

# 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

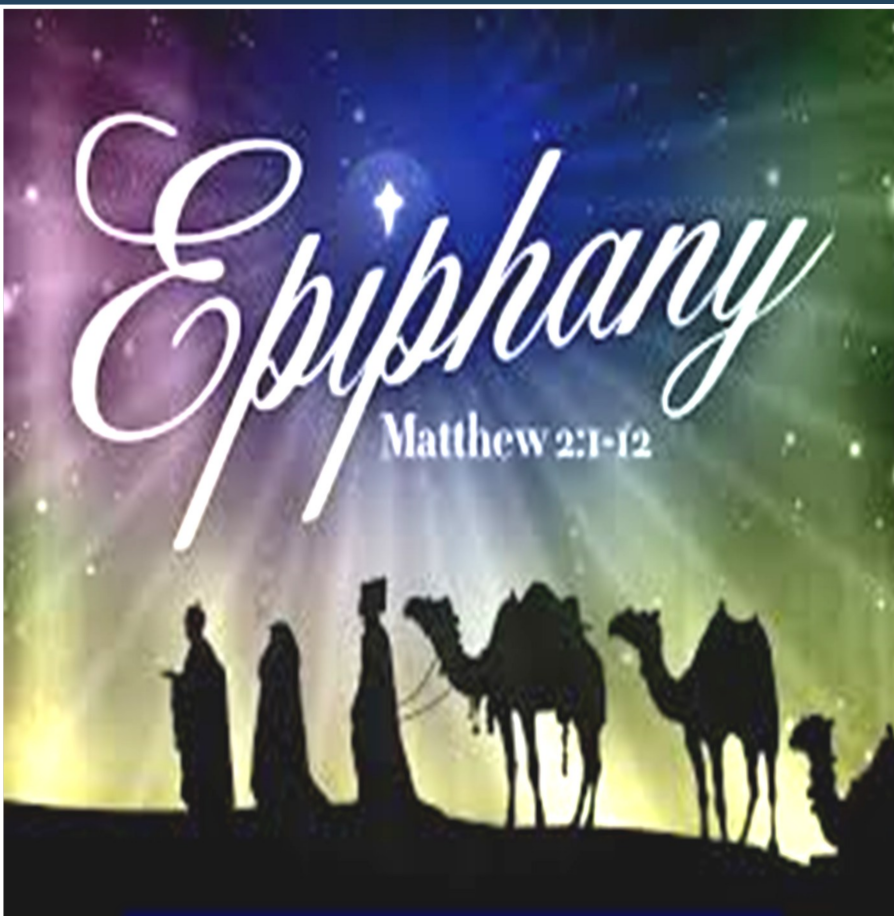
### Eucharistic Adoration

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](mailto:StAlsNola@gmail.com)  
504-522-6748



January 4, 2026



Join us on (Sunday) January 11th at 10:30am, **Seelos Healing and Anointing of the Sick Mass:** at St. Mary's Assumption Church, home of the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

We Welcome Celebrant Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. Fr. Stephen Rehrauer is currently residing in Tucson, Arizona and he has been assigned to the Seelos cause for canonization. Please invite your family and friends!

**Blessed Seelos, Pray for us!**



**Confirmation Class for our High School Students:** Confirmation Class for our High School students resumes on **Sunday, January 11th** from **11:40am-12:15pm** with Fr. Andy in the Parish rectory's 1st floor conference room.

The topic will be on: Mary, Our Mother. - **Fr. Andy.**



**Volunteers Needed!!** We are seeking young adults and volunteers to help us take down our Christmas decorations on **(Sunday) January 4th** at **1:30pm** at **St. Mary's Assumption Church**. We would appreciate your help! **Thank you! - Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community.**

**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**. We have received a few calls of updated addresses. **Thank you.**

*Happy New Year 2026!*

*May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in the new year!*

*-Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community*



# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## MASS INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, January 10 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Gaiennie

**Eucharistic Minister:** S. Gaiennie

- **Sunday, January 11 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** K. Soileau

**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George

- **Sunday, January 11 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** L. Moran

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

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Epiphany Response Gospel A13, Hymnal Readings:  
#974

Song of Gathering: #410 What Star is This

Song of Offertory: #383 The First Nowell

Song of Communion: #406 We Three Kings of Orient  
Are

Rec: #407 How Brightly Shine the Morning Star

## 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.

### Sunday, January 4

9:00am: John Patrick Radosta

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

### Monday, January 5

7:30am: In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos (Colleen L.)

### Tuesday, January 6

7:30am: Maria & Theo George

### Wednesday, January 7

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

### Thursday, January 8

7:30am: John Patrick Radosta

### Friday, January 9

7:30am: St. Alphonsus School

### Saturday, January 10

4:00pm: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

### Sunday, January 11

9:00am: Maria & Theo George

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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## SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

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



## Stewardship

**Giving Update: Dec. 25, 2025-Christmas:**  
\$6,265.00      Total Giving

**Giving Update: Dec. 27 & 28, 2025:**  
\$697.00      Weekly Envelopes  
\$1,593.00      Loose Collection  
\$4,253.00      Donations/Legacies  
\$50.00      Mass Stipends  
\$1,000.00      Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.  
\$100.00      Food Bank donation  
\$5,923.45      Online Giving  
**\$13,616.45      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 to all of the kind donors – we collected 1,227 food items in the month of December and a total year to date of 9,887. All food is donated directly to Hope House and the Hispanic Apostolate. **Help us to keep food available for those in need throughout the holiday season.**

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

**We greatly appreciate your generosity! -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

## Happy Birthday!



**Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R.**  
**January 3**

**Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.**  
**January 5**

## GUILD MINISTRY

### Giving Back! One Brown Bag at a time

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food, water & supplies to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags will be available to purchase at next weekend's Masses, **January 10 & 11.**

(Suggested donation: \$2 per bag)



**Jan. 3 – Robert Dussom & Lauren Kindrachuk**

**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.



Below is the opportunity to sponsor  
our Sanctuary Lamp available  
March – December: 2026

**SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP**



I would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp at

☐ St. Mary's Assumption ☐ Chapel

For the month of \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation: (\$50.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Intention  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill out this form and return it in the  
offertory basket or return it to our parish office)

If you have any questions, please call us at  
(504) 522-6748.

**Annual Statements 2025:**

**To our parishioners:** the annual  
statements for your annual  
donations, online giving and others  
will be available soon.

If you have any questions, contact  
Connie at 504-451-4108.

Thank you!

**Our Mass Intention Book  
is open for 2026.**

Please call our parish office to schedule a  
Mass Intention at 504-522-6748  
for a loved one, from  
January - December 2026.

◇ Mass Intentions – \$5 stipend

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).



*Christmas Eve Mass 2025*  
St. Mary's Assumption Church



We hope all of our parishioners and friends had Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Here are some pictures from our children's Mass on Christmas Eve and we had a surprise visit from St. Nicholas!

## 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](http://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

Susan Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, 504.522.6748

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](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](http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment)

### SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email [StAlsNla.Communications@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**