



November 23, 2025 *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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 Assumption Church

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

(Hours vary during holidays)

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November 23, 2025

Jesus remember me when
you come into your kingdom

(Luke 23:35-43)

Who Are Our Redemptorists?...A Brief Glimpse

In a letter this November to commemorate World Day of the Poor (November 16th), the Superior General of the Redemptorists, Fr. Rogerio Gomez, C.Ss.R., reflected on the central mission of the order. His letter gives us all an insight into the heart of our Redemptorists who so generously serve our parish community. An excerpt is below:

Our Redemptorist Constitutions clearly define our vocation: “follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, by preaching the word of God to the poor, as he declared of himself: ‘He sent me to preach the Good News to the poor’” (Const. 1). Among groups of people more in need of spiritual help, they will give special attention to the poor, the deprived and the oppressed. The evangelization of these is a sign of messianic activity (Luke 4: 18), and Christ, in a certain sense, wished to identify himself with them (Matt 25:40). This call, therefore, is neither optional nor secondary: it is profoundly linked to the mission of the Redeemer and confirms that our missionary presence is most authentically realized where the world suffers, where poverty is visible and where hope is weakened.

The theme proposed by Pope Leo XIV, “You are my hope” invites us to recognize that Christian hope is not born of abundance, power or material security, but of need, vulnerability and trust in God. In this context, the poor do not appear as passive subjects, but as witnesses of a strong and trustworthy hope. Often deprived of human solidarity and material means, they find in God the only safe refuge, the One who, through faith and hope, sustains their lives. It is this trust in God that allows them to dream and not fall into despair in the face of precariousness of resources and the lack of opportunities. In this way, trust becomes a refuge, consolation, a force in the struggle for dignity and justice.

For us Redemptorists, this has a particular significance: the option for the poor is not sociological or ideological, but evangelical, and is at the heart of our missionary vocation...This means that the poor are not outside the mission: they are our interlocutors and make us rediscover the face of the Redeemer, which is manifested in the “many faces of the poor and of poverty” (Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexite*, n. 9). This implies that the Redemptorist mission must be open to the conversion of structures, to the integral promotion of the human person and to creative solidarity, which generates new ways of being Church and community.

(Shared by St. Alphonsus Parish Spiritual Development & Evangelization Committee)



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com or call us at 774-701-1863. Leave the **first name** and the **reason** for your prayer request. The deadline for requesting prayers for the following week's prayer chain is 7pm on Sunday.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for Orlin & his family, John, Elena, Betsy, Ben, Dylan, Jason, Luke, Greg, William, Connie & Ed for safe travels, Janet, William, Evelyn, Immigrants to be treated with dignity & fairness, for world peace for all nations, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Special Intentions: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Felipe, an elderly person and active member of the church, who passed recently and for the repose of the soul of Margaret Mary Ulmer Colomb, who also passed recently. Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop Aymond, and Coadjutor Archbishop James Checchio and all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: (11/18/25)

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, November 29 – 4:00pm

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Rafferty

Sunday, November 30 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Wilkerson

Sunday, November 30 – 10:30am

Lector: M. Balducci

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Nelson; J. Cross; T. Schafer

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Christ the King OT Response C82 Readings: Hymnal #1136

Song of Gathering: #703 Lift High the Cross

Song of Offertory: #626 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Song during Communion: #551 Let the Hungry Come to Me

Song of Sending: #642 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention November 2025:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

(U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops > <https://www.usccb.org/>)

Please Note:

There will be No 7:30am Chapel Mass on (Thu) Nov. 27th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22

4:00pm: +Rev. Jacky Merilan, C.Ss.R.
+Charles J. Vidonne
+Edward Smith

Sunday, November 23

9:00am: +Margaret Ulmer Colomb

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, November 24

7:30am: +Cortes Eugene DeRussy

Tuesday, November 25

7:30am: +Robert Payne

Wednesday, November 26

7:30am: +Peter E. Scherer, Jr.

Thursday, November 27

9:00am: Juliette Pellerin

Friday, November 28

7:30am: +Louise Manning Hahn

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm: For Marilyn Connolly's family
and for her deceased family
and for +Louis Connolly

Sunday, November 30

9:00am: Philip Manning

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

If you would like to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle for the Church or Chapel, or schedule a Mass Intention, please contact our parish office at 504-522-6748, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving Update: Weekend of November 15 & 16

\$687.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,517.00	Loose Collection
\$4,946.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,396.55	Online Giving
\$8,546.55	TOTAL

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:



St. Alphonsus Parish is sponsoring an Angel Tree Food Drive to help keep Hope House's food pantry shelves filled throughout the holiday season to help struggling individuals and families living in our community,

so they do not go hungry. You may scan the QR Code below or see the flyer. We thank an anonymous donor for donating 275 food items, and donors who gave an additional 642 items for a total of 917 for the month of November. And we received a large donation of food items from St. Michael's Special School & families. Thank you for helping keep our parish pantry full!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

We greatly appreciate your support!
God Bless you – Fr. Chung

Saint Alphonsus Parish

ANGEL TREE FOOD DRIVE



Please help us fill the Hope House pantry by emptying the angel tree of food item requests! Select a donation and drop it off under the tree by November 30th. Shelf-stable, nonperishable items only. Scan the QR code for our wish list!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

St. Mary's Assumption Church
923 Josephine St.



For More Information: (504) 603-6549 Cadence Gatterer



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

JOIN US
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT 9AM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025
ST. MARY ASSUMPTION CHURCH

YOU MAY BRING A SMALL FOOD ITEM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE BLESSED AT THIS MASS. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU.

THERE WILL BE NO 7:30AM CHAPEL MASS.



Happy Thanksgiving!

The Shrine is closed for the holiday
12 pm Wednesday, Nov 26 - Saturday, Nov 29



Weddings

November

Nov. 22 – Peter Clifton & Grace Fary

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



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Moving from the Restlessness of the World to the *Peace of Christ*:

Do you sometimes feel restless with all that is happening around you?
Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed?

Come join us for an Advent morning of reflection as we seek the peace of Christ
that the world cannot give.

Presenters: Fr. Steven Benden, C.Ss.R., and Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Time: (Registration & coffee from 8:30am-9am)

9:00am – Noon Presentations and Conversations

Place: Sisters of Mercy Convent, 1017 St. Andrew St., New Orleans.

(at the corner of Constance Street)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

All are Free, but donations are welcomed! - Fr. Chung

New Orleans Welcomes New Archbishop and Successor

In a ceremony rich with tradition to match the historic significance of the second oldest Catholic diocese in the nation, Coadjutor Archbishop James Checchio was officially welcomed as successor to Archbishop Gregory Aymond at a Mass on Tuesday afternoon at St. Louis Cathedral in the heart of the French Quarter.



We hope our parishioners,
visitors and friends have a



**Happy and Blessed
Thanksgiving!**

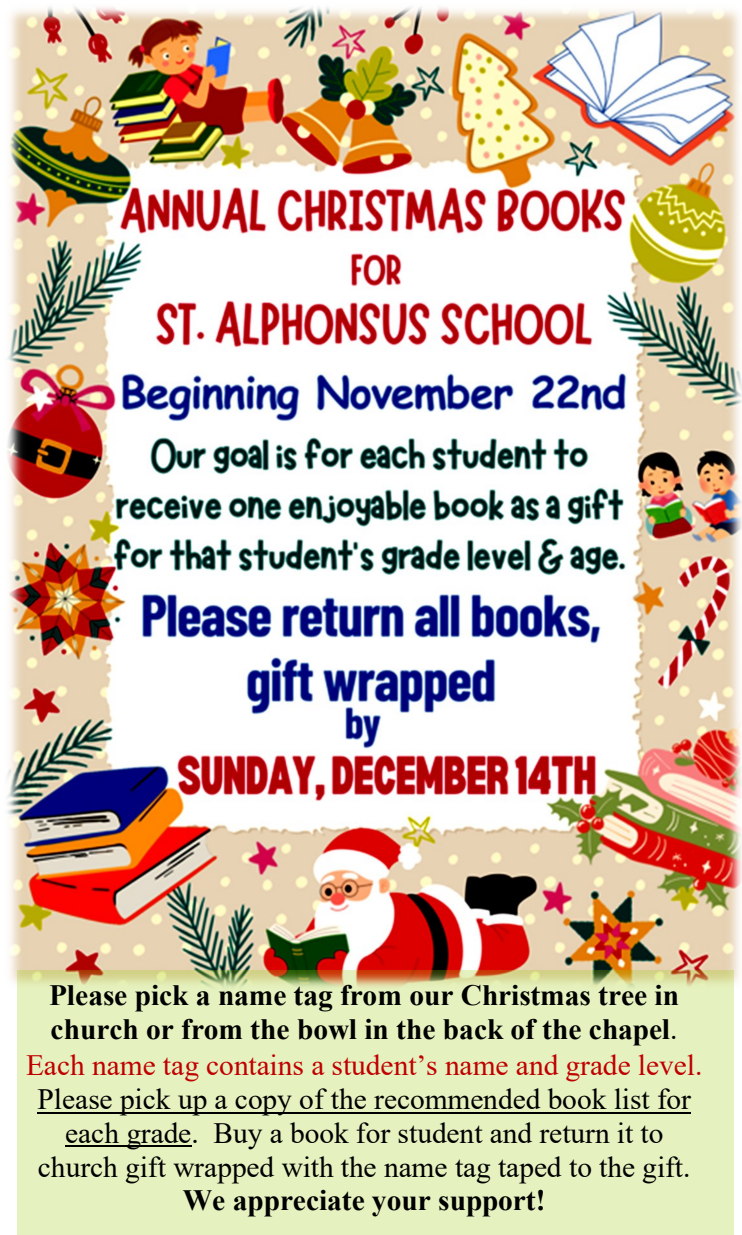
-Fr. Chung
& Redemptorist Community



Our Parish Office
will be **CLOSED**

from 12pm on Wed,
Nov. 26 - Fri, Nov. 28
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

(We will reopen on Dec. 1st at 9am)



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOOKS
FOR
ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL
Beginning November 22nd

Our goal is for each student to
receive one enjoyable book as a gift
for that student's grade level & age.

**Please return all books,
gift wrapped
by
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

Please pick a name tag from our Christmas tree in
church or from the bowl in the back of the chapel.
Each name tag contains a student's name and grade level.
Please pick up a copy of the recommended book list for
each grade. Buy a book for student and return it to
church gift wrapped with the name tag taped to the gift.
We appreciate your support!

Save the Date!



Join us for a Day of Prayer for the Solemnity of the Most Immaculate Conception of
the Virgin Mary on Monday, December 8, 2025 at St. Mary's Assumption Church,
beginning with confessions at 10:45am; 11am Rosary & Mass at 11:30am.

(*Holy Day of Obligation) - (Collection will be taken up)



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

Purchase tickets for this event — go to> <https://www.symphonychorus.org/>
and click on upcoming performance at St. Mary's Assumption Church.



MERCY ENDEAVORS SENIOR CENTER

Annual Christmas Bazaar

457 Jackson Ave. New Orleans, La. 70130 (Inside)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9:30am-1:00pm

Parade of Prizes

50in or Larger Smart TV

Saints & Pelicans

Baskets



Household items, toys, crafts, tableware, electronics,
office supplies, jewelry, books, pet items and much
more!

Nachos, Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drinks.



picture taken: 10/11/25

The Exterior Renovations on the front of the Church are almost complete!
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