

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

Weekend Masses:

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:15pm, before 4pm Vigil

St. Mary's Chapel: Sunday at 9:00am

St. Mary's Assumption Church: Sundays
10:30am & Spanish Mass at 12:30pm

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday

St. Mary's Chapel: 7:30am

St. Mary's Assumption Church: 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

Monthly Mass:

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass, 3rd
Sunday of each month. at 3pm with the
Filipino Faith Community & Parish

Parish Office Email: StAlsNola@gmail.com
504-522-6748 (Mon-Fri; 9am-2pm)
(Office Hours may vary on holidays)

National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos
504-525-2495 (Mon-Sat; 10am-2pm)
(Closed on Sundays - Holiday hours vary)
Info@seelos.org



February 15, 2026

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Continuing the Redemptorist story...

I have been a Redemptorist for over 50 years and a priest for 44 of those years. I can honestly say, that I have never regretted my decision to join up and to be part of this wonderful congregation. I am truly grateful for all of the great men I have lived and worked along side over these many years. Here is how it call came about.

I met my first Redemptorist when I was a seventh-grader at St. Colette Grade School in my home town. He was friendly, a bit of a jokester and a holy man. He was at my school one day, inviting us boys to look into the possibility of spending some time in prayer with him, and other Redemptorists. He extended an invitation for us to come and to visit, and to come and to see.

I was intrigued by him and the idea of serving God, so I went home that day and asked my parents, if I could check it out. I ended up checking the Redemptorists out and with my parents' support enrolled in their high school seminary. A choice, I have never regretted or second-guessed.

We Redemptorists continue to invite single men, ages 18-40 to explore what it means to live a life dedicated to Christ the Redeemer. If you feel called to the religious life, but you are unsure of where to turn, or maybe God is calling you, as he called me. Come and pray with us one weekend and join other men discerning and seeking to understand God's calling. You'll meet Redemptorist priests and brothers sharing their stories, sharing prayers and meals together. With other men you will experience how faith, community and mission come together in a life of following Christ. To join us on a Come and Pray Weekend, contact Fr. Choung Cao at choungcssr@yahoo.com or telephone him at 228-223-6413 or 206-470-9747. To learn more information, you may also contact me at frandythompsoncssr@gmail.com or any other Redemptorist here in St. Alphonsus Parish.

And still more to come...

Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.



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 Joshua, Estre, Barbara Y., Rebecca & Mason, Huey,s health, Tom S.'s health, Jennifer, Dino stays safe on the water & Kim's back, Melody, a parishioner struggling with heart issues, Becky, Barrie, a pregnant mom far from home, Susie's arm, Eric, Raymond's eye surgery, Sydney's health, success for our new Mayor and her team, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Special Intentions: Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop Aymond and our new Archbishop James Checchio and for all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

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Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, February 21 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, February 22 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Costanza
Eucharistic Minister: T. George
- **Sunday, February 22 – 10:30am**
Lector: B. Perrault
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Nelson; C. Berbuesse; Ed B.

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

6th Sunday in O.T. Response Gospel A60, Hymnal Readings: #1050

Song of Gathering: #688 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Song of Offertory: #667 Journey of Faith

Song of Communion: #552 Make of Our Hands a Throne

Rec: #575 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Second Collection for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans – Feb. 21 & 22

The second collection taken at all Masses will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of N.O. Your parish's support provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need living in our community.

Give online through this link:

www.ccano.org/second_collection or place your donation in an envelope in the offertory basket. Envelopes are available in church. **Thank you!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15

9:00am: +Terry Cullen

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

12:30pm: +Olga Carias

Monday, February 16

7:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Anthony Tortorich & Family
+Deceased Members of the Corner Club

Tuesday, February 17 – Mardi Gras Day No Mass

Wednesday, February 18

7:30am: Tom Schafer (health restoration)

Thursday, February 19

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Friday, February 20

7:30am: +Terry Cullen

Saturday, February 21

4:00pm: +Catherine Joachim

Sunday, February 22

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Mary Arroyo

12:30pm: +Olga Carias

SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

St. Mary's Assumption Church
In Memory of Fabio & Maria Fernandez,
requested by,
Terry Loetzerich & Family.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Feb. 7 & 8, 2026:

\$2,505.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,174.00	Loose Collection
\$740.00	Donations/Legacies
\$50.00	Mass Stipends
\$20.00	Food Bank donation
\$4,762.59	Misc. Lawn & Insurance Reimbursements
\$10,251.59	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is asking for your help to bring non-perishable food items to church each week to help keep Hope House's food pantry full and to also help our Hispanic Community's food pantry with the Hispanic Apostolate of the archdiocese. We ended the month of January with a total of 759 food items. We would like to thank all those who have donated food and also, we thank Fr. Lambert Lein of St. Katharine Church of New Orleans for donating many bags of food this week to our parish.

February = 415 non-perishable food items given
Year to Date = 1,174 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator

+Ash Wednesday Services February 18th

St. Mary's Chapel
7:30am

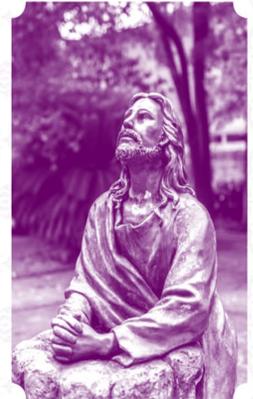
St. Mary's Assumption Church
11:30am | 7pm (Spanish)

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



Lenten Bible Study

You are invited to a four-part bible study to deepen your understanding of Jesus and to explore how to live out your faith more fully in everyday life.

Enjoy meaningful conversation, spiritual growth, and fellowship over a cup of coffee and prayer.

Saturday Mornings on:

February 28
March 7
March 21
March 28

Location: Sisters of Mercy Convent
1017 St. Andrew St., New Orleans, LA
Time: 8:45am – Fellowship & Coffee
9am – 10:30am Bible Study

Call 504-522-6748 if you'd like to attend.
-Fr. Chung



Mardi Gras Day:

TUESDAY, FEB. 17
NO MASSES:

Church & Chapel CLOSED all day

The Parish Office is
CLOSED on Mardi Gras Day.

Have a happy & safe Mardi Gras!

Parish & Shrine News

Stepping Inside This Quiet Louisiana Church Is Like Getting a Glimpse of Heaven Itself

February 3, 2026



Please take a moment to read the above article about our church. You can read the full article by logging onto www.dailywise.com.

- Fr. Chung

Confirmation Class Retreat Day – (Sun) Feb. 22nd!

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 at 10:30am, and lunch will be provided.

All students must attend!

Please call Fr. Andy if you have any questions at 504-522-6748.



National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Thank you to Archbishop James F. Checchio, the new Archbishop of New Orleans for visiting the Shrine and praying before Blessed Seelos. As he begins his new ministry, may Blessed Seelos bless him and guide him.



Pictured: Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R., Director of the Seelos Shrine, and new Archbishop James F. Checchio - 2/11/26

Seelos Shrine Closures for Mardi Gras

The Shrine is closed:
(Sat) Feb.14 & (Sun) Feb. 15
(Mon) Feb. 16
(Tue) Feb. 17—Mardi Gras Day

Join us on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Seelos Day of Prayers
10:45am – Confessions
11:30am – Mass

Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

All are welcome to join us at
6pm on Fridays at
St. Mary's Chapel on:

February 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

All are welcome to join us at
7pm (Spanish Service) on
Fridays at St. Mary's Church
(Same dates as above)



We would like to wish Fr. Andy
a very Happy Birthday!



Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.,
Associate Pastor – February 24

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR!

If you would like to help our church
family prepare and decorate the
St. Joseph's Altar, or if you would like to
donate baked Italian cookies, desserts,
produce (vegetables & fruits) to adorn
the altar, help fill cookie bags, serve
lunch or make a donation – See the
Sign-up Sheets in the back of church.

St. Joseph's Altar Schedule
St. Mary's Assumption Church:

(Wed) March 18 – Prep Day – 9am-12p
Set up of Altar and Decorate

(Wed) March 19 – Viewing & Blessing
of Altar, Blessing at 9am,
followed by Mass, at 11:30am with
prayers & Devotions to St. Joseph
(Church will be open from 9am-4pm)
(12pm-2pm) – Spaghetti lunch to-go will
be served in the back of church, one (1)
serving per person or until the food runs
out); blessed bags and candles will be
available for a donation.

Thank you – Fr. Chung

St. Patrick's Day Mass
St. Mary's Assumption Church
Saturday, March 14 at 12pm



There will be an Irish Channel
Parade immediately following the
12pm Mass at 1pm

(Please note: There will be no 4pm Vigil)

Please invite your family & friends!!

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

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

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email StAlsNla.Communications@gmail.com. All submissions require pastoral staff approval.



Exterior renovations on the back of the church are coming along nicely!

Save St. Mary's Assumption Church—Restoration Capital Campaign

Picture taken: February 10, 2026

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