

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

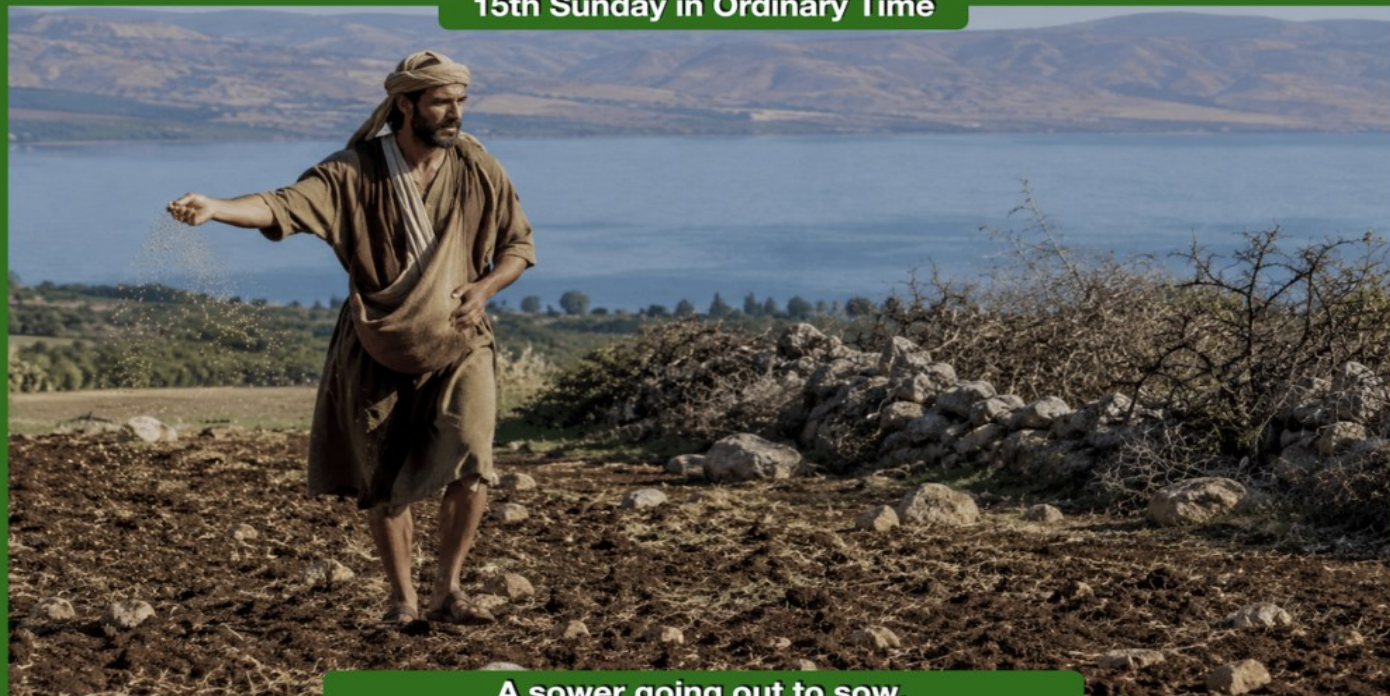
A Redemptorist Community



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

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Parishioners,

A vibrant community of faith needs to constantly teach and promote the faith to its members. I believe we are a vibrant community of faith and that we want to seek ways of being even more vibrant and committed to God and our faith community. One way of achieving our goal, is to offer catechism classes for our members.

We want to start our classes in August 2026. During this month of July, please take the opportunity to register your children and/or grandchildren for First Communion Classes (2nd r 3rd Grade); or for Confirmation Classes for (15/16 years of age or older). Please register by calling the parish office, Monday-Friday, between 9am-2pm at 504-522-6748.

We will also have classes available for those who have already made their First Communion but not yet, their Confirmation. Also, please call the parish office to confirm their participation.

Also, we will need volunteer teachers to aid in these young people's faith formation programs to learn more about their faith. Adults wishing to volunteer to teach or to aid the clergy, must call the parish office, and leave their name, and phone number and we will return your call.

Additionally, all adults wishing to volunteer with children and young teens must agree to participate in the Archdiocese of New Orleans's Safe Environment Mandatory Training through Virtus and a background check – prior to volunteering with our parish's faith formation leaders.

Furthermore, the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be starting in August 2026. If you want to learn more about your faith or how to become a Catholic, please call the parish office or pick up a registration form in the back of the church or the chapel.

All classes will be held here at the parish on days and times yet to be determined. Please help your fellow parishioners in registering and/or helping someone to register by passing on this important information. We thank you for your assistance.

-Fr. Andrew Thompson, C.Ss.R.



UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, July 18 – 4:00pm**

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak

- **Sunday, June 19 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Frater

Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater

- **Sunday, June 19 – 10:30am**

Lector: D. Everard

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Olivares; E. Berbuesse; C. Berbuesse



LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

Mass Parts: | #21 Holy | A #26 Mem.

Accl. | #31 Amen | #32 Lord's Prayer |

#36 Lamb of God

OT 15 Response/Gospel A69, Hymnal Readings
#1077;

Song of Gathering: #828 All The Earth

Song of Offertory: #641 Word of God, Come Down on
Earth

Song of Communion: #540 Gift of Finest Wheat

Rec: #815 God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

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 11

4:00pm: Redemptorist Vocations

Sunday, July 12

9:00am All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Barbara Marvel (birthday blessing)

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Wednesday, July 15

7:30am: +Michael Ermon

Thursday, July 16

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Friday, July 17

7:30am: +Catherine Ross Ermon

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm: +Therese Bensen

Sunday, July 19

9:00am: Sharon & Larry Schmidt
+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

10:30am: +Michael & Shirley Power & Family
+Brandon Power

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners



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: July 4 & 5, 2026:

\$1,697.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,902.00	Loose Collection
\$659.00	Donations/Legacies
\$184.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,555.00	St. Mary's A/C Repair
\$2,819.45	Online Giving
\$9,816.45	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 all of you for helping us to end the month of June with a total of 415 donated food items, and a total of 3,370 for the year.

Our goal is to bring in more food throughout July – please drop off your food items at Mass each week in the back of church.

Thank you!

-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. Please consider buying more than one.

Thank you!

(Suggested donation-\$2 each)



July 25 – Evan Guinta & Madeline Coreley

May God bless this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Mission Appeal Weekend: July 25 & July 26

A guest speaker, **Fr. Steve of the U.S. Catholic Mission** will celebrate Masses in our parish on **July 25 & 26**. Pope Leo XIV calls the entire Church to embrace “a new missionary age,” in which all the faithful are called to “proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity.” The U.S. Catholic Mission Association supports missionaries in doing exactly that.

As a community of faith leaders, we help those living and serving in the most difficult places, and circumstances find hope, strength and encouragement in community.

To learn more: visit their website –
www.uscatholicmission.org. – Fr. Chung

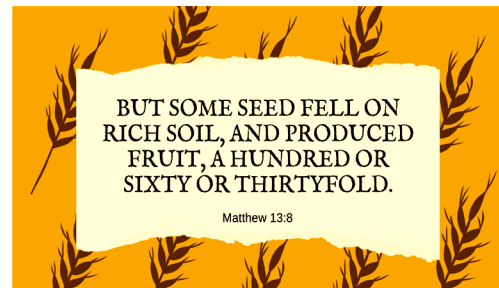
All are welcome!



Registration is opening in August for those interested in participating in our parish's OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, and for CCD (Religious Education) for those in the second and third grades wishing to prepare for First Communion, and those who are ages 15-16 years or older wishing to enroll in Confirmation classes.

Please call the parish office at 504-522-6748 or see the flyers of how to sign up in the back of church. We look forward to hearing from you.

- Fr. Andy, Faith Formation Leader



Second Collection: July 18 & 19

There will be a second collection for the Black and Indian Mission Office taken up at Mass next weekend. The funds collected help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Thank you.

Ministry with Young Adults

ECHO Community Retreats

Young Adults, from July 17 – 23, 2026, join the Echo Community at Maryhill Catholic Retreat Center in Pineville, LA for an incredible deep dive into St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and encounter God's radical love for YOU. This is truly an experience like no other. Dynamic talks, deep discussions, Daily Mass, Adoration, artistic expression, and an awesome community all come together to create the ECHO experience. Scholarships and payment plans are available.

For more information, visit <https://www.echocommunity.us/for-young-adults.html>

Thank You Volunteers!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND HEART.
YOU HELPED BRING HOPE AND HEALING TO COUNTLESS PILGRIMS
WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!



NATIONAL SHRINE OF
BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

Christmas in July Sale!



National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Christmas in July Is Happening Now! . 919 Josephine St, New Orleans; Mon-Sat, 10a -2p The sale is on at the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Shrine Gift Shop! Take advantage of up to 40% OFF select merchandise and discover unique gifts that inspire faith and devotion. Custom Blessed Seelos items and relics . Over 100 Catholic book titles . Works by local artists . Religious gifts and devotional items . Christmas gifts and seasonal merchandise As the only Catholic bookstore in New Orleans, we're proud to offer a unique selection of items for every occasion. Shop today for the best selection—sale items are available whil...

Christmas in July Sale!



IN-STORE ONLY - GOING ON NOW!

SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 14

St. Mary's Assumption Church

923 Josephine St, New Orleans

Schedule of Events

10:30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:45am: Confessions & Rosary

11:20am: Benediction

11:30am: Mass



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