

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

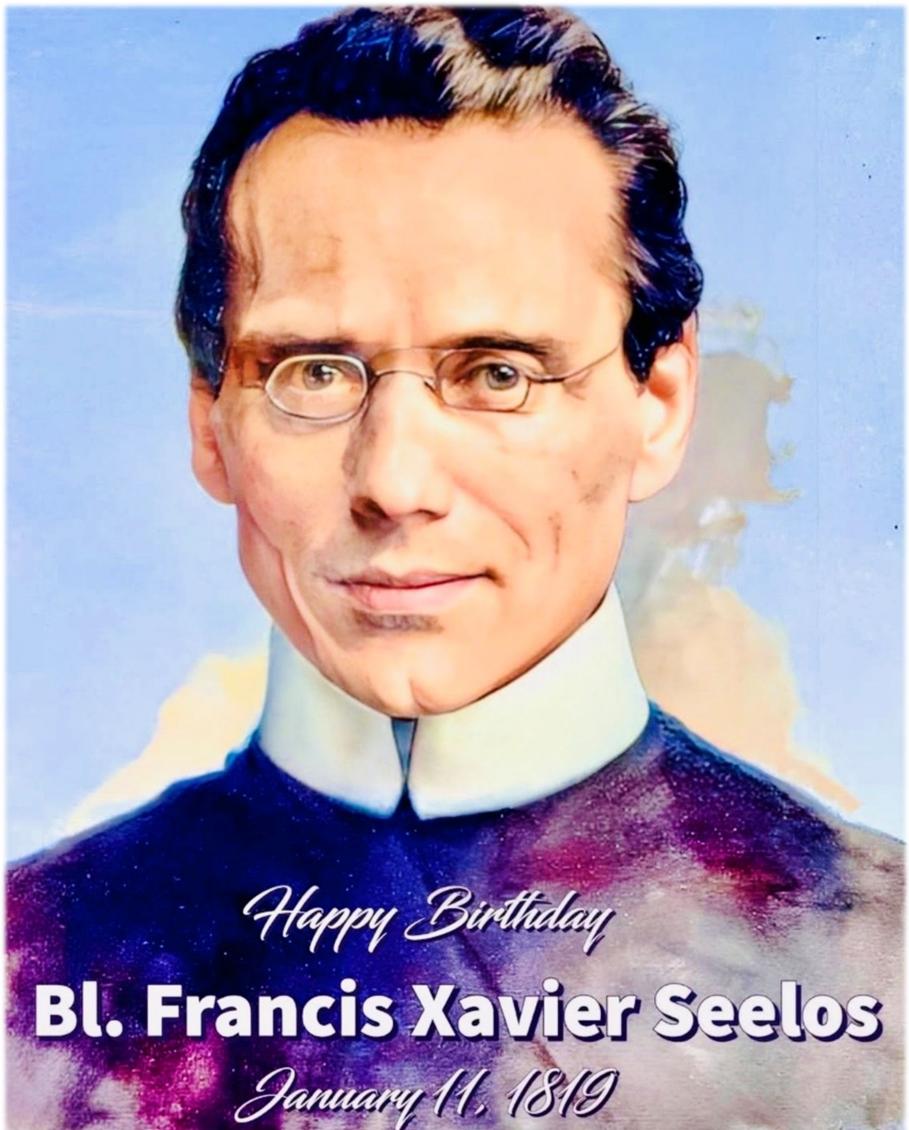
St. Mary's Assumption Church
Monday-Friday at 11:30am
Novena Mass in Honor of Blessed
Francis Seelos,
Confessions available, after Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions
St. Mary's Chapel
Tuesdays during 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Mary's Chapel
First Friday of each month after 7:30am
Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Mary's Assumption Church
Saturdays at 3:15pm

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



Seelos Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026
10:30am – Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Blessed Francis Seelos, Pray for us.

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

In the beginning...

