

# 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

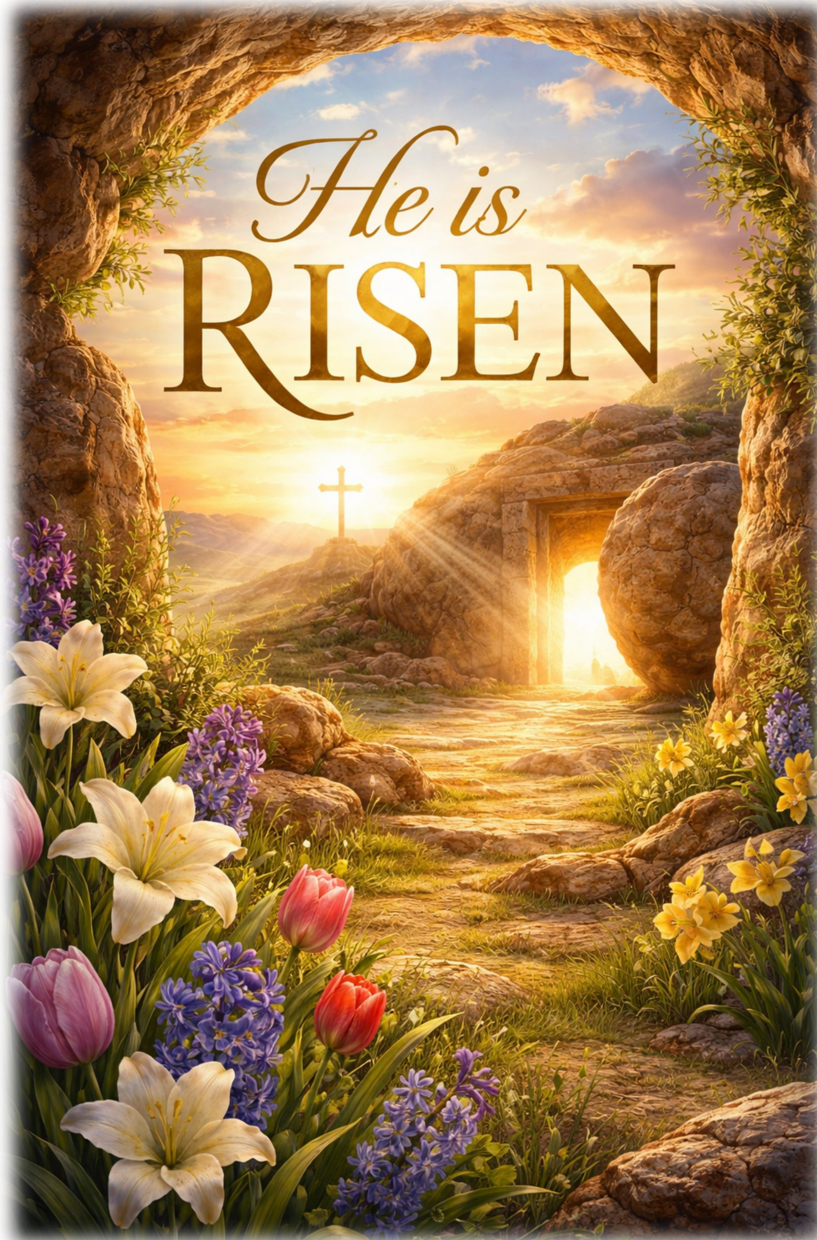
St. Mary's Chapel  
1st Friday of each month after 7:30am Mass

### 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)



He is  
**RISEN**

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!** On this joyful Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. Easter is not only a celebration of what happened long ago at the empty tomb; it is an invitation for each of us today to experience renewal in our hearts, our families, and our parish community.

The Resurrection reminds us that God is always making things new. No matter our past, our struggles, or our fears, Easter proclaims a new life is always possible. Even, when we walk slowly in faith, feel tired or discouraged. Sometimes we feel like we are standing still. But Easter tells us that faith is not standing still at the tomb; rather, faith is running toward new life. The stone is rolled away not only from Christ's tomb, but from whatever keeps us from living fully in faith, hope and love.

As a parish, we are called not only to run to Christ, but also to run with the mission of Christ. Easter is the moment to renew our mission. We are not only people who come to church; we are people sent on a mission. Our mission is to bring the joy of the Gospel to our homes, to our workplaces, to our neighborhoods, and especially to those who feel forgotten, lonely or discouraged. The Risen Christ sends us out to be signs of hope, compassion, love, and servants.

This Easter season, let us renew:

- **Our Faith** through prayer and the sacraments
- **Our hope** by trusting in God's promises
- **Our love** by serving one another
- **Our mission** by inviting others to experience God's mercy and joy

May our parish be a place of welcome, renewal and missionary spirit where everyone can encounter the Risen Lord. Wishing you and your families a blessed, joyful, and peaceful Easter.

**Happy Easter! Alleluia!**

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

# Liturgy Notes

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, April 11 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** T. Borgman  
**Eucharistic Minister:** M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, April 12 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Costanza  
**Eucharistic Minister:** T. George
- **Sunday, April 12 – 10:30am**  
**Lector:** L. Moran  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Pertuit; B. Sallettes; C. Nelson

## LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Easter Sunday Response Gospel A40, Hymnal Readings: #1009

Song of Gathering: #445 Christ is Alive

Song of Offertory: #460 Let Christians All Their Voices Raise

Song of Communion: #571 What You Gave Us for Our Taking

Rec: #462 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Pope Leo XIV's**  
**Prayer Intention**  
**April 2026:**

### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 4

8:00pm: For All Newly Baptized and Confirmed around the world

### Sunday, April 5

8:30am Chapel: In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos (Colleen L.)

