

# 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)



All are invited to join us for Blessed Seelos  
Healing Masses

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
(Sunday) April 12, 2026

10:30am (English) - Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.  
12:30pm (Spanish) - Padre Manuel Chavez, C.Ss.R.

Anointing of the Sick, *immediately following* each Mass.  
Seelos Gift Shop will be open before and after Mass.

## LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### **Redemptorist life keeps going on...**

In 1832, the Redemptorist Congregation started a new province of priests and brothers in North America, more specifically, in the United States. It was called the Baltimore Province and eventually encompassed the whole country. It was later divided into two Provinces – Baltimore and St. Louis. From this humble beginning in the States, the Redemptorists eventually spread to other places in the hemisphere like the Caribbean, Brazil, Thailand, and Nigeria.

Today, the process of growth of decline, expansion and change, continues. The Provinces of Baltimore and Denver (used to be St. Louis), Mexico and the Vietnam Expatrium are in the process of unification. We are having meetings to discuss our future together as one province, to provide the best service possible in these times of dwindling vocational prospects, and declining/aging membership. The process is a lengthy one and complicated by the language and cultural differences that exist. But, we are confident that we are moving in the right direction and that our refiguring will make us stronger in order to meet our present and near future needs.

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. God's endless love and mercy shines brightly upon us through the gift of his beloved Son. We Redemptorists know that God's plan for us is vast and it reaches out into the future. We also know that love, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness is ours to share with all of you. And we hope to do so for many more years to come with your help and your prayers.

In the coming months, we will be participating in several meetings. The four of us, Fr. Chung, myself, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Tim will be going to Wisconsin at the end of April for an important provincial meeting. Then in June, Fathers Steve and Andy will be going to Mexico for a unification meeting. Other gatherings will be taking place via Zoom and online meetings. We ask for your prayerful support and understanding in these coming months. The resurrection of Jesus offers us new hope and life and through this process of unification, we plan to embrace wholeheartedly this beautiful gift of our Lord's Divine Mercy. May the Lord's Easter blessings be with you all.

### **And life goes on...**

Happy Easter – Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

**UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- **Saturday, April 18 – 4:00pm**  
**Lector:** J. Marvel  
**Eucharistic Minister:** G. Maginnis
- **Sunday, April 19 – 9:00am (Chapel)**  
**Lector:** T. Frater  
**Eucharistic Minister:** E. Frater
- **Sunday, April 19 – 10:30am**  
**Lector:** T. Schafer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Cross; B. Fleischer; M. Dahleh

**Liturgy Notes** LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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Mass Parts: | #21 Holy | A #26

Mem. Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer | #36 Lamb of God

Easter 2 Response Gospel A42, Hymnal Readings: #1010

Song of Gathering: #470 Hail Thee, Festival Day

Song of Offertory: #761 How Firm a Foundation

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

Rec: #453 At the Lamb's High Feast

**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 11**

4:00pm: +Sue Ann Johnson

**Sunday, April 12**

9:00am For All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Opal Marchand

+Lou Ann Monceaux

**Monday, April 13**

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

**Tuesday, April 14**

7:30am: Redemptorist Vocations

**Wednesday, April 15**

7:30am: Evelyn Higginbotham

**Thursday, April 16**

7:30am: +Catherine Joachim

**Friday, April 17**

7:30am: +Sue Ann Johnson

**Saturday, April 18**

4:00pm: For the Egyud Family

**Sunday, April 19**

9:00am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

10:30am: For All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

**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: April 4 & 5, 2026:

\$2,006.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$3,216.00	Loose Collection
\$2,577.00	Donations/Legacies
\$736.00	2nd Collection Holy Land
\$2,726.70	Online Giving
<b>\$11,261.70</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

All young adults are invited to attend the monthly Adoration Hour!



**CHRIST IN THE CITY**  
MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
Adoration • Reconciliation • Fellowship

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
**7:00 PM**


**St. Francis Assisi**  
631 State Street, New Orleans

[nolacatholic.org/citc](http://nolacatholic.org/citc)

### Church Directory coming soon!

We had to post-pone our new parish directory's photo schedule to later this summer in June or July. We will keep everyone posted on the new dates/times in which you can sign-up to schedule to take a photo or family photo, so it can be part of our new church directory.

We will announce the new dates soon! - Fr. Chung



### Prayer in Preparation

for the Consecration of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to the **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary.

O my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is inflamed.

Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love.

Let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness.


Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things.

May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen.

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#### Sunday Intentions

April 12 - Christ's Protection over our Archdiocese and City	May 10 - Addictions and Mental Health
April 19 - Peace among Nations & for Immigrants and Refugees	May 17 - Vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Life
April 26 - An End to Racism	May 24 - Marriages and Families
May 3 - The Defense of All Human Life	May 31 - Those Distant from the Church
	June 7 - The Faithful Departed



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

### Consecration of the Sacred Heart

Archbishop Checchio will consecrate the Archdiocese of New Orleans to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the **11am Mass** at St. Louis Cathedral on **Sunday, June 14, 2026.**

In the nine weeks beginning on Sunday, April 12, and leading up to the consecration, all of the parishes have been asked to pray in preparation— for this important moment of grace.

The Archbishop encourages each of us to take part as fully as we are able— especially through prayer at Mass, and in our homes for those who are unable to attend. A **special moment of unity in prayer across the Archdiocese** will take place on **Thursday, June 4, from 6pm to 7pm.**

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

Join us on Sunday, 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.)



## Holy Week: A Week of Faith and Reflection

We were blessed to have nearly 5,000 pilgrims from all around the city and the world visit St. Mary's Assumption Church and St. Mary's Chapel, including Archbishop Checchio.





## 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  
Waldron Family  
Collins Family  
Thomas Families

### 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  
Judge & Mrs. Waldron  
Forres Collins  
Lois Thomas

O'Neill Family

Deceased Redemptorists

*Thank you for the flower sponsors and donors!*

### CCD/OCIA Classes begin in August 2026 through 2027

Are you, or someone you might know interested in becoming Catholic, or you may have been baptized Catholic as a child, but you have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist? Please contact us.

We will also offer CCD Classes for school aged children in the first or second grades attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to further their knowledge in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion – please call our parish office or email Fr. Andy at [frandythompsoncssr@gmail.com](mailto:frandythompsoncssr@gmail.com).

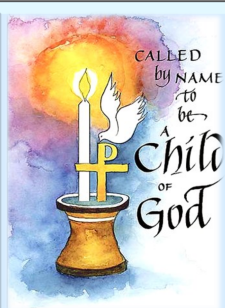
## Easter Celebrations 2026

We welcomed Donald Chapman into the Catholic faith on Holy Saturday at our annual Easter Vigil Mass. Keep him and our OCIA participants in your prayers in their journey of faith.



### **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 17, 2026**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1976 or before. **(To register, please contact your parish office before Friday, April 17, 2026).** Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.



**St. Alphonsus Parish  
welcomes**

Harley Incandela – 3/29/26  
Donald Chapman – 4/4/26

**Congratulations!**



**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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**[www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys)**