



September 21, 2025 * 25th 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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Catechetical Sunday

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LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

September 21, 2025

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today, throughout the Catholic Church, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme of **“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope.”** This theme invites each of us to recognize our call to share our faith in Jesus and how he has shaped our lives. We do this not only by what we say, but by how we live – through our life of discipleship that points others to Jesus.

Catechetical Sunday is a special annual observance in each parish during which we pray for and ask God’s blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Those who share in this ministry are our catechists in the Parish School of Religion (or Family Formation program), the administrators and teachers of our Catholic Schools, youth ministers, as well as those who are involved in the ministry of OCIA and Adult Faith Formation. Please join me in thanking them for giving of themselves in a generous way to form our youth and adults in the life of faith, and let us pray together that God will continue to bless them and inspire them in their ministry. Their man efforts play a vital role in helping others open their hearts to Christ. Furthermore, their example of faith is one that can be a source of inspiration to us.

Please join me in praying for students, parents, and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded by the *Catechism* that parents are gifted by God to be the first and most important teachers of their children. The home is the “domestic church” and the “first place of education” in the faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2685). The vocation entrusted parents is indeed a sacred one, and we as Church are committed to faithfully supporting them.

Please know of my deep appreciation and prayer of thanksgiving to all of you who share in this important ministry of catechists and Christian formation.

Wishing you God’s blessings, and the assurance of my prayers, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 27 – 4:00pm

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Maginnis

Sunday, September 28 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Soileau

Sunday, September 28 – 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

25 Response Gospel C85 Readings: Hymnal #1109
Song of Gathering: #880 We Are the Light of the World
Song of Offertory: #697 God, Whose Giving Knows No
Ending
Song during Communion: #531 At the Table of the World
Song of Sending: #872 Make Us True Servants

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Food Drive Totals:

September = 129 non-perishable food items were donated, and
a total of \$320.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 4,570 food items have been
Donated.

We appreciate your kindness throughout the year in keeping
our parish pantry full. Our goal is to reach 8,000 items before
the end of December. Thank you.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20

4:00pm: Hope House Ministry

Sunday, September 21

9:00am: All Faith Formation Leaders &
Catechists

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

7:30am: New Orleans Catholic Worker

Wednesday, September 24

7:30am: Sisters of Mercy (Mercy Day)

Thursday, September 25

7:30am: +Frank G. Gullo

Friday, September 26

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm: St. Thomas Health Clinic

Sunday, September 28

9:00am: All St. Aphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Pete J. Creppel

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 13 & 14:

\$556.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,518.00	Loose Collection
\$75.00	Donations/Legacies
\$65.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,214.00	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Second Collection **September 20 & 21**

Our second collection for this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. The funds collected will help bring Christ to the homebound, ill or hospitalized individuals by televising and broadcasting Sunday Masses on TVs across the U.S. and around the world.

We appreciate your support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CCD Classes in St. Alphonsus Parish!

If you would like to enroll your child for **First Communion Classes**, please call the Parish Office **by Mon, Sep. 25th** at 504-522-6748, (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) or you may email StAlsNola@gmail.com.

The Registration fee for each child is \$130.00. We will need the parent to fill out the registration form, attach a copy of the child's baptism certificate, & include a check, payable to St. Alphonsus Parish.

Thank you – Fr. Andy

MERCY DAY (SISTERS OF MERCY) SEPTEMBER 24



We honor our Religious Sisters of Mercy who serve St. Alphonsus Parish and our community.

We thank them for ministering to our children, elderly, sick, and poor for over 150 years (since 1869). May God continue to bless each of you in your ministries.

**-Fr. Chung & the
Redemptorist Community**

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





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!)



St. Mary's Chapel Garden Update! Recently, John with the New Orleans Catholic Worker and helpers have begun the process of clearing out weeds, and preparing the outside garden of the chapel – so new climbing roses and flowers can be planted. Eventually, Fr. Chung would like to also add benches and seating so our parishioners and visitors can enjoy a quiet & peaceful outdoor space to reflect and to pray.

More updates on the progress coming soon! - Fr. Chung.

You are invited to attend an Unveiling of a New painting for St. Mary's Chapel! Join us for a celebratory gathering as we unveil a beautiful new commissioned painting of 'Father Seelos Ministering to Yellow Fever Victims' by artist, George Schmidt at St. Mary's Chapel on **(Saturday) October 4, 2025 at 10am.** Come and be the first to witness this new artwork and to share in our joy. *(Social gathering to follow)* – **Fr. Chung.**



Upcoming Seelos Healing Masses at St. Mary's Assumption Church! All are welcome to join us on (Sun) Oct. 5th – Vietnamese Seelos Healing Mass at 3pm. And also on (Sat) Oct. 11th – English Seelos Healing Mass at 4pm. There will be a cross touched to Seelos available for those who would like to be blessed at Mass. **Please invite your family and friends! - Fr. Chung.**



Save St. Mary's Restoration Update! You may have noticed that the exterior restoration is underway on the left side of the front of church. The contractors have successfully completed repairs on the right, front side of the church, the Constance Street side and the Seelos Shrine side. They will continue restoring the exterior left side of the church and then they will move to the back side of the church. We are very grateful for your support in helping fund these repairs to help preserve St. Mary's for years to come.

If you would like to help us raise funds for Phase II – Interior Repairs – please consider making a donation today by **scanning the barcode**



Thank you – Fr. Chung

More updates to follow soon!

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

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Cheryl Miller, Wedding Coordinator,
wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

Parish Leadership

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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