And now as we begin a new year, life goes on and our parish continues its journey heavenward. We are not the biggest parish in New Orleans, nor are we the smallest. But our parish has something no other parish in the archdiocese has—we have the *Redemptorists*.

What or who are the Redemptorists? Our full and complete name is “the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer” affectionately called the “Redemptorists”. The congregation was founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1732 just outside of Naples, Italy. By 1832, the Redemptorists were in much of western Europe and looking to expand to the Americas. We are now, currently in a little over 80 countries on every continent. We number just around 4,500 professed men, mostly priests, a few cardinals and a few bishops, and the rest are lay brothers, and students.

We come together to serve the Church by reaching out to the “Most Abandoned” helping the neglected and wounded find their way to Christ while embracing God’s powerful love for us. In our parish, we have the outreach ministries who help the homeless and hungry like the Hope House and others.

We also embrace the sick and infirmed through the work of the Blessed Seelos Shrine. Just as in the 1860s, Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos cared for those suffering from yellow fever, and we continue through his intercession to embrace and to care for the afflicted in our neighborhood, and throughout the diocese.

And as we continue...

In future editions of our parish bulletin, we will try to answer the many questions we hear from you, our parishioners about the Redemptorists. Feel free to reach out to me, Fr. Andy at frandythompsoncssr@gmail.com.

May God bless you,
-Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

The Redemptorists
With Him is plentiful redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

• Saturday, January 17 – 4:00pm

Lector: T. Borgman**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Kauchak

• Sunday, January 18 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: T. Frater**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater

• Sunday, January 18 – 10:30am

Lector: G. Gitz**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Dahleh; E. Berbuesse; C. Berbuesse

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: | #21 Holy | A #26 Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #36 Lamb of God

Baptism of the Lord Response Gospel A14, Hymnal Readings: #975

Song of Gathering: #414 To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

Song of Offertory: #408 Jesus Christ, the Long-Awaited

Song of Communion: #714 The Spirit of God

Rec: #413 When John Baptized by Jordan's River

Pope Leo XIV's
Prayer Intention
January 2026:

For Prayer With the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 11

9:00am: Maria & Theo George

10:30am: +Rev. William Cleary, C.Ss.R.

Monday, January 12

7:30am: John Patrick Radosta

Tuesday, January 13

7:30am: +Frank G. Gullo

Wednesday, January 14

7:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

Thursday, January 15

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, January 16

7:30am: Sisters of Mercy

Saturday, January 17

4:00pm: +JoAnn Christopher

Sunday, January 18

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE
& MASS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

St. Mary's Assumption Church
 In Memory of Valery Leonard Duffel,
 requested by,
 David Earl & Peggy Simmons.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Jan. 3 & 4, 2026:

\$3,910.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,415.00	Loose Collection
\$1,630.16	Donations/Legacies
\$60.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,787.45	<i>Online Giving</i>
\$10,802.45	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is sponsoring an Angel Tree Food Drive to help keep our parish pantry full.

Thanks for your generosity — we ended the year with a total of 9,964 food items donated. All food is donated directly to Hope House and the Hispanic Apostolate. We want to again thank Fr. Lambert Lein of St. Katharine Drexel Church for donating nearly 250 food items to our parish earlier this week.

January = 273 non-perishable food items donated.

Year to Date = 273

Help us to keep food available for those in need throughout the New Year!

Forres Collins — Food Drive Coordinator

We greatly appreciate your generosity! -Fr. Chung

Saint Alphonsus Parish

ANGEL TREE FOOD DRIVE



DROP-OFF LOCATION
St. Mary's Assumption Church
923 Josephine St.

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!



