

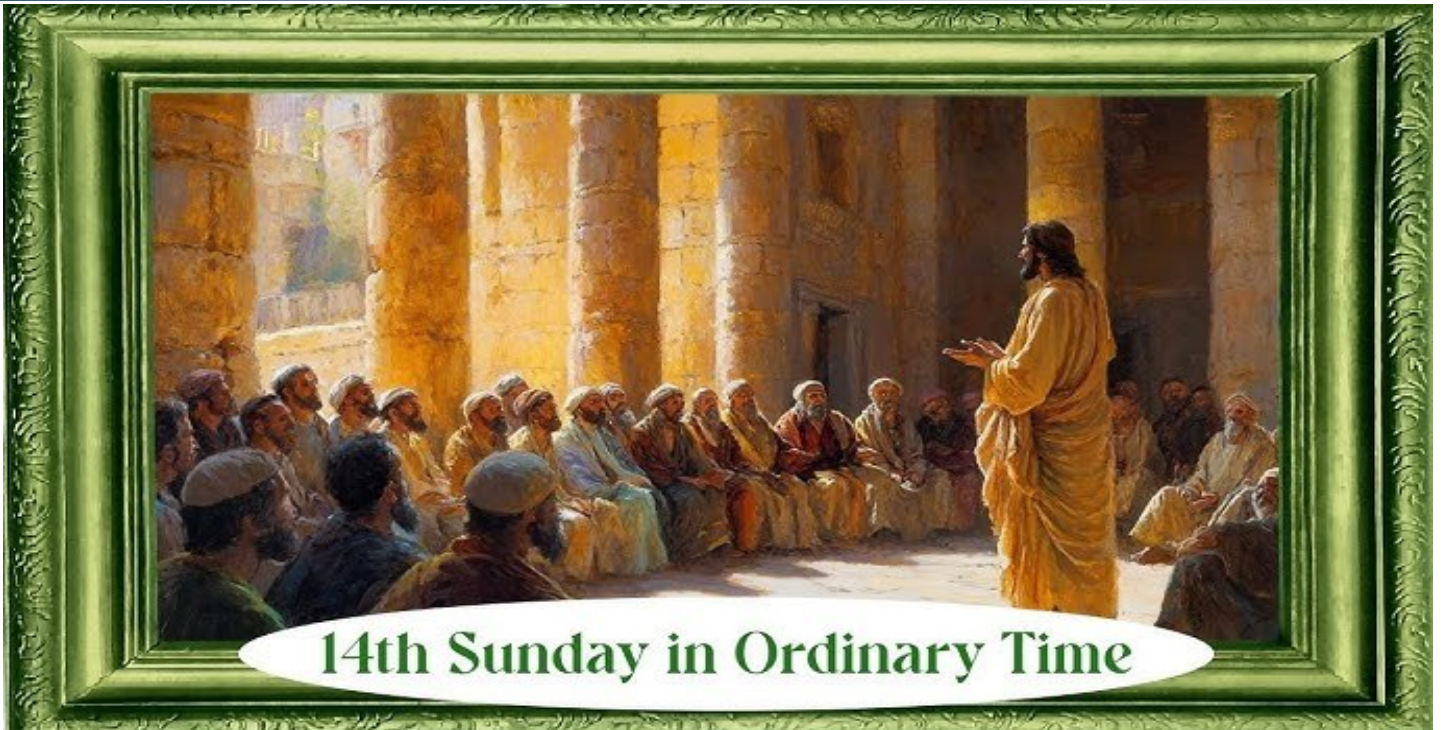
St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

“Freedom, Family, and Faith”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate our nation’s Independence Day, we gather with grateful hearts to thank God for the blessings of our country and the freedoms we enjoy. We remember those who courageously sacrificed their lives and those who continue to serve, so that we might live in liberty and peace. Our gratitude for these gifts should always lead us to a deeper gratitude for the greatest gift of all: the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

My family survived the persecution of the communists due to our Catholic faith. We escaped Vietnam and found freedom in the United States. This country treasures freedom, but as Christians we know that freedom is not simply the absence of restrictions or the ability to do whatever you want. True freedom is the ability to choose what is good, true, and loving. Jesus tells us, “The truth will set you free” (John 8:32). St. Paul echoes this when he writes, “For freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). Christ frees us from sin, fear, hatred, and despair so that we may live as children of God.

Freedom always carries responsibility. It is not a gift to be used only for ourselves but for the good of others. We are called to use our freedoms to build stronger families, stronger communities, and a more compassionate nation. Every act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, every defense of human dignity, and every effort to promote justice reflects the freedom that comes from living the Gospel. At the same time, we are not a doormat for others to take advantage or trample upon our freedom.

Our families are where this freedom is first learned. The home is often called the “domestic church” because, it is there that children first encounter faith, prayer, forgiveness, and love. Parents and grandparents pass on not only traditions but also, the faith that has sustained generations. Strong families form faithful disciples and responsible citizens. As we celebrate this holiday with loved ones, let us renew our commitment to making our homes places where Christ is welcomed, where prayer is practiced, and where love is lived every day.

Let us also remember, those who protect our freedoms: the men and women of our armed forces, veterans, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency responders, and all who serve the common good. We owe them our gratitude and prayers. May God bless them and keep them safe.

Our nation, like every family, faces challenges. We experience division, uncertainty, and disagreement. Yet, our faith reminds us that hope is always stronger than fear, and love is always stronger than hatred. As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers, bridge builders, and witnesses to the Gospel. We can disagree without hatred, and defend truth with charity and love.

This Fourth of July, let us celebrate not only the freedom of our nation, but also the freedom that Christ offers to each one of us. May our love for God deepen our love for our families. Also, may our love for our families strengthen our love for our neighbors. And may our love for our neighbors inspire us to be faithful citizens who seek justice, protect life, defend human dignity, and work for peace.

May God continue to bless our families, our parish, and our nation. And may Mary, the Mother of God and Patroness of our country, intercede for us, that we may always remain one nation under God, striving to live in faith, freedom, and love of family.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, July 11 – 4:00pm**

Lector: D. Waldron

Eucharistic Minister: D. Waldron

- **Sunday, June 12 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

- **Sunday, June 12 – 10:30am**

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; C. Nelson; B. Fleischer;



LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

OT 14 Response/Gospel A68, Hymnal Readings
#1032;

Song of Gathering: #837 Bow Down Before the Lord

Song of Offertory: #777 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Song of Communion: #706 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

Rec: #766 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention July 2026:

For respect for human life

Let us pray for respect and protection of
human life in all its stages, recognizing it
as a gift from God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4

4:00pm: +Daryl Danielson

Sunday, July 5

9:00am In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos
(Colleen L.)

Theodore George (96 birthday)

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, July 6

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

7:30am: +Judy Giorlando

Thursday, July 9

7:30am: +Shauna Wood

Friday, July 10

7:30am: +Louise K. Manning

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm: Redemptorist Vocations

Sunday, July 12

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Barbara Marvel (birthday blessing)



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS **IN JULY FOR THESE** **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

St. Mary's Chapel

For the birthday blessing for Theodore
George's (96th birthday) and for his many
years of dedication as a Eucharistic Minister,
requested by a parishioner.

Treasure & Stewardship

Giving Update: June 27 & 28, 2026:

\$366.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,711.00	Loose Collection
\$418.00	Donations/Legacies
\$269.00	2nd Collection (Peter's Pence)
\$20.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$840.45	Online Giving
\$4,624.45	Total Giving

Thank you for your generosity! - Fr. Chung

Food Drive Totals:

St. Alphonsus Parish is sponsoring an **Angel Tree Food Drive** to help keep our parish pantry full. **Please take a tag from the Angel Giving Tree in the back of church** and buy a food item to help those living in our community struggling with hunger. We thank a parishioner for donating over 50 food items this week! Please drop off your food donations in the basket in the back of church. Thank you very much.

