

St. Alphonus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

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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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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



Meet Father Phong Pham!

We welcome Fr. Pham to our parish! Father Phong Pham was born in the city of Da Nang, Vietnam, into a family of 10 siblings. On April 30, 1975, he became separated from his family when the North Vietnamese conquered South Vietnam. Three years later, he was reunited with his family in Hong Kong. Eventually, they made their way to the United States, and at age 16, Fr. Pham entered St. Joseph High School Seminary in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1991.

Spurred by a profound desire to serve the poor – particularly those of his native land – Fr. Pham was incardinated into the Diocese of Thanh Hóa, Vietnam, in 2008. There, he began serving as the diocesan Episcopal Vicar and the General Coordinator of the people of Thanh Hóa living in North America. In 2016, Fr. Pham was appointed by Pope Francis as a Papal Missionary of Mercy.

In the fall of 2018, at the request of the Bishop of Thanh Hóa, Fr. Pham relocated to Boston, where he took on a special appointment for his diocese. His Eminence Cardinal Seán O'Malley of the Archdiocese of Boston tasked Fr. Pham with establishing the first Vietnamese parish, Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish at St. Clement. It was officially established on the Feast of All Saints Day in 2020.

In 2022, Fr. Pham returned to the Diocese of Grand Rapids at the request of Most Reverend David Walkowiak. There, he was appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Jenison, Michigan, until June 2025.

Fr. Pham's desire to serve the poor has never diminished, and it is with great excitement that Cross Catholic Outreach welcomes him to our parish. As an Outreach Priest, he will spend each weekend exalting God's compassion toward our struggling brothers and sisters around the world. One of his favorite Bible verses can be found in Luke 4:18: "He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

Please welcome Fr. Pham when you see him!

The Redemptorist Community will be away April 26-May 2

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Wisconsin for important provincial meetings. We appreciate your prayerful support! We welcome Fr. Pham, to our parish who will celebrate Mass and share stories of his life as a missionary priest.

May God Bless you. - Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, May 2 – 4:00pm**
Lector: J. Marvel
Eucharistic Minister: S. Sternberg
- **Sunday, May 3 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau
- **Sunday, May 3 – 10:30am (1st Communion Mass – Readings read by First Communicants)**
Lector: First Communion Children
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; B. Fleischer; N. Olivares

Liturgy Notes

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LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Easter 4 Response Gospel A45, Hymnal Readings: #1017

Song of Gathering: #457 Come, Spread the News

Song of Offertory: #785 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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

Rec: #849 O God Beyond All Praising

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 25

4:00pm: +Sue Ann Johnson
+Katherine Montgomery

Sunday, April 26

9:00am +Olivia Trotto
10:30am: +Annette Deshazo Fourcade
12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

7:30am: Frank Van Hoven (Knee surgery)

Wednesday, April 29

7:30am: +Katherine Montgomery

Thursday, April 30

7:30am: +Katherine Montgomery

Friday, May 1

7:30am: Joyce Nixon (Health restoration)

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm: +Dr. AJ Giorlando

Sunday, May 3

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners
10:30am: +Anthony J. Genovese, III

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 11 & 12, 2026:

\$1,781.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,828.00	Loose Collection
\$8,605.78	Donations/Legacies
\$766.00	2nd Collection
\$75.00	Food Bank Donation
\$1,472.30	Online Giving
\$14,458.08	Total Giving



Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is sponsoring an **Angel Tree Food Drive Again** to help keep our parish pantry full. **Please take a tag from the Angel Giving Tree in the back of church** to help purchase food items needed for Hope House. And you can also **scan the QR Code below** to select a food item you would like to purchase. **We appreciate your support!**

April = 391 non-perishable Food Items
Year to Date: January through April – 2,534 food items donated, and we received \$90.00 in checks & cash donations to the Food Bank.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

Saint Alphonsus Parish

ANGEL TREE FOOD DRIVE

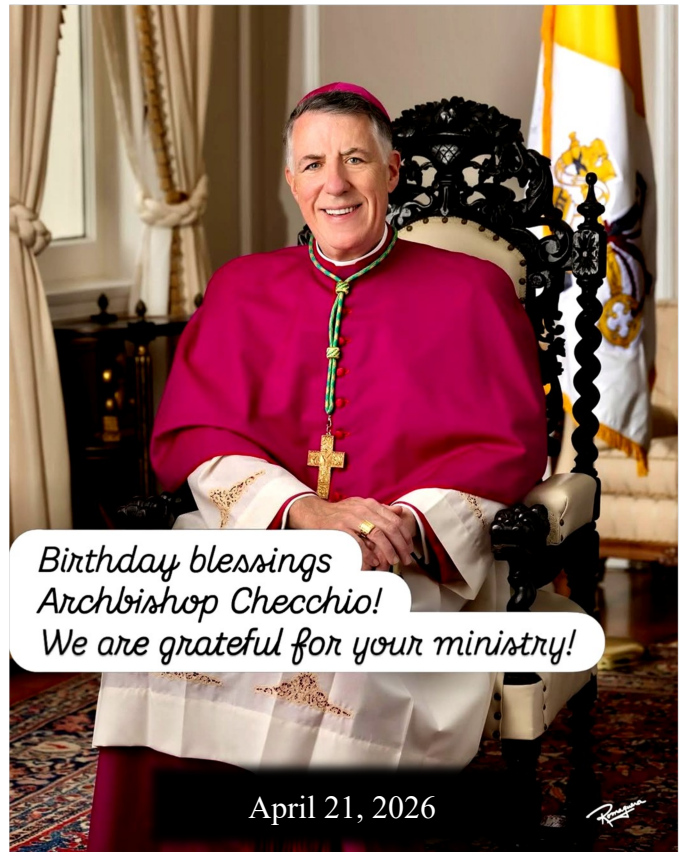


Please help us fill the Hope House pantry by emptying the angel tree of food item requests! Select a donation and drop it off under the tree by November 30th. Shelf-stable, nonperishable items only. Scan the QR code for our wish list!