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

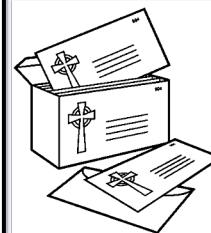


Jan. 17 — Trevor Danley & Caroline Christmas

Jan. 31 — Sam Franklin & Isabelle Mulkin

May God bless these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

2026 Offering Envelopes are on the way!



To our parishioners:
The 2026 offering envelopes have been ordered and those who are set up to receive envelopes will get them in the mail any day now.

We appreciate your patience.

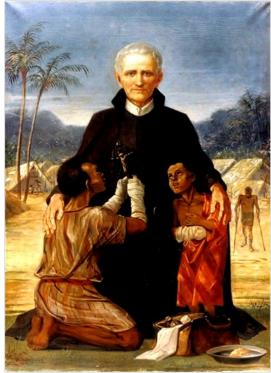
Our Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 19th

We're Closed in Observance of

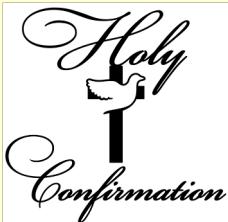
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



**Happy Feast Day!
Blessed, Peter Donders – Jan. 14th**



A Redemptorist and a Blessed, Peter Donders ministered, preached and administered the sacraments to the enslaved Africans in Surinam. He ministered to the indigenous peoples, as well as those afflicted with leprosy. May Donders fill each of us with a sense of mission to reach out to and to advocate for the abandoned and the poor.



***Confirmation Mass for
Students of St. Alphonsus Parish!***

Our confirmation students will join the youth of Christ the King Parish for their Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 7:00pm.**

There will be a **retreat day on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026** from **10:30am-6:30pm** at **Christ the King Church** in Terrytown, LA, that includes a Mass and lunch will be provided.

There will also be a **rehearsal on Sunday, March 1, 2026** at **11:30am** after the 10:30am Mass at Christ the King Church.

*These above events are mandatory to attend to be confirmed this year.

If the parents or students have any questions, please see me.

Thank you – Fr. Andy



The famous Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, will remain closed until 2033

ewtnnews.com

Photos: Vatican Media

Pope Leo XIV closed the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, officially ending the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, begun by Pope Francis in December 2024. After a brief moment of silent prayer, Pope Leo shut the bronze doors, stressing that while the Holy Year has ended, the door of God's mercy remains open to the faithful.

Only the doors were closed publicly, while the traditional sealing will take place privately in the coming days. Pope Leo also shared that the next Jubilee will be held in 2033, marking 2,000 years since Christ's death and resurrection. The door will be reopened at that time.

Meet a Redemptorist!

Fr. Joe Maier C.Ss.R. founded the Mercy Centre Human Development Foundation to serve the poorest of the poor in Bangkok, Thailand. He has spent more than 45 years creating simple, progressive solutions that positively impact the lives of thousands of children and their families. In the process, Fr. Joe has earned the respect of grandmothers, government officials, Buddhist monks, the local Imam and the Crown Princess of Thailand. He claims his faith is far from perfect, but Archbishop Desmond Tutu described him as “the vivid expression of God’s will for how we treat the human family.”

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mercycentre.org/new/th/>

Kristine Stremel

Public & Community Affairs Director
Redemptorists - Denver Province



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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Forres Collins, Plant Manager/Maintenance, 504-522-6748

Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

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) 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 StAlsNla.Communications@gmail.com. All submissions require pastoral staff approval.



Exterior renovations are underway on the back of the church near the courtyard!

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 storms, and 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 its efforts to restore St. Mary's to its original beauty, while fortifying the structure for future generations. We want to thank all those who donated and contributed to our Save St. Mary's Restoration Fund to help pay for the Exterior Renovations of our Church.

We are prayerful and hopeful that we will continue to receive contributions to help fund Phase II, Interior Renovations—to restore the damaged walls and plaster inside of the church, to help repair all of the interior cracks, to preserve the antique plaster carvings, to repaint the interior with historic colors, and other interior renovations as needed.

Would you consider helping us raise funds to complete the Interior Restoration of the Church?

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