June = 415

Year-to-date Jan-June = 3,370.

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags will be available to purchase at Mass on July 11 & 12.

Each bag contains food & supplies to give to a homeless neighbor.

Thank you!

(Suggested donation-\$2 each)



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** from
(Fri) July 3 – (Mon) July 6

Our Mass schedule will remain the same:

<u>St. Mary's Chapel</u>	<u>St. Mary's Church</u>
(Fri) July 3 – 7:30am	(Fri) July 3 – 11:30am
(Mon) July 6 – 7:30am	(Mon) July 6 – 11:30am

Have a happy and safe holiday!

Mission Appeal Weekend: July 25 & July 26

A visiting priest will celebrate Masses in our parish in a few weeks. Missionaries share the Good News – healing wounds, serving the vulnerable, and embodying the love of Christ in every corner of our world. The U.S. Catholic Mission Association is a community of faith leaders engaged in God's mission. Your generosity keeps those leaders connected, learning from each other and receiving the critical resources they need to share the love, compassion, and hope of Christ in solidarity with our global family. To learn more: visit their website – www.uscatholicmission.org. – Fr. Chung

Our Parish came together to celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Pictures from Our Mother of Perpetual Help's celebrations on June 27th. All gathered at St. Mary's Chapel at 11am, and they processed with the Icon of Our blessed Mother from St. Mary's Chapel to St. Mary's Assumption Church, followed by Mass at 12 Noon.



We thank those who helped our parish with this beautiful celebration.
—Fr. Chung & the Redemptorist Community



Meet a Redemptorist!

Father Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R., is the Director of Media, a new department at Liguori Publications, USA, where he leads the organization's transition from print to digital platforms. Fr. Charles is also the Founder-Director of the Redemptorist Media Center (RMC), and Publications (RPI), under Holy Redeemer Foundation in Bangalore, India. He serves as the host of "Family Faith Quiz Show",

a new game show competition between two families answering questions based upon the Bible.

He is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University of Los Angeles, and he has a Master's Degree in Film and Television. Fr. Charles has directed the documentary *Who's My Neighbor? - The Global Crisis of Migrants in 2019*, and several other projects addressing faith and social issues. Through his work at RMC and Liguori, he develops digital initiatives such as the Alphonsian Institute of Pastoral Leadership – An Online Academy and a global OTT (Video distribution) platform for Catholic media. He strives to fulfill the Redemptorist Charism of preaching the Gospel to the most abandoned through modern means of communication and creative digital tools.

Social Media: <https://linktr.ee/rmcbangalore> (This link gives many example of the Redemptorist programs on social media in India. It is well worth viewing).

Kristine Stremel

Public & Community Affairs Director
Redemptorists – Denver Province



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com. 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 Wren, an unborn baby, Kevin, Mark to find employment, Barbara, Kim's back, Dionne, Mitsuko's health; Siomara, those affected by Tropical Storm Arthur, for the victims and those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela, Sharon's health & restoration, Heidi's health, Johnathon, Christina, Maribel, Brenda's recovery; Keith's job prospects, Kyle, good health for Valerie's mom; Paul Mangin's legs, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, Thomas & Mignon, Adolfo & Gloria, and for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Updates: Luke who has autism that he has success in school, and is promoted to the fourth grade. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Michael Burke, O.P., and all of his family and friends.

Special Intentions: Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop James Checchio and for all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: (6/30/26)

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

Fr. Binh Ta, C.Ss.R., Director of The National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Algiers, LA

Parish Staff

Sue 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



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Become a Part of the Family! To become a member of the parish, please contact the parish office at (504) 522-6748 or register online ([www.StAlphonsusNO.com/My Own Church](http://www.StAlphonsusNO.com/MyOwnChurch)). Please call the parish office, Mon-Fri, between 9am-2pm to confirm your registration details.

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 are complete! 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