

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 29, 2026

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter into Holy Week, the Church invites us to walk closely with Jesus through His Passion, suffering, death, and resurrection. The Passion reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew is not only a story that we listen to once a year, but it is also a spiritual journey which teaches us how to live as followers of Christ everyday of our lives.

Holy Week is a time of deep reflection on love, sacrifice, forgiveness, humility, and trust in God in Saint Matthew's Passion narrative. We learn that Jesus is betrayed, denied, abandoned, judged, beaten, and crucified. Yet, throughout all of His suffering, Jesus remains faithful, patient, silent before His accusers, and obedient to the will of the Father. His suffering was not meaningless; it was an act of love for the salvation of the world.

The Journey of Holy Week teaches us several important lessons.

First, Holy Week teaches us about **sacrificial love**. Jesus willingly carried the cross for others. In our own lives, we are also, called to carry our crosses, our responsibilities, struggles, sacrifices, and acts of love for our families, our communities, and our faith. True love always involves sacrifice.

Second, Holy Week teaches us about **humility and trust in God**. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Let it be as you would have it, not as I would have it." This shows us that spirituality is not about controlling everything in our lives, but rather, about trusting God, even when we are afraid, uncertain, or suffering.

Third, Holy Week teaches us that **suffering is not the end of the story**. The cross leads us to Christ, it becomes a path to transformation and hope.

Therefore, during this Holy Week, let us try to :

- *Spend more time in prayer, walk of the nine churches
- *Make small sacrifices and acts of charity
- *Reflect on the suffering of Christ
- *Attend the Holy Week liturgies
- *Trust God more deeply in our lives

Holy Week is not just about remembering what happened to Jesus long ago. It is about allowing the Passion of Christ to change our hearts today. It is a time to die to our pride, anger, sin and selfishness, so we may rise with Christ to a new life of love, mercy, and faith. May this Holy Week bring us closer to Christ, and may we learn to carry our crosses with faith, hope, and love knowing that after the cross, always comes the resurrection. May God bless you and your families during this Holy Week.

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

Liturgy Notes

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UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PLEASE SEE THE HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULES – TIMES MAY VARY

• **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

Palm Sunday Response Gospel A24, Hymnal Readings: #994

Song of Gathering: #441 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Song of Offertory: #448 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Song of Communion: #551 Let the Hungry Come to Me

Rec: #703 Lift High the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28
4:00pm: Celine Pellerin

Sunday, March 29
9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

Monday, March 30
7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

Tuesday, March 31
7:30am: +James A. Waldron

Wednesday, April 1
7:30am: +Louis M. Wattigney

Thursday, April 2
NO 7:30am MASS

Friday, April 3
NO 7:30am MASS – *Passion of the Lord*

Saturday, April 4
8:00pm: For All the newly baptized and confirmed around the world.

Sunday, April 5
8:30am *Chapel:* 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.

Second Collection: April 3:

Our Second Collection will be for the **Holy Land Collection** on Good Friday.

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

We appreciate your generosity.



Stewardship

Giving Update: March 21 & 22, 2026:

\$1,398.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,259.00	Loose Collection
\$1,379.00	Donations/Legacies
\$140.00	Memorial Easter Flowers
\$3,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.
\$282.00	Memorial Easter Flowers
\$700.00	Misc. Seelos & C.Ss.R. reimbursements
\$9,158.00	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung



Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish Food Drive:

We appreciate all those who have donated non-perishable food items to

Hope House. Your food donations help those most in need. **Thank you!**

March = 758 non-perishable food items given
Year to Date = 2,081 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



Parish Office Hours Holy Week

OPEN at 9a-2p on (Wed) April 1

OPEN at 9a-2p - (Holy Thu) April 2

CLOSED - (Good Friday) April 3

We will **re-open** on **April 6 at 9am.**



Sister Jane Briseno, RSM April 2

Wishing Sister Jane a **Happy Birthday** filled with love and joy, may God strengthen your faith-filled life as you serve the Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, and community.

Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community



GUILD MINISTRY

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We need 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 service on April 2**, and we will need a **few volunteers to stay and help set up the church for Good Friday**. And volunteers to **greet pilgrims on Friday, April 3**—visiting our church and chapel on Good Friday for 'Walk of the Nine Churches'.

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

If you can volunteer for one of the above Holy Week services, or help as a greeter 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

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

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



Archdiocesan Spirituality Center

The Archdiocesan Spirituality Center is a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans which for more than 40 years has been focused on providing spiritual direction for clergy, religious and lay persons in the Archdiocese, and the training of qualified spiritual directors. The Center also offers periodic programs, workshops, and retreat opportunities on various spiritual topics related to growth in relationship with God.

The Center is located in Metairie on the campus of St. Mary Magdalen parish at 1005 Airline Park Boulevard.

For more information, please go to the ASC website at nolacatholic.org/ASC or call the office at 504-861-3254 to speak with someone about opportunities for spiritual direction or to seek information regarding programs for spiritual growth.

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.



St. Alphonse Parish

2026 Calendar

St. Mary's Assumption Church
923 Josephine Street

St. Mary's Chapel
1516 Jackson Avenue

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

St. Mary's Assumption Church & Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 2

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00pm (Bilingual Mass)

Holy Saturday, April 4

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Easter Vigil—8:00pm (English)

Good Friday, April 3

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Adoration of the Cross
3:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

St. Mary's Chapel
8:30am

Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
5:00pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church
10:30am
12:30pm (Spanish)



Holy Thursday, April 2 — 'Fish Fry'

St. Mary's Assumption Church Courtyard - from 4pm-5:30pm
(Sponsored by the Spanish Community)
All are welcome!

Good Friday, April 3 – Walk of the Nine Churches

St. Mary's Assumption Church will be open 8am-3pm
St. Mary's Chapel will be open 8am-2pm

Coming Soon! OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new church pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.

BOOK NOW



Universal Church Directories

Sign up today! to schedule your photo, or family photo for **our NEW Church Directory!** You can log onto > www.ucdir.com

After you sign on - Use the Church Code: LA197 & the Church passcode: photos - to login to the Universal Church Directories website and there you can schedule your photography appointment by choosing the Date/Day/Time. **Photos will be taken April 13-16, 2026** in the **rectory's 1st floor conference room from 2:30pm to 8:30pm.** A professional photographer will be available to take your photo, your family's photo. *More details coming soon!*

Please call our parish office at 504-522-6748 if you have any questions.



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