



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)
Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748



November 30, 2025

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather on this **First Sunday of Advent**, I greet you with joy and hope during this *Jubilee Year of Hope*. Advent is a sacred season – quiet, yet powerful, humble yet full of promise. It invites us to pause amid the noise and distractions of our daily lives and to listen for the gentle footsteps of our Lord and Savior drawing near. It calls us to wait in patience, where Christ can speak to our hearts. It is also a time for renewal, a time to begin again – a time to allow God to shape our lives.

This weekend we light the first purple candle, the **Candle of Hope**. Its flame reminds us that even in times of uncertainty and struggle, Christ's light never fades. The candle of Hope is not optimism or wishful thinking; it is trusting that God is at work, even when the world seems uncertain. It is the light in darkness.

During these coming weeks, I encourage each of you to make room for Christ in a renewed way. You might want to set aside a few moments for quiet prayer at home, come to daily Mass when possible, join us for a day of reflection and prayer or return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even simple gestures – listening with patience, offering forgiveness or giving time to someone in need – can be beautiful acts of Advent preparation.

As we enter the holy season of Advent, let us come together as a parish family, helping one another and opening our hearts to the gentle workings of God's grace. May these weeks be for each of us a time of spiritual awakening, healing renewal and a deepening of faith.

Know of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this season of Advent. May the Lord bless you abundantly with strength, hope, love, peace, and a renewed faith.

Pax,

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

Liturgy Notes

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MASS INTENTIONS

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 6 – 4:00pm

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Kauchak

Sunday, December 7 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Ministers: T. George

Sunday, December 7 – 10:30am

Lector: L. Moran

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

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: #20 Holy | #24 Mem. Accl. B | #30 Amen |
#32 Lord's Prayer | #35 Lamb of God
Response/Gospel Advent 1 Readings: Hymnal #954

Song of Gathering: #362 Behold, O Zion, God Will
Come

Song of Offertory: #344 O Lord of Light
Song during Communion: #809 God is Here! As We His
People

Song of Sending: #359 Come, O Long-Awaited Savior



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/>)

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

9:00am: Philip Manning

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, December 1

7:30am: Julie Hahn (Full Recovery)

Tuesday, December 2

7:30am: +Mary Ann Augustine

Wednesday, December 3

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Thursday, December 4

9:00am: +Tim Rigney

Friday, December 5

7:30am: Stephen Andrew Losee
+William G. Melber

Saturday, December 6

4:00pm: +Paul R. LeClere
+Mary Ann Augustine

Sunday, December 7

9:00am: Orlin Lopez & Family

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.

*(There are still a few Mass Intentions
open in December 2025)*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving Update: Weekend of November 22 & 23

\$931.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,514.00	Loose Collection
\$412.00	Donations/Legacies
\$821.00	2nd Collection for Human Dev.
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,200.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral, etc.
\$50.00	Food Bank Donation
\$50.00	Flowers Donation
\$25,972.45	Online Giving
\$30,960.45	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 those who have donated food items – we received nearly 2,500 items this week, for a total year to date of 8,466. Thank you!

Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

We greatly appreciate your support! – Fr. Chung

JOIN US THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH FOR

HOLY *to* HAPPY

DECEMBER 2 | 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**

Just a reminder:
Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of
each month after the 7:30am Mass
at St. Mary's Chapel.

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION



(Friday) December 5.

All are welcome!

Hospitality Sunday! December 7



Join us after 9am & 10:30am Masses
for donuts & refreshments!

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

Prayer
Chain
Ministry



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

**Do you feel that you are being called to a ministry of prayer?
Is Jesus calling you to pray for others?**

In our parish, we have a prayer chain. People email or call in prayers for friends, relatives and situations in our world. There are ten people who make up our prayer partners who commit to praying daily for those in need. It's not a commitment or a lot of time. It's more a commitment of faithfulness...praying **everyday** for those who have requested our prayers. We don't have meetings.
We just pray in our own homes.

If you are interested in joining our prayer team, please contact St. Alphonsus prayer chain at: StAlsPrayers@gmail.com or call (774) 701-1863.
Please leave your name, email address and phone number.

Thank you!



SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual **Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on **(Sunday) March 15, 2026 at 3pm**, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans.

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently made their 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married 1996-2001.

To register, please contact your parish office by Monday, Feb. 2, 2026.

For more information, call 504-861-6243 or [email mfl@arch-no.org](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org).



Help us Keep in Touch with You

If you are currently a parishioner, and any of your family's information on file with us, has changed such as (address, phone, email, etc.) - please call our parish office to let us know, at 504-522-6748, (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) or email us at StAlsNola@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Advent Liturgies & Events

Saturday, December 6—Moving from the Restlessness of the World to the Peace of Christ: Join us for an Advent Morning of Reflection at Sisters of Mercy Convent (1017 St. Andrew St.) from 9am-1pm
8:30-9am - Registration & Coffee

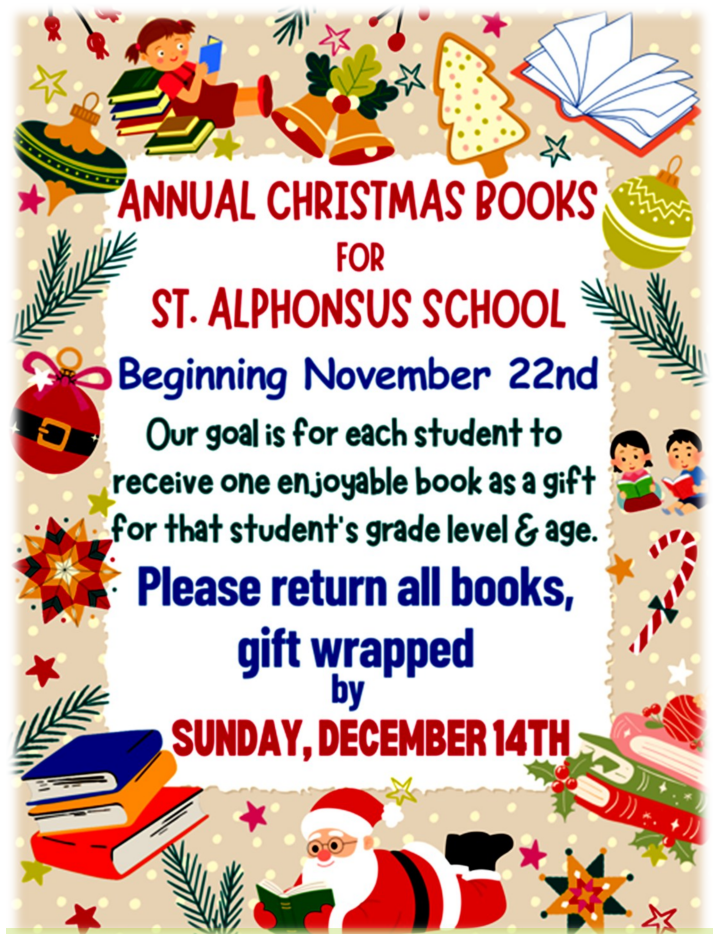
(refreshments & lunch provided)

All is free, donations are welcomed.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:
(Mon) Dec. 8—Day of Prayer at
St. Mary's Assumption Church,
Confessions at 10:45am, 11am Rosary
& 11:30am Mass
**(Holy Day of Obligation)*



All are welcome!



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!



(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.

(Christmas Mass Schedule *Coming soon!*)



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 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