

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



St Patrick's Day Blessing

God our Father,
you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the
people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim
your love to all people.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

St. Alphonsus Parish,
New Orleans



March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Redemptorist life goes on...

We Redemptorists have been blessed with many wonderful men over the years. Most of them have lived very ordinary lives of service for the Church dedicating their time for the poor and those most abandoned in many countries around the world. But a few of them have lived spectacular and exceptionally holy and saintly lives that are recognized by the Church, having been proclaimed saints.

We celebrate one of these men this Sunday, March 15. Let me introduce you to the Reverend Clement Mary Hofbauer, C.Ss.R. He was born in Tasswitz, Moravia (Czech Republic) on December 26, 1751. In his youth, he worked as a baker following in his father's footsteps. After completing his secondary schooling, he entered the seminary studying philosophy and theology. It was during this time that he would make yearly pilgrimages to Rome, where he encountered the Redemptorists.

On October 24, 1784, he was received by the Redemptorist with his friend Thaddeus Hubl. Both were professed on March 19, 1785 and they were later ordained priests on March 29. After further studies, Rev. Hofbauer returned beyond the Alps, where in his role of vicar general of the congregation, he founded the first Redemptorist house in Warsaw. He also founded houses in Prussia, Germany, Switzerland, and Romania while always promoting good works and strengthening the piety of the faithful.

The Redemptorists were forced out of Poland by Napoleon and Rev. Hofbauer went to Vienna, where he ministered until his death. St. Clement died on March 15, 1820 while in Vienna. He was canonized on May 20, 1909 by Saint Pius X and is the copatron of Vienna and Warsaw. Through his activity, he had an influence on the Congress of Vienna, on the culture of the time, and notably on the romantic movement. Saint Clement is considered to be the second founder of the Redemptorists, since he worked endlessly in spreading the congregation in northern Europe.

It is from northern Europe that the Redemptorists came to the United States in 1832. And life goes on... Happy Feast day, my Redemptorist Family,

-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 Larry, Buddy, Thaddeus, Elaine, Victoria, Stephany, Lenel, Shawn, Jim & Jan, Lindy, the return of my two sons to church, Ed, Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers, Craig & Ellen, JoAnn, End to wars, Raymond, Emily, Tom, Chris, Helen's mother, Lisa, Frank's gratitude for good health & work success, all those suffering from illness or sickness, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.** **Updates:** Praise God for Buddy's sister has been granted 30 hours a week of caregiver assistance. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Joachim, a generous parishioner who faithfully brought food for the poor; she passed away in January 2026, and for Sue Ann who passed away & her family. **Special Intentions:** Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop Aymond and our new Archbishop Checchio and for all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, March 21 – 4:00pm**

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak

• **Sunday, March 22 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

• **Sunday, March 22 – 10:30am**

Lector: G. Gitz

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dahleh; Ed & Connie B.

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: | #20 Holy | B #24 Mem. Accl. | #30 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #35 Lamb of God

Lent 4 Response Gospel A19, Hymnal Readings: #988

Song of Gathering: #576 Amazing Grace

Song of Offertory: #711 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Song of Communion: #544 I Received the Living God

Rec: #838 God, We Praise You

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 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

Monday, March 16

7:30am: +Opal Marchand

Tuesday, March 17

7:30am: +Pat & Mike Quinlan

Wednesday, March 18

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Thursday, March 19

7:30am: Prayers & Petitions to St. Joseph

Friday, March 20

7:30am: St. Thomas Health Clinics

Saturday, March 21

12:00pm: +Opal Marchand

Sunday, March 22

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

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: March 7 & 8:

\$1,616.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,684.00	Loose Collection
\$332.00	Donations/Legacies
\$20.00	Food Bank Donation
\$4,867.12	Misc. Insurance Reimbursements
\$1,156.55	Online Giving
\$9,675.67	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish Food Drive: We thank Fr. Lambert & his church family of St. Katharine Drexel Church for their large food donation this week. And **thank all those** who bring food items to church each week.

March = 664 non-perishable food items given
Year to Date = 1,987 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR!

Thanks to all those who donated cookies for our Altar and cookie bags. **Thank you!**

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

(Wed) March 18 – Prep Day – 9am-12p
Volunteers gather to decorate 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); pick up lunch on your way home. Blessed bags and candles will be available for a donation.

St. Alphonsus School Education – Fostering 'Faith & Community'

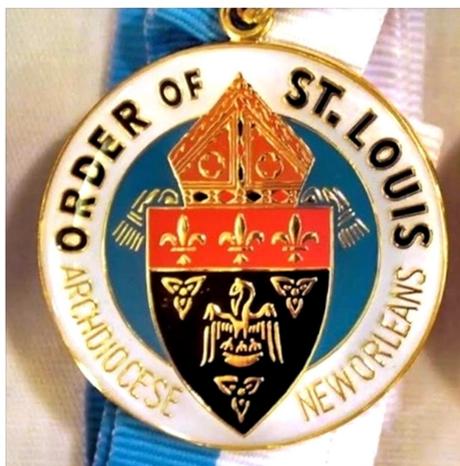


Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM, Principal of St. Alphonsus School, with the Kindergarten Class of 2026.

Picture taken by: Fr. Steve Benden, CSsR

Congratulations Jay & Terry!

Congratulations to Jay & Terry Loetzerich, our parish's recipients of the Order of St. Louis IX Award for 2026! They are special laypersons who have dedicated themselves to the Catholic Church, our parish, and community, and throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. They will be honored on Sunday, March 15 at St. Mary's Assumption Church at 10:30am Mass.



Archbishop Checchio visits Mercy Endeavors for a Black Catholic History Celebration



Pictured to the left: Sister Jane Biseno, RSM, Director of Mercy Endeavors, Archbishop James Checchio and Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM, Principal of St. Alphonsus School; Group Picture of Archbishop Checchio & Mercy Endeavors Senior Members and staff. (Feb. 27, 2026).

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.



Easter Memorial Flowers

Please fill out your Flower Offering envelopes, along with the person's name being remembered, and place it in the offertory basket, and return it by March 29th.

Memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletin on April 5th



GUILD MINISTRY

Volunteers ...

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of **volunteers** to assist in decorating St. Mary's Church for Holy Week Liturgies.

We will **need volunteers to help with preparations** for the Holy Thursday, April 2nd service and we will need help after the service to remove decorations & to help set up for Good Friday, April 3rd.

And we **will need volunteers & ushers to greet pilgrims** visiting our church and chapel on Good Friday for 'Walk of the Nine Churches'. **(See the Lenten Calendar in the bulletin)**

Also, we will **need volunteers to set up for the 8pm Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday, April 4th.

If you can volunteer for one of the above Holy Week services, or help as a greeter or usher on Good Friday **please call 504-522-6748**, leave your name, phone number & brief message. Sign up sheets will be available in church next week.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Join us for our **Parish Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 5th at 11:45am** in St. Mary's Church courtyard.

All kids ages 1-12 years are welcome to participate! All kids, please bring your Easter baskets to hold your eggs.

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin, promptly at 11:45am!

Find 'Special Golden Eggs' filled with special candy gifts!

Thanks – Fr. Andy



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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