

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Info@seelos.org)



March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey together towards Easter, the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44) speaks to us in a powerful and deeply personal way. In this sacred season of repentance, renewal and preparation, we are invited to see ourselves in this story.

Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days. The stone was sealed. His mourners have gathered. Everything seems final. And yet, Jesus arrives. He does not avoid the sorrow, rather, He enters into it. He weeps with Mary and Martha. He stands before the tomb and calls out:

“Lazarus, come out.”

**Lent is a journey from death to life.**

Throughout these 40 days, we are invited to look honestly at the places in our lives that feel like tombs. Those habits that hold us back, wounds we have not healed, sins we struggle to release, and fears that keep us from trusting God fully.

Like the stone covering Lazarus’s tomb, these things can feel heavy and immovable. Yet, Jesus calls us, just as he called Lazarus; to step out into a new life.

**“Roll away the stone.”**

Notice that before the miracle, Jesus asked others to move the stone. This reminds us that conversion often requires our participation. Lent calls us to take real steps through prayer, we open our hearts to God. Our Lenten fasting, we detach from what binds us and through almsgiving, we turn outwardly in love. These are not just practices in our daily lives, but rather, they are ways of rolling away the stones in our lives.

**“Unbind him, and let him go.”**

When Lazarus comes out, he is still wrapped in burial cloths. The community is called to help free him. We are not meant to walk this journey alone. As a parish, we are called to support one another in faith, to encourage one another in repentance, and to help one another grow in freedom and grace. In this way, our community becomes a place where a new life is received, and it is also nurtured.

**A Season of Hope**

The raising of Lazarus points us forward to Easter. It reminds us that no situation is beyond the reach of God’s power; no heart is too far gone, and no tomb is too sealed for Christ to open. This Lent, let us listen for the voice of Jesus calling us by name. Let us have the courage to step out of whatever binds us. And let us walk together as a parish toward the promise of resurrection. With prayers for you and your families during this Lenten Season.

Pax,  
Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, March 27 – 4:00pm**

**Lector:** D. Waldron – 1st Reading & J. Marvel - 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Minister:** S. Sternberg

• **Sunday, March 28 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

**Lector:** T. Frater – 1st Reading & T. Costana – 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater

• **Sunday, March 28 – 10:30am**

**Lector:** L. Moran – 1st Reading & M. Balducci - 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Moran; B. Fleischer; B. Sallettes

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Lent 5 Response Gospel A20, Hymnal Readings: #991

Song of Gathering: #433 Then Let Us Glory in the Cross

Song of Offertory: #734 Keep in Mind

### 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 21**

4:00pm: +Opal Marchand

**Sunday, March 22**

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

**Monday, March 23**

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:30am: Mercy Endeavors

**Wednesday, March 25**

7:30am: Melissa Pellerin

**Thursday, March 26**

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

**Friday, March 27**

7:30am: +Kelly Marianne

**Saturday, March 28**

4:00pm: Celine Pellerin

**Sunday, March 29**

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

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### 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 14 & 15, 2026:

\$1,082.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,872.00	Loose Collection
\$1,595.75	Donations/Legacies
\$30.00	Memorial Easter Flowers
\$610.42	Misc. Lawn & R.R. Reimbursements
\$1,297.75	Online Giving
<b>\$6,487.92</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

#### Food Drive Totals:

**St. Alphonsus Parish Food Drive:** Thank all those who bring food items each week to Mass. All food items go to Hope House to help those in our community in need. **Thank you!**

**March =** 718 non-perishable food items given  
**Year to Date =** 2,041 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



### THANK YOU!

A big 'THANK YOU' to our volunteers from our parish and the Seelos Shrine staff and volunteers for helping with our St. Joseph's Altar. We had pilgrims from near and far visit our church to offer their prayers and petitions to St. Joseph. **Thank you!**

Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community



March 21 – Rory Boasso & Jodi Ferniz

May God bless this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

### St. Joseph's Altar Celebrations – St. Mary's Assumption Church



## Meet a Redemptorist!



Father Tat Hoang, C.Ss.R., was raised in a poor family in Saigon, Vietnam. He came to the United States as a refugee, with his family in 1993. He heard God’s call at the age of 26, to join the Redemptorist Order, to be poor, with the poor and for the poor.

Father Tat was ordained in 2006. After serving as a vocation co-director for seven years, he worked with *Life Directions* to provide care and hope to those in public schools and those in homeless shelters in Chicago. Father Tat has written a book entitled, On Becoming More Hopeful. He said, that he wrote it, “to encourage young people and the homeless who in many ways had given up

hope for their lives.” Actually, this wonderful book would be of value to any of the faithful. As part of his ministry in Chicago, he started the Hope Group, and met every Monday morning for one hour with the homeless men and women before they left the shelter at 7am. Father Tat is currently serving at St. Gerard Catholic Church and elementary school in Baton Rouge, LA. His vision is to rebuild a school community based on five pillars: Faith Formation, Academics, Influence & Leadership, Discipleship and Health & Wellness.

Kristine Stremel  
Public & Community Affairs Director  
Redemptorists – Denver Province

## Upcoming Seelos Healing Masses! - Sunday, April 12, 2026

There will be a 10:30am Healing Mass in English and a Spanish Healing Mass at 12:30pm at St. Mary’s Assumption Church. All are welcome!



Seelos Healing Mass  
Sunday, April 12, 10:30 am CT

Misa de curación de Seelos  
Domingo 12 de abril, 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Tom Donaldson,  
C.Ss.R., Celebrant

Padre Manuel Chávez,  
C.Ss.R., celebrante

# 2026 Lenten Calendar

St. Alphonsus Parish, New Orleans



St. Mary's Assumption  
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel  
1516 Jackson Ave.

**Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Chung  
Mercy Convent—1017 St. Andrew St., NOLA**

**Saturday, March 28—9am—10:30am**

\*(Doors open at 8:45am for coffee & fellowship)  
Join Fr. Chung as he concludes his presentation  
and Bible Study. All are welcome!

**Evenings of Confession - 5-6:30pm**

St. Mary's Assumption Church on Wednesdays  
March 25

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm**

St. Mary's Chapel  
March 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 –  
sponsored 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**



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There's always room...



# At the Table

with the Redemptorists



Scan to join the conversation.

In our **monthly email newsletter**, the Redemptorists invite you to gather around the table for scripture reflections, stories from our confreres and seminarians, mission updates and more.



Pull up a chair. Stay awhile.

## 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



## 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. **(SEE the Sign up Sheets in the back of church)**

Thank you! - Fr. Chung  
-Fr. Chung



#### 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\**



**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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