



October 26, 2025 *30th 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, 3rd Sunday of
each month. at 3pm with the 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



October 26, 2025

All are invited to join us!

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters of Christ,

When I am asked to describe St. Mary's Assumption Church and the parish, several things come to my mind. First, I tell people, When I look around our parish, I see a beautiful mosaic – faces from every culture, voices that carry different accents, and hearts that beat with a shared faith. I see not one kind of family but many – young families with children, elders whose faith has endured through decades, single adults, lifelong parishioners whose family roots run deep in the community. Together, we form a living portrait of what it means to be a family of God.

Family, at its heart, is more than those we share a surname with. It is the place where we learn love, patience, forgiveness, and faith. For some, family is large and extended; for others, it may be a few close friends who have walked beside them through life's joys and struggles. In our parish, I see a family made up of parish members, volunteers and neighbors.

When Christ gathered his disciples, he called those who were different, those who came from different backgrounds, and those who had no family of their own. Yet, he welcomed them to follow him. In our small parish, I see the same opportunity – to be a home for all, where every person is welcomed, known by name and valued as a brother and a sister of Christ.

When I look around our parish, I see our diversity as a gift and something to celebrate! I see families coming together to worship, to pray, to sing, and to fellowship. Our parish families come together to celebrate our faith in God's presence in the Eucharist and in all who gather in prayer. Each person brings a different story. But together, we make up a family of God.

The beauty of our parish, is not in its size, but in its heart. In a small parish like ours, it's truly a blessing knowing one another. We greet each other by name. We notice when one of our parish members are missing. We comfort each other through struggles or difficult times. And we laugh together in good times. It is important as a parish family to continue to encourage and to support one another. And to welcome a stranger as Christ Himself, knowing that every person who walks through our door is already a part of God's family.

May our parish always be a home where love continues to grow; where every person finds belonging, every culture finds celebration, and every heart finds joy and love in our shared faith. **Please join us this Sunday, October 26th**, for our annual parish **Family Day Celebration**. We will gather after the 10:30am bilingual Mass in St. Mary's courtyard for fun, food, games, music, raffles, prizes, and more. **All are welcome!**

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, November 1 – 4:00pm

Lector: D. Waldron

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Rafferty

Sunday, November 2 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Wilkerson

Sunday, November 2 – 10:30am

Lector: D. Everard

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; J. Cross; 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

30 Response Gospel C90 Readings: Hymnal #1124

Song of Gathering: #849 O God Beyond All Praising

Song of Offertory: #786 My Soul is Longing

Song during Communion: #791 Come to Me

Song of Sending: #706 'Tis the Gift to be Simple

Food Drive Totals:

October = 550 non-perishable food items donated Year to Date:
January through October – 5,556 food items and a total in
\$339.00 in donations.

We appreciate your generosity! Because of your kind
donations – Hope House is able to distribute food items to
individuals in need who stop by for help. Thank you.

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 25

4:00pm: Janene Taylor
+A.J. Kutac

Sunday, October 26

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Fabio Fernandez
+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

Monday, October 27

7:30am: Logan Quinlan Grismer

Tuesday, October 28

7:30am: +Adelbert Paul Gorris

Wednesday, October 29

7:30am: +Mike Wilkerson

Thursday, October 30

7:30am: Madeleine & Jean-Pierre Pellerin

Friday, October 31

7:30am: +Paul Manning, Sr.

Saturday, November 1

4:00pm: For All Faithful Departed
(*All Saints' Day is not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year.)

Sunday, November 2

9:00am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Clary P. Higginbotham

10:30am: 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 OF TREASURE

Giving Update: Weekend of October 18 & 19

\$1,877.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,509.00	Loose Collection
\$4,317.00	Donations/Legacies
\$250.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$943.00	2nd Collection World Mission
\$1,352.60	Online Giving
\$11,248.60	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

PARISH GUILD

We thank those who have donated plastic grocery bags to help the Parish Guild make plarn mats for our homeless neighbors to sleep on. We greatly appreciate your kind donations.

However, **we are not collecting plastic bags for the rest of this year.** We will let you know when we need more bags or volunteers for next year. Thank you – Bert & Gigi Anfone.



FRIDAY MONTHLY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on the first Friday of each month for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Following, the 7:30am Mass at the Chapel.

Friday, November 7

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung



Oct. 24 – Robert Price & Rachel Helm

May God bless this couple as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.



St. Mary's Chapel

Friday, October 31st – 6:00pm Vigil

All Saints Day:
Saturday, Nov. 1 – 7:30am

St. Mary's Assumption Church

All Saints Day:
Saturday, Nov. 1 – 4pm Vigil

St. Mary's Chapel

All Souls Day:
Sunday, Nov. 2 at 9am

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10:30am
Sunday, Nov. 2 at 12:30pm Spanish

***All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

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St. Mary's T-shirt Spotlight of the month!

Thank you to our parishioner, Richard Patrick for wearing your St. Mary's t-shirt and for sharing your beautiful photo with us. Richard recently traveled to the Serengeti National Park, located in Tanzania, bordering Kenya – nearly **8,377 – 8,400 miles** from New Orleans by air.

The Serengeti National Park has the largest remaining animal migration in the world where over one million wildebeests and thousands of other animals like zebras, gazelles, lions, elephants, and others migrate in large herds in search of food and water, across the park's lush landscapes and plains.



Please wear your St. Mary's t-shirt on your next vacation or travels, near or far, and share your photos and destination with us, and we will feature you in our parish's Spotlight of the month.

Call the parish office at 504-522-6748 or email us at StAlsNola@gmail.com and order your t-shirt today – We currently have **new multi-colored** t-shirts in orange, kiwi green, slate blue, dark gray, and burgundy in sizes small through extra large! (T-shirts are \$15 each).

(Picture contributed by: Richard P. – Oct. 18, 2025)

Hospitality Sunday!
November 2nd



Join us after 9am and 10:30am
Masses for donuts and coffee.

Thank you for your All Souls
flower memorials and donations.

The memorials will be printed in the
November 2nd bulletin

Parish Announcements

JOIN US, Sunday, Oct. 26th for 10:30am bilingual Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church, and immediately following Mass, for our annual **Family Day Celebration**, in the church's Courtyard for food, fun, fellowship, games, pinatas, and prizes.

Buy Raffle Tickets After Mass while supplies last! Take a chance to win a **NEW Bike**, nice Gift Baskets & prizes!



Raffle Tickets are **\$2.00** each!

All Winners will be announced
at 2pm during the Family Day
celebration! Winners do not need
to be present.



Thanks to all those who have signed up to help on Family Day and all those who are bringing a food dish/dessert to share. We appreciate your generosity!

Please bring your favorite folding chair!

Join Fr. Andy for fun & games!

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung

October 31 & November 1—Join us for All Souls/All Saints Day Masses — We invite you to attend 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary's Chapel on (Fri) Oct. 31 and on (Sat) Nov. 1 for All Saints Day Mass at 7:30am at the Chapel and on (Sat) Nov. 1 at St. Mary's Church for 4pm Vigil. (**All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*)



Eucharistic Adoration— (Friday) Nov. 7—following the 7:30am Chapel Mass.



(Sunday) December 14— Symphony Chorus Concert of New Orleans at 3pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church— ('Messiah Performance')

(More announcements coming 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

Parish Staff

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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, 504.495.6056

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.



picture taken: 10/11/25

**The front of the Church is looking like new again!
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**