

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



May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

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

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In the Spotlight



Save St. Mary's Restoration Update: We are excited to report that the exterior renovations of the church have been completed! The contractors were able to successfully water proof and seal the church's exterior and repair/replace bricks and mortar as needed, including numerous other exterior renovations. We are in the process of letting the exterior walls dry for a couple of months, before starting with Phase 2, Interior Renovations, and we are also waiting to see if we get approved for tax credits.

Fr. Chung asks everyone to please keep our parish in your prayers that we are able to raise additional funds to cover the costs of Phase 2/Interior Restoration of our beautiful church and home to the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos – for many years to come. We thank all those who have contributed to allow us to completely restore the exterior of our beautiful church. **If you would like to donate a one time gift today, Scan the QR Code and click on the **GIVE NOW** tab. Thank you and God Bless! - Fr. Chung**



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 bring 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!*



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 the 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).

Join us for Parish Talks and Reflection with Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R. – Join us at the Mercy Convent, located at 1017 St. Andrew St., New Orleans on **(Saturday) May 30 from 9am-10:30am** to learn about the History and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and join us again on **(Saturday) June 6 from 9am-10:30am**, to learn about the History of the Redemptorists. Fr. Steve will be the presenter. Please invite your family and friends and join us for fellowship and light refreshments. Please **call the parish office at 504-522-6748 to register** if you would like **to attend** – please leave your name, phone number & the number of people who would like to attend. **Thank you – Fr. Steve.**



Co-Redemptorist Mission Appeal Weekend! Fr. Michael Thien Hoang, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church in Old Town Chicago will be visiting our parish and talking about the missionary work of the Redemptorists – he will be here May 29-31, 2026. To learn more about the Co-Redemptorists, go to www.redemptoristsdenver.org.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, May 16 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, May 17 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau
- **Sunday, May 17 – 10:30am**
Lector: D. Everard
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; 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 6 Response Gospel A46, Hymnal Readings: #1020

Song of Gathering: #630 Allelulia! Sing to Jesus

Song of Offertory: #724 I Come with Joy

Song of Communion: #550 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Rec: #455 Christ is Alive

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 9

4:00pm: +Sue Ann Johnson

Sunday, May 10

9:00am +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, May 11

7:30am: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

Tuesday, May 12

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Wednesday, May 13

7:30am: +Bernadine Lachney Trumps

Thursday, May 14

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Friday, May 15

7:30am: +John “Bubby” Gallagher

Saturday, May 16

4:00pm: +Louise Grasser

Sunday, May 17

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

+Vincent Comberrel

+Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

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: May 2 & 3, 2026:

\$1,687.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,079.00	Loose Collection
\$311.00	Donations/Legacies
\$20.00	Food Bank Donation
\$4,097.00	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. We thank a kind neighbor who donated 102 food items this week.!

May = 130

Year to Date: January through May – 2,725 food items donated, and a \$20 check, for a total of \$110.00 in donations.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

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.

GUILD MINISTRY



Giving Back! One Brown Bag at a time

Please support our brown bags ministry and give a bag of food and supplies to a homeless neighbor. The brown bags will be available to purchase (suggested donation \$2 each) on **May 10 & 11** after Mass.

Thank you!

PARISH GUILD

Plarn Mats: We are **collecting (clean) plastic grocery bags** to make **plarn mats** for the homeless.

We are grateful for your help in donating clean plastic grocery bags to be recycled into colorful plastic sleeping mats. Thank you for assisting us with this important parish ministry.



Please place your donated plastic bags in the designated basket in the back of St. Mary's Church or St. Mary's Chapel.

Thank you – Bert & Gigi Anfone

First Holy Communion Mass—May 3, 2026—St. Mary's Assumption Church



Congratulations to all the students receiving their First Holy Communion! This sacred milestone marks a special step in their faith journey, bringing them closer to Jesus. May their hearts be filled with joy, peace, and the love of God today and always as they share in this beautiful sacrament.

A Big Thank You to all of our catechists and volunteers who helped Fr. Andy prepare our students in the CDC Program for their First Holy Communion on May 3, 2026.

We appreciate your dedication, love and support!



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sign-up today for access to our My Own Church.
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and connect with other parishioners.

VIEW your tithing and contributions.

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To learn more & get started, visit:
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Happy Mothers Day



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.

*(*Social gathering & fellowship following Mass at the rectory)*

Fr. Steve Benden, C.Ss.R.

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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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504.522.6748

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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



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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