10:30am: +Sue Ann Johnson  
+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

### Monday, April 6

7:30am: +Louise Koch Manning

### Tuesday, April 7

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

### Wednesday, April 8

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

### Thursday, April 9

7:30am: +Catherine Joachim

### Friday, April 10

7:30am: +Hugh G. Ross

### Saturday, April 11

4:00pm: For All the newly baptized and confirmed around the world.

### Sunday, April 12

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners  
10:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**& MASS INTENTION FOR APRIL**

### St. Mary's Assumption Church

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Patricia Hartsell, requested by Mike & Trudy Saia.

### St. Mary's Chapel

In Thanksgiving for Sister Monica Ellerbusch, RSM, and Sister Jane Briseno, RSM, for their dedication and love they share in our community, requested by Parishioner.



## Stewardship

### Giving Update: March 28 & 29, 2026:

\$1,016.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,566.00	Loose Collection
\$1,300.00	Donations/Legacies
\$40.00	Mass Stipends
\$30.00	Memorial Easter Flowers
\$1,074.95	Online Giving
<b>\$5,031.95</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

### Food Drive Totals:

#### St. Alphonsus Parish Food Drive:

Thank you to those who donated food items last week. Please continue to bring what you can to Mass each week. All food goes to help individuals and families living in our parish. Thank you.

**March** = 820 non-perishable food items given

**Year to Date** = 2,143 food items donated.

Forres Collins – Food Drive Coordinator



April 9 – Levi Werkman & Cassidy Nulty

April 11 – Collin Rowland & Christina  
Bonsignore

April 18 – Colin Van Balen & Elizabeth Fogarty

May God bless these couples as they  
prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.



Thank you to our church members & friends who volunteered to help during our Holy Week liturgies.

Also, **thank you** to our Hispanic Community for hosting a Fish Fry on Holy Thursday, and all those who helped greet visitors at our church and chapel, including the Seelos Shrine staff & volunteers on Good Friday.

-Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community



Parish Office will be **closed** on (Mon) April 6

We will **re-open** on April 7 at 9am.

## Seelos Healing Masses next Sunday, April 12, 2026!

Join us next Sunday, on April 12 at St. Mary's Assumption Church for the Blessed Seelos Healing Mass, with confessions and anointing of the sick.

- 10:30am Mass in English – Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.
- 12:30pm Mass in Spanish – Rev. Manuel Chavez, C.Ss.R.

(The Seelos Gift Shop will be open before Mass and after Mass.)



## Palm Sunday Masses – March 28 & 29

(Below)Picture by: Donald Maginnis



## Easter Flower Memorials



### In Memory of:

Kauchak & Baker Family Members  
Maria & Fabio Fernandez  
Ross & Higginbotham Families  
Parker Families  
Wingard Family  
Booksh & Fontenot Families  
Vu Families  
Isbell Families  
Wandah Scheuermann  
Julia Helen Wingard and Helen Gorris Hurley  
Eavenson Families  
Plaisance Families  
George Family  
Karen Kattengell  
Payton Family

### Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kauchak  
Jay & Terry Loetzerich  
Jason & Sue Higginbotham  
Mildred Parker  
Mrs. Mary Ann Wingard  
Mr. Ronnie Booksh  
Mr. Vinh Van Vu & family  
Ms. Elizabeth Isbell  
Ms. Inez Hinckley  
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Usey  
Russell Eavenson  
Mrs. Nicholas Plaisance  
Theodore H. George  
Ms. Janene Taylor  
Mrs. Dorothy Payton

Deceased Redemptorists

*Thank you for the flower sponsors and donors!*



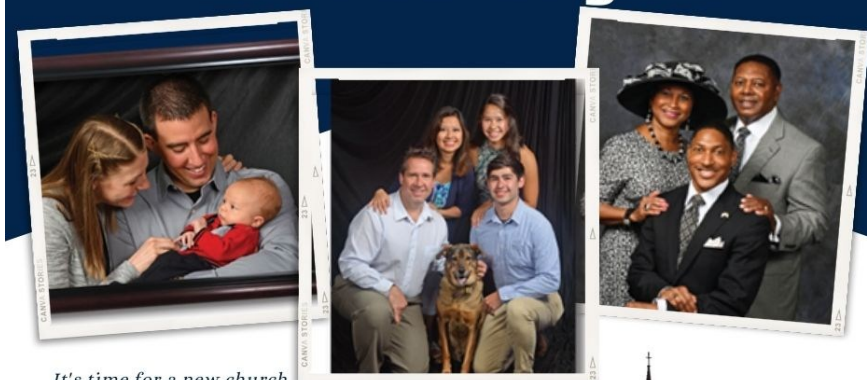
**St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at [StAlsPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:StAlsPrayers@gmail.com) or call us at 774-701-1863. Leave the **first name** and the **reason** for your prayer request. The deadline for requesting prayers for the following week's prayer chain is 7pm on Sunday.

**Prayer Requests:** We are currently praying for Chris, Helen's mother, Lisa, Frank's gratitude for good health, World Peace among nations, Bruce, JoAnn, Shawn, Janice, Jim & Sharie, Terry, Mel, Tom, Leigh, Shane, April, Brian's health, Alex & Donald, Kevin, Estre, Tom S., and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

**Special Intentions:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of +Sue Ann who passed away recently. For Pope Leo, Archbishop James Checchio, and all of our Redemptorists priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

*Updated: (3/31/2026)*

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



## EASTER EGG HUNT & FELLOWSHIP: EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5

Join us for cookies & refreshments  
after 10:30am Mass!

“Weather permitting” - if it rains outside,  
we will move the egg hunt inside.

\*All children ages 1-12 years can participate!  
(Kids bring your Easter Baskets)

**See you there—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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