

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

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



First Holy Communion
May 3, 2026

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This weekend our parish family celebrates, lifting up to God our joys and blessings. We also lift up fifteen precious children from our parish and their families, as the children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. We ask God to bless them and their families abundantly.

Since September of 2025, with the help of very dedicated catechists and volunteers the children met on Mondays to receive instruction in their faith and to learn how to grow in their commitment to the Lord and His church. We also want to thank Fr. Andy Thompson, who also helped the catechists and children prepare for this special event, the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We as a community of believers are excited for the children with joy as they and their families continue on their journey of faith. As we celebrate with the children and their families, let us recall our own First Communion day and once again, thank God for His wondrous gift of His body and His blood for our journey of redemption.

As we pray with these children, let us ask God to preserve them in their innocence, and to guide them into a fuller communion with Him.

May our merciful and loving God grant us all a truly blessed day and that we may rejoice with Him always.

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.



UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• **Saturday, May 9 – 4:00pm**

Lector: Dennis Waldron

Eucharistic Minister: E. Rafferty

• **Sunday, May 10 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

• **Sunday, May 10 – 10:30am**

Lector: Lillian Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Schafer; J. Cross; M. Dahleh

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

Easter 5 Response Gospel A45, Hymnal Readings: #1017

Song of Gathering: #669 Priestly People

Song of Offertory: #663 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Song of Communion: #544 I Received the Living God

Rec: #639 You are the Way

Pope Leo XIV's
Prayer Intention
May 2026:

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm: +Dr. AJ Giorlando

Sunday, May 3

9:00am All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Anthony J. Genovese, III

12:30pm: +Ricardo Lopez

Monday, May 4

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Tuesday, May 5

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

+Annie Tortorich & Family

Wednesday, May 6

7:30am: +John "Bubby" Gallagher

Thursday, May 7

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Friday, May 8

7:30am: +Catherine Ross Ermon & Mike Ermon

Saturday, May 9

4:00pm: +Sue Ann Johnson

Sunday, May 10

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

10:30am: In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos (Colleen L.)

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
IN MAY FOR THESE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Special Intentions for Kim Pertuit,
requested by Dino Pertuit.

St. Mary's Chapel

In Gratitude for Fr. Phong Pham and his presence serving our parish and celebrating Masses at the church and at the chapel, while Fr. Chung and the clergy team were away working hard at their provincial meetings April 26 – May 1. Also, in Thanksgiving for Dr. Ted & Mrs. Borgman, for arranging communion services for the parishioners this week. Thank you.



Stewardship

Giving Update: April 25 & 26, 2026:

\$1,202.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,575.00	Loose Collection
\$1,230.00	Donations/Legacies
\$423.00	2nd Collection for Cross Catholic Outreach
\$25.00	Mass Stipends
\$2,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.
\$1,101.05	Online Giving
\$8,556.05	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. **Thank you for our weekly donations!**

We ended the month of April with a total of 452 food items in donations and a total **Year to Date:** January through April – 2,595 food items donated, and \$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) 803-6549 Cadence Gatterer



To our parish children,
may the joy and love
of Jesus, present in the
Holy Eucharist be with
you today and always.

**Congratulations on
your First Holy
Communion!**

WEDDING BANNERS

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May 9 – Peter Hahn & Kynnedie Maloz

May 15 – Stephen Waitz & Julia Wood

May 23 – Lott Brooks, IV & Jade Below

May 30 – Scott Buhler & Hailey LeBlanc

May God's bless these couples
as they prepare for the
sacrament of marriage.

Second Collection Next Weekend: May 10 & 11

We will have a second collection
taken for the Church in
Latin America. Thank you!

Parish Announcements



Join us on Friday, May 8 for Eucharistic Adoration following the 7:30am morning Mass at St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome!

Join us for May Crowning!



On **Sunday, May 10th** before the 10:30am Mass, we will pray the Rosary in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 10 AM. We will also have our **May Crowning of Mary** at the beginning of Mass. We invite all present to participate by bringing flowers to place at the foot of Mary's statue. There will be containers to put your flowers in by the statue.

We will also have a special Mother's Day Mass and blessing.

All are welcome!



Brown Bags will be available next weekend: **May 10 & 11** at all Masses. Each bag contains water, food & supplies for a homeless neighbor. Suggested donation: \$2 per bag. **Thanks for your support!**



All are welcome to join us again on Friday, May 15, 2026 for Seelos Day of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother, and there will be a Crowning at 11:30am Mass. Please join us at 11:00am to pray the Rosary, followed by Mass at 11:30am.

(Please Note: Confessions will be available at 10:45am).



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like us to pray for you, or a loved one, please email us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com. Please leave your first name, the reason for your prayer request, and the name of your loved one that you would like us to keep in our prayers. In order for your prayers to be included in our weekly prayer chain, please contact us by 7pm on Sunday evening of each week. **Thank you and God Bless.**

Thank you Fr. Phong Pham!



The parish family extend our heartfelt thanks for: Fr. Phong Pham's presence among us and for so generously serving our parish, while Fr. Chung and our clergy team were away at meetings this past week. Fr. Pham's prayer-guidance and inspiring homilies were a true blessing to all who gathered. We are grateful not only for the time he shared with us at the altar, but also for the warmth and care he showed to our parish family. May God bless Fr. Pham's missionary work and his ministry with Cross Catholic Outreach.

Fr. Chung and the Redemptorist Community



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass
Sunday, May 17 at 3pm
St. Mary's Assumption Church
 All are welcome to join us for
 our monthly celebration of Our Mother of
 Perpetual Help Devotional Mass & Prayer.

Fr. Steve Benden

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

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Parish Council V. Pres. Sara Schexnayder, 908.303.9935

Finance Council Pres. Ed Berbuesse, 504.495.6056

Local Ministry Information

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St Alphonsus School 504.523.6594

Mercy Endeavors 504.568.0607

St. Thomas Clinic 504.529.5588



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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 StAlsNola.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

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Scan the QR Code:



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www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys