

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

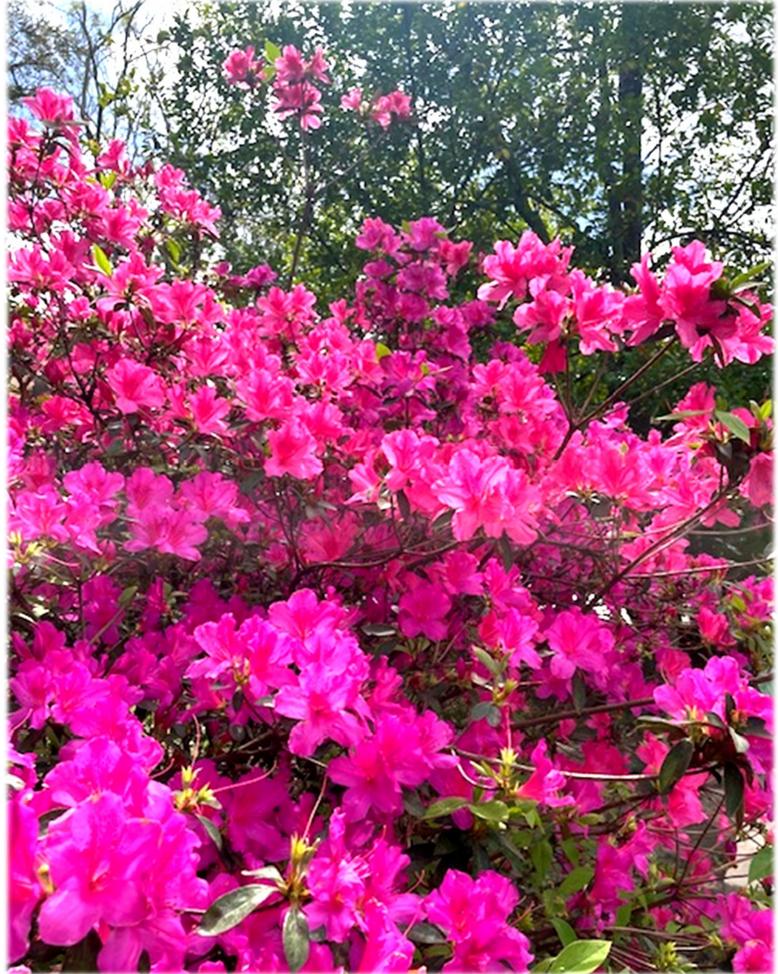
St. Mary's Chapel
1st Friday of each month after 7:30am Mass

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



March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Announcements!



Update on Save St. Mary's Church: We are happy to announce that the exterior repairs and renovations on the church have been completed! We want to thank all of our parishioners and friends who made this possible by helping us raise the funds needed in order to finish Phase I, Exterior Renovations Project. Fr. Chung is working to secure tax credits in order to get additional funding to help with Phase 2, Interior Renovations. We are hoping to begin repairs on the worse interior wall of the church on the Constance Street side soon. Thank you for your support. If you would like to help – **Scan the QR Code today** and donate to our Restoration Fund – **Thank you! - Fr. Chung**



Join us on (Sat) March 14th at 12 Noon – for our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church. The Irish Channel Parade will immediately follow the 12pm Mass at 1pm. (There will be no 4pm Vigil).

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations: - We ask all those who signed up to bring Italian cookies for our St. Joseph's Altar and cookie bags to please **drop off your cookies on (Mon) Mar. 9 – (Wed) Mar. 11**, at the parish office, between 9am-2pm. Volunteers will gather on (Thu) March 12 to fill cookie bags. If you would like to volunteer to help on St. Joseph's Day – please **see the Sign-Up Sheets in the back of church.** (See the St. Joseph's Write-up in the Bulletin). **Thank you!**

Lenten Evenings of Confessions – St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open on Wednesdays in Lent on March 11, 18 & 25 from 5pm-6:30pm for Confessions. **All are welcome!**



Boiler Pipe Repairs Update for St. Mary's Church: Dear parish family, in our February 8th bulletin I shared with you, that one of our boiler pipes for St. Mary's Church's HVAC system broke during the extreme winter freeze on Jan. 31st causing our sanctuary's heating system to fail. Recently, our A/C & Heating contractor finished the scope of work and the repairs will cost \$22,000.00. It is our goal to keep the church, a warm and cool place for worship. We ask for your continued prayers as the contractor continues to make all repairs needed so we can maintain this sacred space. If you can help in any way, we would appreciate all donations to help us fund these repairs – please make checks payable to St. Alphonsus Parish, with a note: 'Church Boiler repairs'. **Thank you and God bless you! - Fr. Chung**

Join us for our Lenten Bible Study! Please invite a friend and join Fr. Chung on Saturday mornings in Lent on March 21 & 28 from 9am to 10:30am at the Mercy Convent, located at 1017 St. Andrew Street, New Orleans. You are invited to a transformable bible study to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to explore how to live out your faith more fully in your daily lives. Doors open at 8:45am for coffee and fellowship. **All are welcome – Fr. Chung**

COMING SOON! Our NEW Parish Directory! You will have the chance to sign-up to be part of our new church parish directory and we will need our parishioners and families to participate by choosing a day/time to have your photo taken, so we can include you and your family in our church directory. **Our parish will have a photographer available from (Monday-Thursday, April 13-16, 2026 from 2:30pm to 8:30pm)** to take your photo, or your family photo at our parish rectory. **Please let us know if you are interested – more details coming next week!**

More news...coming soon!

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, March 14 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, March 15 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Costanza
Eucharistic Minister: T. George
- **Sunday, March 15 – 10:30am**
Lector: D. Everard
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; J. Cross; M. Dahleh

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: | #20 Holy | B #24 Mem. Accl. | #30 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #35 Lamb of God
 Lent 3 Response Gospel A18, Hymnal Readings: #985
 Song of Gathering: #777 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 Song of Offertory: #778 Come, You Sinners, Poor and-Needy
 Song of Communion: #540 Gift of Finest Wheat
 Rec: #859 Sing Praise to God

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention March 2026:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, March 7**
 4:00pm: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
- Sunday, March 8**
 9:00am: +Brother Dan Korn, C.Ss.R.
 10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners
- Monday, March 9**
 7:30am: In Thanksgiving Fr. Seelos (Colleen L.)
- Tuesday, March 10**
 7:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
- Wednesday, March 11**
 7:30am: +Brother Dan Korn, C.Ss.R.
- Thursday, March 12**
 7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham (birthday)
- Friday, March 13**
 7:30am: Hope House
- Saturday, March 14**
 12:00pm: Irish Channel Corner Club
- Sunday, March 15**
 9:00am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
 10:30am: Geraldine Ross (93rd birthday)
 12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE & MASS INTENTION FOR MARCH

St. Mary's Assumption Church
 Special Intentions for the Rafferty, Agan,
 Duncan & Moore Families,
 requested by Liz Rafferty.

St. Mary's Chapel
 In Thanksgiving for the 7am Rosary
 Participants and for
 the Redemptorist Fathers,
 requested by Parishioner.



Stewardship

Giving Update: Feb. 28 & March 1, 2026:

\$1,478.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,219.00	Loose Collection
\$805.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,578.45	Online Giving
\$7,080.45	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is asking for your help to keep our parish food pantry full – so we can help feed those in need living in our parish. We ended the month of February with a total of 564 food items donated. We thank a kind parishioner who donated nearly 400 food items this week.

March = 449 non-perishable food items given
Year to Date = 1,772 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Lenten Bible Study

You are invited to a transformable bible study with Fr. Chung to deepen your understanding of Jesus and to explore how to live out your faith more fully in everyday life.

**Saturday Mornings on:
March 21 & 28**

**Location: Sisters of Mercy Convent
1017 St. Andrew St., New Orleans, LA**

**Time: 8:45am – Fellowship & Coffee
Reflection: 9am – 10:30am**
Please bring a friend!

All are welcome! -Fr. Chung



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR!

Thanks to all those who signed up to help and to donate baked Italian cookies for our Altar and our cookie bags. Please drop off your cookies from **March 9 – 11, (M-W)** at our parish office, between 9am-2pm.

Thank you!

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

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

(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-1pm) – Spaghetti **lunch to-go only** 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.

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

St. Alphonsus School's First Pop-up Food Truck Festival!

All are invited to stop by St. Alphonsus's School yard on **(Sat) March 14 from 11am-4pm** – and enjoy a delicious lunch or snack from a local food truck vendor. Call 504-523-6594 for more details.

