



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



Celebration of Mercy Day – Sep. 24
Mercy Endeavors Senior Center
"Walking in Mercy, Growing in Grace"

(Picture: Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., Director, Seelos Shrine,
blessing the new walkway, gardens, senior community of Mercy Endeavors)

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

We celebrate **Mercy Sunday** *along with the Sisters of Mercy*, a day when the Church reminds us that the heart of the Gospel is God's endless mercy, offered to each of us through Jesus Christ. And the parable of the rich man and Lazarus gives us a powerful image of what happens when we accept or refuse that mercy.

The rich man lived surrounded by comfort, yet everyday he walked past Lazarus, a poor man suffering at his very gate. He did not notice Lazarus, or perhaps he chose not to notice. His heart was closed. And when death came, it revealed the truth: Lazarus was carried to the embrace of Abraham, while the rich man was left with emptiness and regret.

The great chasm in the story is not only about the afterlife, but it is about the chasm which forms in our hearts when we refuse compassion, when we fail to see the suffering Christ in our neighbor. That chasm grows wider each time we ignore mercy, until one day, it may be too late.

But today, Jesus stands at the gate of our lives, not with accusation but with mercy. On this feast, He says to us: "Come to Me. Do not be afraid of your sins. My mercy is greater than your failures." Just as Lazarus was lifted into eternal comfort, so too, will Christ lift us and if only, we open our hearts to Him, and to one another.

The message is simple: to receive mercy is to give mercy. We cannot ask God for forgiveness and then close our eyes to the poor, the sick, the lonely, the broken. Mercy must flow through us, or else it dies within us. We have seen the works of the Sister of Mercy's ministries in our neighborhood and in our school for over 150 years. They give witness to all of us of what it means to receive mercy and to give mercy.

So, when we trust God, this means not only believing in His forgiveness, but also daring to live as instruments of His mercy in our families, in our communities, and toward the "Lazarus" who waits at our gate.

May this Mercy Sunday not pass us by as the rich man passed Lazarus. But rather, let it awaken us to mercy that saves, heals and gives life.

Pax,
Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, October 4 – 4:00pm

Lector: J. Marvel

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Kauchak

Sunday, October 5 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

Sunday, October 5 – 10:30am

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; B. Sallettes; C. Nelson

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

26 Response Gospel C86 Readings: Hymnal #1112
Song of Gathering: #853 All Creatures of Our God and King
Song of Offertory: #893 For the Fruits of All Creation
Song during Communion: #550 Let the Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Song of Sending: #615 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Food Drive Totals:

September = 495 non-perishable food items were donated, and a total of \$320.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 4,936 food items have been donated.

Thank you to our kind donors who donated more than 350 food items this week. We are very grateful, as Hope House is trying to replenish their food pantry to help provide food to families in our community.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

(Please see the insert in the bulletin from Hope House & the foods they collect for the community).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm: St. Thomas Health Clinic
Janene Taylor

Sunday, September 28

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, September 29

7:30am: +Frank Doyle

Tuesday, September 30

7:30am: +Kenneth Hitchcock

Wednesday, October 1

7:30am: Jacques Pellerin
+Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

Thursday, October 2

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, October 3

7:30am: Ashley Robert Poss
Curtis Pellerin
+Peter E. Scherer, Jr.
+John J. Quinlan

Saturday, October 4

4:00pm: +Steve Egyud
+Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

Sunday, October 5

9:00am: All St. Aphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Anne Dragon Crawford

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 21 & 22:

\$536.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,047.00	Loose Collection
\$235.00	Donations/Legacies
\$574.00	2nd Collection/Cath. Communities
\$1,500.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.
\$520.00	Religious Education
\$447.83	Entergy Reimbursement
\$5,859.83	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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All Young Adults and their friends are welcome to attend Adoration Hour on Oct. 7 at 6pm – St. Mary's Chapel! - Fr. Steve

JOIN US THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH FOR

HOLY *to* HAPPY

OCTOBER 7 | 6:00PM

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Avenue

Parking available in lot next door

**ADORATION AND GUIDED MEDITATION
HAPPY HOUR TO FOLLOW IN COURTYARD**



You are invited to attend the **Unveiling** of a **new** commissioned painting of 'Father Seelos Ministering to Yellow Fever Victims' by artist, George Schmidt of New Orleans.

St. Mary's Chapel
(Saturday) October 4th at 10am

Come and be the first to see the new artwork and meet the artist. - Fr. Chung



There will be a **Blessed Seelos Vietnamese Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick** at **St. Mary's Assumption Church** (Sunday) Oct. 5, 2025 at 3pm

Rev. Francis Xavier Luong Quang Uong,
C.Ss.R - Celebrant

Blessed Seelos English Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick at **St. Mary's Assumption Church** (Saturday) Oct. 11, 2025 at 4pm

Rev. John Collins, C.Ss.R., Celebrant

All are welcome!



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!

Buy Raffle Tickets After Mass!
Take a chance to win a Gift Basket!
Raffle Tickets are \$2.00 each!



All winners will be announced on Sunday, Oct. 26th during the Family Day Event!



We need volunteers to help set-up, serve food & 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 to share — Thank you!) - Fr. Chung

Stop in the back of church! After Mass to buy your Raffle Ticket!

MERCY ENDEAVORS SENIOR CENTER WALKWAY BLESSING & PRAYER SERVICE

(In celebration of Mercy Day – September 24)

‘Walking in Mercy, Growing in Grace’ was the theme of Mercy Endeavors special blessing of their new walkway and fountain, along with a newly planted garden. Sister Jane Briseno, RSM, Director of Mercy Endeavors invited Father Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., and Father Chung Tran, C.Ss.R. to bless the new walkway, the beautiful new fountain donated by Mr. Bruno, In Memory of Marion Bruno.

The Seniors and guests enjoyed opening songs by Mr. Williams and staff of St. Alphonsus School, followed by a opening prayer by Fr. Meszaros, and a Reflection on the Legacy of Sisters of Mercy in New Orleans who came to the city 156 years ago – by Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM, Principal of St. Alphonsus School. Sister Stephanie Miller, RSM provided the Litany of Mercy and there was a procession led by Fr. Aaron, as he blessed the walkway with holy water (**lots of holy water!**) And Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R., Pastor of St. Mary’s Assumption Church blessed the fountain.



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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wedcoordstmarys@gmail.com

Parish Leadership

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Parish Council V. Pres. Sara Schexnayder, 908.303.9935

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504.495.6056

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**