DROP-OFF LOCATION
 St. Mary's Assumption Church
 923 Josephine St.



For More Information: (504) 603-6549 Cadence Gatterer



April 21, 2026



National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Good News! On June 30, Fr. Binh Ta becomes the new Seelos Shrine Director. Like Blessed Seelos, Fr. Binh (pronounced "Bin") is a missionary at heart, deeply committed to serving God's people. Welcome, Fr. Binh!

Welcome!

Fr. Binh Ta,
 C.Ss.R.

New Seelos
 Shrine Director

June 30, 2026



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

- Peggy W.
- Patricia's heart health
- Rudy
- Jason
- Teddy
- Tommy
- Mona
- JoAnn

All those struggling with illnesses
 World peace and end to all wars
 All those struggling spiritually
 Raymond
 April

UPDATES: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Melanie Carter Saulny, sister of Clarence Carter who recently passed.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop Checchio, and all of our religious, Redemptorists -- Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

If you would like us to pray for you, or for a loved one, email us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com

Please leave your first name, the reason for your prayer request.

In order for your prayers to be included in our weekly prayer chain – please contact us by 7pm each Sunday evening.

Thank you & God Bless.

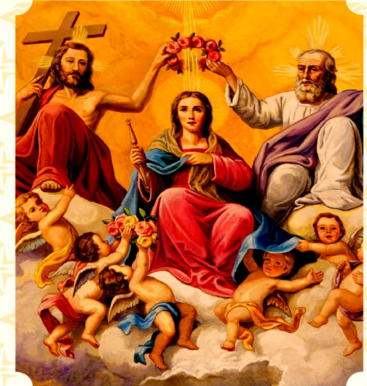
**SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER
 MAY CROWNING**

Friday, May 15, 2026

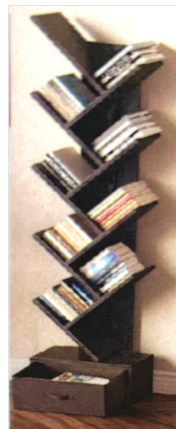
St. Mary's Assumption Church, New Orleans

Schedule of Events

- 10:45 am – Confessions
- 11:00 – Rosary
- 11:30 am – Mass



SPIRITUALITY & EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE



Please don't forget to stop at our Lending Library Bookshelf to borrow a spiritual book or magazine.

Our bookcase pictured is located in the back of the church on the Constance St. side near the confessional in St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Thank you.

Mass Intention Book is Open

Please call our parish office at (504) 522-6748

(May-December 2026 available)

**Stipend is \$5 per Mass*



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass—April 19, 2026



All are welcome to join us each month, on the 3rd Sunday, at St. Mary's Assumption Church at 3pm, in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.
Our next Perpetual Help Mass will be on (Sun) May 17th— Fr. Steve

SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER

Celebrating Our Mother of Perpetual Help



Friday, June 26 • 3:00 PM

Prayer Service & Preached Reflection

St. Mary's Assumption Church • 923 Josephine St., New Orleans

Saturday, June 27

Procession with the Icon of Perpetual Help • 11:00 AM

Procession begins at St. Mary's Chapel • 1516 Jackson St.

and ends at St. Mary's Assumption Church with Devotions • 923 Josephine St.

Mass • 12:00 PM

St. Mary's Assumption Church • 923 Josephine St.



Bring your images of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for a special blessing.

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.

**Visit StAlphonsusNO.com/contact-us
to our email parish staff.**

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

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

Fr. Andrew Thompson, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor

Redemptorists In Residence

Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine, St. Alphonsus School and St. Michael's Special School

Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., Chaplain of the Seelos Shrine, Hispanic Ministry

Parish Staff

Susan Higginbotham, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, 504.522.6748

Forres Collins, Plant Manager/Maintenance, 504-522-6748

Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504.621.6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

Parish Leadership

Parish Council Pres. Marco Balducci, 504.388.3516

Parish Council V. Pres. Sara Schexnayder, 908.303.9935

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504.495.6056

Local Ministry Information

Seelos Welcome Center	504.525.2495
St Alphonsus School	504.523.6594
Mercy Endeavors	504.568.0607
St. Thomas Clinic	504.529.5588
Catholic Worker	504.457.8062
Hope House	504.525.2561
Hope House Adult Ed.	504.524.7353



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to any new parishioners! To register as a parishioner please contact the parish office or speak to us after any of our Masses. Reach out to a Redemptorist, contact the parish office at (504)522-6748 or visit our online form (www.StAlphonsusNO.com/My Own Church) to register as a parishioner.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For sacramental preparation or other needs (baptism, confirmation, first communion, marriage, annulment, etc.), please contact the parish office. For marriages, please plan six to nine months in advance.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our parish is committed to creating a safe space for all who come to worship. For more information about safe environment practices here and thru the archdioceses, please visit www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the Bulletin, Social Media, Website, email StAlsNla.Communications@gmail.com. All submissions require pastoral staff approval.



Exterior renovations of the church have been completed! We hope to begin on Phase 2, Interior renovations soon! Thank you for your generous donations!

Save St. Mary's Assumption Church – Restoration Capital Campaign

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 2, 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 in order to preserve this sacred place of worship.

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

Giving Made Easy!
Scan the QR Code:



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