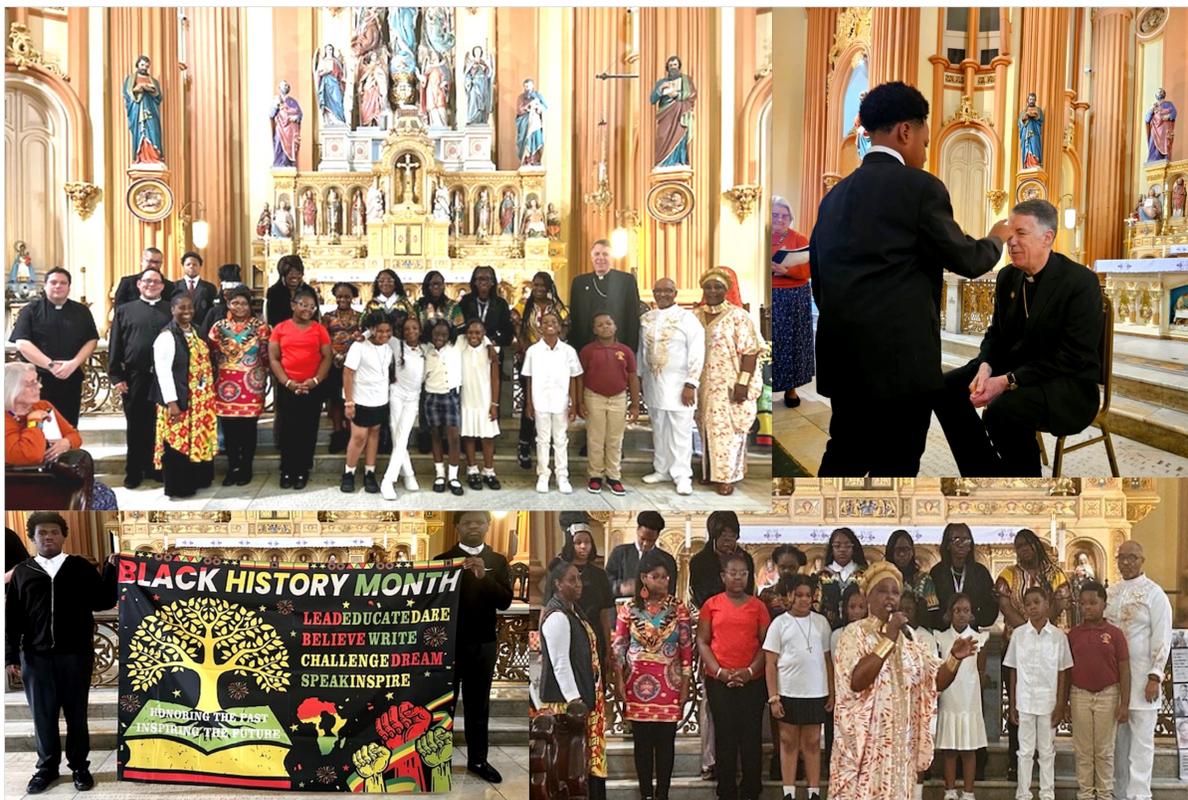


Congratulations to our church family's high school students on their Confirmation!



We were very proud to celebrate our students' Confirmation Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church in Terrytown on March 4, 2026 – Archbishop Aymond blessed and anointed the students with sacred chrism – Fr. Andy Thompson was the teacher of our 2026 Confirmation Class: Daniel, Gabriela, Juan, Ricardo, Jasmin & Mariely.

St. Alphonsus School Celebrates Black History Month with Archbishop Checchio! February 27, 2026 – St. Mary's Assumption Church



2026 Lenten Calendar

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans



St. Mary's Assumption
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Ave.

St. Patrick's Day Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, March 14 at 12pm

Irish Channel Parade following 12pm Mass at 1pm

St. Joseph's Altar

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Wednesday, March 18

Preparations of the Altar

(Volunteers to arrive at 9am -12pm)

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Thursday, March 19

Devotions to St. Joseph,

Viewing of Altar, 9am-4pm, Blessing at 9am,
Mass following at 11:30am; Meatless Spaghetti
lunch served at 12pm (or until food runs out);
Blessed bags & candles available for a donation.

Evenings of Confession - 5-6:30pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church on Wednesdays

March 11, 18 & 25

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm

St. Mary's Chapel

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

St. Mary's Assumption Church

on Fridays of Lent at 7pm (Spanish)

Palm Sunday

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, March 28 - 4pm Vigil

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30am

12:30pm (Spanish)

St. Mary's Chapel

Sunday, March 29 - 9am

Holy Week & Easter

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Thursday, April 2 - 4pm-5pm

'Fish Fry' - St. Mary's Church courtyard - spon-
sored by Spanish Community

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Bilingual Mass)

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Friday, April 3 at 3pm

Adoration of the Cross

Friday, April 3 at 5pm (Spanish)

Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Saturday, April 4 at 8:00pm - Easter Vigil in English

St. Mary's Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30am

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 5 at 10:30am

12:30pm (Spanish)

(There will be a **Easter Egg Hunt** at **11:45am** on
Easter Sunday in St. Mary's courtyard -
All children ages 1-12 are welcome to participate!)

Walk of the Nine Churches

St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open 8am-3pm

St. Mary's Chapel will be open 8am-12pm

Good Friday - April 3

For more information, visit www.StAlphonsusNO.com

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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



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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 have been completed!

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

Picture taken: March 4, 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 died during 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