

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

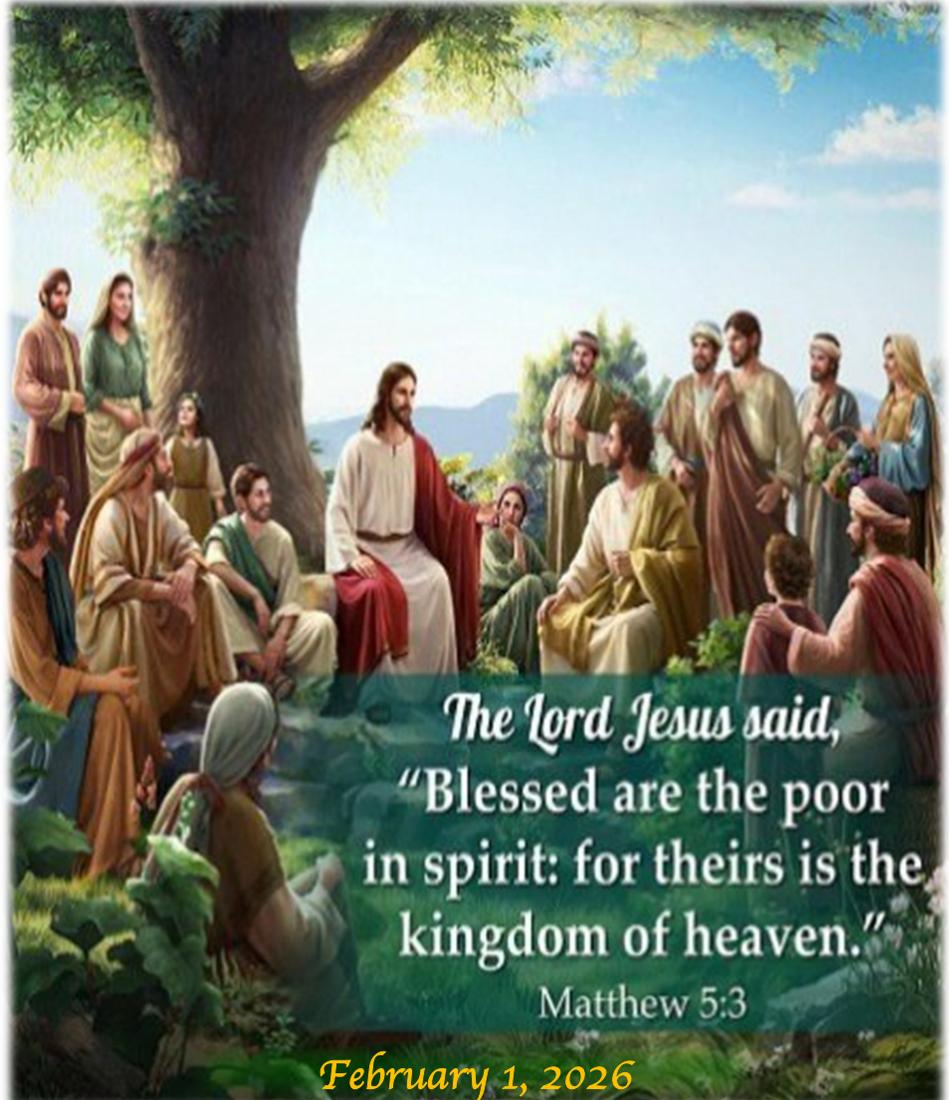
St. Mary's Assumption Church
Monday-Friday at 11:30am
Novena Mass in Honor of Blessed
Father Francis Xavier Seelos,
Confessions available, after Mass

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

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Mary's Chapel
1st Friday of each month after 7:30am Mass

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

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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Continuing the Redemptorist story...

The Redemptorists, as I stated previously, is a congregation of men formed into organizational groups for better management and function. We are led by a general government elected by the members every six (6) years. That governing body is led by seven (7) men, the general and six consultants. The consultants come from our six regions in the world, where we live and minister. Those regions are further divided into conferences and those conferences into provinces. Our general headquarters are situated in Rome, Italy.

We Redemptorists, here in New Orleans belong to the North American Conference and more specifically, the Denver Province. We are currently in the process of merging our province with the provinces of Baltimore and Mexico. This reconfiguring is being done to facilitate our missions and ministries in those areas due mainly to our lower number of members.

In our province, we serve in parishes, retreat houses, shrines, and in publishing houses. We have in the past, sent missionaries to Brazil, Thailand and Nigeria. We still have a few men serving in Thailand, while our presence in Nigeria and Brazil has been absorbed by other parts of the congregation.

Today, I would like to highlight our retreat houses:

Redemptorist Renewal Center at Picture Rocks (Arizona)

It is situated in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains and the beautiful Sonoran Desert. The Redemptorist Renewal Center at Picture Rocks is a spiritual life and renewal center that provides a unique opportunity for those seeking solitude, reflection, prayer and contemplative practice. It is also a place where God may be discovered in action that welcomes all denominations and it provides facilities for retreats, meetings, and workshops for any group concerned with spiritual growth and development throughout the year.

Oconomowoc Redemptorist Retreat Home (Wisconsin)

The mission of the Redemptorist Retreat Home in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin is to provide a place of renewal, rest and contemplative reflection. Through its programs created, sponsored and hosted by the retreat center, spiritual seekers are presented the opportunity for reconciliation, healing and the atmosphere to strengthen and motivate one's growth towards spiritual wholeness. Fr. Allan Weinert, C.Ss.R., former pastor of our parish is one of Redemptorists, stationed in Oconomowoc Retreat Home.

