

October 5, 2025 *27th 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



Feast Day of Blessed Francis X. Seelos

October 5, 2025

Seelos Healing Masses:

(Sun) Oct. 5 – at 3pm – Vietnamese Mass

(Sat) Oct. 11 – at 4pm – English Mass

Parish Office: 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Feast Day of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos! This year is special, because it is also the **25th Anniversary of Seelos' Beatification**. Twenty-five years ago, Father Francis X. Seelos was declared, "**Blessed**" by Pope John Paul II, on April 9, 2000. Today, we celebrate his feast on October 5.

As we remember and celebrate the life of Blessed Seelos, I want to reflect on this prayer:
"O God, you make your priest, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, outstanding in love, that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption and comfort those in affliction. Grant by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of all. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen."

Blessed Seelos was born on January 11, 1819 in Fussen, Bavaria, Germany. Drawn to the missionary zeal of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he joined their community and would later travel to America and then on to New Orleans in 1866, where he was assigned to serve the German-speaking immigrants at St. Mary's Assumption Church. He courageously chose to come to New Orleans at a time when the city was struck by a devastating epidemic of yellow fever, and despite knowing the dangerous risks – he joyfully accepted his new assignment and arrived in New Orleans in 1866. And he cared and ministered to the sick, shortly after arriving here. Sadly, within a year of serving our community, Father Seelos died on October 4, 1867, at the young age of 48 of yellow fever.

While Father Seelos only served our community for a short while, he healed and touched so many lives that he served. And he served with a joyous heart, and with a heart of charism. He ministered to the poor, the sick, and to those who felt most abandoned by society. And he was never afraid to enter homes of the sick and to offer comfort, and prayers when he could. His tomb is in our beautiful Church, and his relics are in our reliquary at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, here on our church's property; the very grounds that Father Seelos walked, talked, prayed, and preached.

Although, Blessed Seelos' life and ministry may have been cut short – his lasting impact on those he ministered to, to those he touched and to those he healed remains, today. The National Shrine of Blessed Seelos here at St. Mary's Assumption Church, continues to receive and to greet thousands of pilgrims each year, from the city, from around the United States, and from around the world – who come to pray for the intercession of Blessed Seelos in their needs. As we continue to welcome pilgrims, parishioners, friends, and neighbors this Sunday, October 5 to the Vietnamese-Speaking Seelos Healing Mass – at 3pm and on next Saturday, October 11 to the English-Speaking Seelos Healing Mass at 4pm at St. Mary's Assumption Church – I pray that through the intercession of Blessed Seelos and our almighty God that all of your prayers and petitions are answered.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, October 11 – 4:00pm

Lector: (Seelos Shrine volunteers)

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Maginnis

Sunday, October 12 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Frater

Sunday, October 12 – 10:30am

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cross; B. Fleischer; M. Dahleh

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

27 Response Gospel C87 Readings: Hymnal #1115
Song of Gathering: #809 God is Here! As We His People
Song of Offertory: #824 We Bring God's Holy Love
Song during Communion: #555 One Bread, One Body
Song of Sending: #732 A Mighty Fortress

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Food Drive Totals:

September = 565 non-perishable food items were donated, and a \$20 check donation for a total of \$340.00 to Hope House.

Year to Date: 5,006 food items have been donated.

We appreciate your continued support in donating non-perishable food items at Mass each week. Help us reach our goal of collecting 8,000 food items by the end of this year. Thank you for helping Hope House keep their pantry full.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

(Please see Food Drive flyer in the bulletin for more details)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, October 6

7:30am: +Ruth Manning Doyle

Tuesday, October 7

7:30am: +James A. Waldron
+Marie Giorlando

Wednesday, October 8

7:30am: +Sister Muriel Levy, D.C.

Thursday, October 9

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, October 10

7:30am: +Louise Koch Manning

Saturday, October 11

4:00pm: Janene Taylor

Sunday, October 12

9:00am: +Terry Adams

10:30am: +Sharon Donato

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

St. Mary's Assumption Church

In Memory of Rev. Richard
Thibodeau, C.Ss.R.,
requested by,
Robert & Cynthia Vasquez



STEWARDSHIP

Giving Update: Weekend of September 27 & 28:

\$716.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,688.00	Loose Collection
\$179.00	Donations/Legacies
\$40.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.
\$650.00	Religious Education
\$1,304.75	Seelos Lawn & Misc. reimbursements
\$5,577.75	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



All Young Adults and their friends are welcome to attend Eucharistic 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**

WEDDING BANNES

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Oct. 4 – Charles Sisk, Jr. &
Emma Siewert

Oct. 4 – Quinn Del Corral &
Juliette Hotard

Oct. 18 – Clay Cormier &
Baili Sagnibene

Oct. 24 – Robert Price & Rachel Helm

May God bless these couples as they
prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

Seelos Healing Mass
Saturday, October 11, 4:00 pm CT

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

**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, immediately 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 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!**
Raffle Tickets will also be sold in the parish office – call 504-522-6748!

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Janet
Marjie
Vaughn
Kelly
Wilmae
Ashley
Judy
Mary Ann
Greg's sister
Bonnie
Steven
Dionne
Chelsea
Connie
Jane
Debra
Merle
Sharon
Sue
Rudy

Updates:

Greg's brother was free of cancer at his last doctor's visit; Janet is doing well with her shoulder therapy.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Diane; Alford Boese; Veronica Eden Tucker & families.

Special Intentions:

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 your first name 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.

The Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Seelos



O my God, I truly believe You are present with me. I adore your bountiful goodness. I thank You for the graces and gifts You gave to Father Seelos. If it is Your Holy Will, please let him be Declared a Saint of the Church so that others may know and imitate his holy life. Amen.

Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. was born on January 11, 1819 in Fussen, Bavaria, Germany. Having expressed a desire for the priesthood since childhood, he entered the diocesan seminary in 1842 after completing his studies in philosophy. He joined the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and he came to America in 1843. He was ordained on December 22, 1844. Three years after his ordination, he was appointed Master of Novices and spent one third of his priestly life training future priests. In 1860, Bishop O'Connor wanted to make him Bishop of Pittsburgh, but he asked to be able to remain a humble priest. His request was granted. He transferred to New Orleans in 1866, and he contracted Yellow Fever while caring and ministering to the sick, and he died on October 4, 1867.

Many miracles are attributed to him both during his life and after his death.

Blessed Seelos, Pray for us!

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

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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**