

Song during Communion: #676 O Cross of Christ, Immortal
Tree

Song of Sending: #703 Lift High the Cross



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention September 2025:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience
our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and
worthy of love and respect.

<https://www.usccb.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm: +Dorothy V. LaRocca

Sunday, September 14

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Maria Fernandez

+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

+Claudia Beghe Balducci

Monday, September 15

7:30am: Prayers & Intentions for the
Annunciation Catholic School of
Minneapolis

Tuesday, September 16

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Wednesday, September 17

7:30am: St. Alphonsus School & Teachers

Thursday, September 18

7:30am: Mercy Endeavors Ministry

Friday, September 19

7:30am: John Ross (birthday blessings)

Saturday, September 20

4:00pm: Hope House Ministry

Sunday, September 21

9:00am: Faith Formation Leaders &
Catechists

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: Weekend of September 6 & 7:

\$1,817.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,722.00	Loose Collection
\$575.00	Donations/Legacies
\$70.00	Mass Stipends
\$25.00	Food Bank Donations
\$865.75	Lawn, Food reimbursements
\$1,610.52	Online Giving
\$6,685.27	TOTAL

Weekly Offering



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Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Parish Food Drive Totals:

September = 77 non-perishable food items were donated, \$25.00 check, for a total of \$320.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 4,518 food items have been donated.

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Hope House ministry and helping families in need.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

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!

Wednesday, September 17
Confessions Available at
St. Mary's Assumption Church
5:00pm – 6:30pm

NEXT
WEDNESDAY
9 / 17

EVENING OF
CONFESSION
WEDNESDAY
5-6:30 pm

nolacatholic.org  **NEW ORLEANS**



OCIA/RCIA is for any adult who is interested in joining the Catholic Church and who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

It is a spiritual formation process which helps prepare you to receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please call 504-522-6748 to sign up for class with Fr. Chung.



St. Alphonsus Parish's annual Family Day is coming soon! Join us for 10:30am bilingual Mass, following Mass, we will gather in St. Mary's courtyard for food, fun, fellowship, games, raffles, prizes, music, a Bouncy House for the children & more.

Bring your favorite folding chair!

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

We will need volunteers to help set-up, serve food, and clean-up.

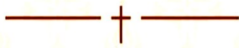
(See the Sign-up Sheets in the back of church if you can help or if you can bring a food dish or dessert— Thank you!)

Parish News!

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



Join us for Our Mother
of Perpetual Help Mass

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

All are welcome to join us on the
third Sunday of each month at 3pm to
celebrate our holy Mother along with
our Filipino faith community,
parishioners and friends.

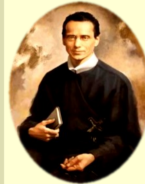
Thank you – Fr. Steve Benden,

FIND PEACE, HOPE & HEALING AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF **BLESSED SEELOS**

Visit the Shrine's
Welcome Center
right next door!

Monday-Saturday
10:00 am-2:00 pm

(504) 525-2495
SEELOS.ORG



Seelos Healing Masses:

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

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



Please Note: There will be a cross
touched to Fr. Seelos available
for blessings at Mass.

All are welcome!

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**