And still more to come...

-Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, February 7 – 4:00pm**
Lector: T. Borgman
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, February 8 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Costanza
Eucharistic Minister: T. George
- **Sunday, February 8 – 10:30am**
Lector: L. Moran
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; B. Sallettes; C. Nelson

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

4th Sunday in O.T. Response Gospel A58, Hymnal Readings: #1044

Song of Gathering: #685 God, The Father of Your People

Song of Offertory: #880 We Are the Light of the World

Song of Communion: #544 I Received the Living God

Rec: #883 The Kingdom of God

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention February 2026:

February: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm: +Mike Wilkerson
+Terry Cullen

Sunday, February 1

9:00am: Maria & Theo George

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

12:30pm: +Olga Carias

Monday, February 2

7:30am: Jean-Marc Pellerin

Tuesday, February 3

7:30am: Sue Higginbotham

Wednesday, February 4

7:30am: Maria & Theo George

Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

7:30am: Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm: Kelly Wilkerson
In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos
(Colleen L.)

Sunday, February 8

9:00am: Lora Higginbotham

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

12:30pm: +Olga Carias

SANCTUARY CANDLE

& MASS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

St. Mary's Assumption Church

In Memory of Fabio & Maria Fernandez,
requested by,
Terry Loetzerich & Family.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Jan. 24 & 25, 2026:

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| \$40.00 | Weekly Envelopes |
| \$1,389.00 | Loose Collection |
| \$6,299.00 | Donations/Legacies |
| \$698.00 | 2nd Collection Catholic Schools Week |
| \$25.00 | Mass Stipends |
| \$1,000.00 | Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc. |
| \$1,394.26 | Zella/Miscellaneous Reimbursements |
| \$10,845.26 | Total Giving |

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is sponsoring an Angel Tree Food Drive in order to help Hope House keep its food pantry full. And our parish also assists the Hispanic Apostolate with their food pantry. We thank Fr. Lambert Lein and his parish of St. Katharine Drexel Church for donating nearly 150 food items this week. Thank you!

January = 759 non-perishable food items donated.
Year to Date = 759 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Special Tribute in Memory of +Catherine Joachim:

The Redemptorist Community and Hope House would like to acknowledge a faithful and kind parishioner, Ms. Catherine Joachim, who sadly passed away on January 5, 2026.

We remember Ms. Cathy with love and joy – she faithfully donated 250-300 food items each month to our parish, to help those in need and we will be forever grateful for her loving acts of kindness.

May she rest with Christ, our Holy Redeemer.

**Fr. Chung,
the Redemptorist Community & Staff,
and Hope House**

SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday,
February 18, 2026
St. Mary's Assumption Church
New Orleans



10:45 am – Confessions
11:30 am – Mass



+ Ash Wednesday Services February 18th

St. Mary's Chapel
7:30am

St. Mary's Assumption Church
11:30am | 7pm (Spanish)



St. Alphonsus School Mass
St. Mary's Assumption Church
1:30pm

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung

Meet a Redemptoristine!



The Redemptoristine Nuns are the sister foundation of the Redemptorists founded in Italy in 1731, a year before the Redemptorists. While the Sisters radiate this plentiful redemption of Jesus the loving Redeemer through their contemplative life of prayer and intercession, the Redemptorists actively bring this message to others through their various apostolates. The Sisters provide the prayer power behind the Redemptorists. We have a number of monasteries throughout the world. Our monastery here in Ireland is an international community. There are 15 of us representing Ireland, England, Scotland, Germany, the Philippines, India and the United States. We make altar breads, candles, write icons and various crafts. Our dark red habit represents the overflowing love of God.

We all have all made the choice to follow Christ in our simple every day. We serve each other in community with love, respect and joy. We all have the same vision that we want all people to receive Christ's grace. People can join us in person in the chapel or through the internet. At the weekly novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, we read aloud, some of the petitions that have been sent to us. We are a happy bunch!

For more information, visit <https://www.rednuns.com/>
Kristine Stremel
Public & Community Affairs Director
Redemptorists - Denver Province



February Events



African Americans on the path to *Sainthood*



Celebrate Black History Month



The "Saintly Six" are currently on the path to sainthood, which are:

- Henriette Delille
- Sister Thea Bowman
- Julia Greeley
- Mother Mary Lange
- Venerable Father Augustus Tolton
- Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Pray for us!



Mardi Gras Mass Schedule Adjustments:

St. Mary's Chapel
(Tue) Feb. 17 – Mardi Gras Day – No 7:30am Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church
(Tue) Feb. 17 – Mardi Gras Day – No 11:30am Mass

The Parish Office is
CLOSED on Mardi Gras Day.

Have a happy & safe Mardi Gras!

If you have any questions, please call
504-522-6748.



Sunday, Feb. 1st Hospitality Sunday

Please join us after 9am and 10:30am
Masses for donuts & coffee!

All are welcome!

GUILD MINISTRY

Giving Back!
One Brown Bag at a time
Please support our brown bags
ministry and give a bag of food &
supplies to a homeless neighbor.

The brown bags will be available to
purchase (suggested donation \$2
each) on **Feb. 7 & 8** after Mass.

Thank you!

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

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| 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

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For updates, visit:
www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys