

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



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

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.



The Feast of The Most Holy Redeemer

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every third Sunday of July, Redemptorists all over the world celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer. Thus today, all churches, parishes and shrines all over the world under the care of Redemptorists has for its Sunday Mass the solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer in place of the 16th Sunday in ordinary time. This is with special permission from Rome.

All Redemptorists have four letters affixed to their names – C.Ss.R. This stands for *Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris*. This is the official Latin title given to its Religious Order. It can be translated into English as “Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer,” more commonly called “Redemptorists.” And it defines our identity, we affix “C.Ss.R.” to our personal name like Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R. The Latin motto “*Copiosa Apud Eum Redemptio*” which translates to “**With Him there is plentiful redemption**” (Psalm 130:30).

Today, our mission is the same, to follow the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer, we recall all those who gave their lives to spread the Gospel of Christ like his disciples and the faithful martyrs. Our Name Day, also evokes solemn remembrance of the events that created the first martyrs of our Congregation: the 12 confreres lost during the early days of the Spanish War. Among them were Blessed Gregorio and other Redemptorist martyrs of Spain, Ukraine and in different times and places like the Philippines in 1980s.

The liturgical colors for this solemnity are white, reflecting a spirit of celebration and thanksgiving for Christ’s saving grace. The Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer is also a day of joy and gratitude for the gift of the Redemption.

Today is our Congregation’s Name Day, a joyful celebration of the commitment to Christ’s mission for the Church. Founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori in Italy in 1732, our core mission is to preach the “**Good News of Redemption**” to the most abandoned and economically poor. In New Orleans, the Redemptorists have a rich history dating back to 1843, having shaped the local Catholic landscape by building churches, schools, and orphanages for immigrant populations.

We are very proud and happy to be able to continue to serve St. Alphonsus Parish of New Orleans and the community. Through the intercession of St. Alphonsus, Blessed Francis X. Seelos, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help, we pray that our hearts will always be open to Christ our Most Holy Redeemer.

Pax,
-Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

• Saturday, July 25 – 4:00pm

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Minister: S. Sternberg

• Sunday, July 26 – 9:00am (Chapel)

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

• Sunday, July 26 – 10:30am

Lector: G. Gitz

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; B. Fleischer;
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

OT 16 Response/Gospel A70, Hymnal Readings #1080;

Song of Gathering: #575 Forgive Our Sins as We
Forgive

Song of Offertory: #576 Amazing Grace

Song of Communion: #551 Let the Hungry Come to Me
Rec: #539 Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted



Dear parish family,

It is with a heavy heart, that I share the sad news of the passing of our beloved and longtime parishioner of St. Alphonsus Parish, Sharon Schmidt who went home to the Lord on July 14, 2026.

Sharon was a bright light in the Redemptorist community, she was a CCD teacher for many years, and a faithful servant of God. While we grieve her loss deeply, we find hope of the Resurrection and Christ's promise of eternal life. Please join me in praying for the repose of Sharon's soul and for comfort for her family during this difficult time.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."

-Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R. & Redemptorist Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm: +Therese Bensen

Sunday, July 19

9:00am +Sharon Schmidt

+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, July 20

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Tuesday, July 21

7:30am: +Therese Maria LaPorte Bensen

Wednesday, July 22

7:30am: David Ross (birthday)
Joan Ross (birthday)

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

7:30am: Herbert Joseph Peterson, III
(Health & healing)

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm: Barbara Marvel

Sunday, July 26

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Barbara Marvel
+Sharon Schmidt



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 11 & 12, 2026:

\$1,171.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,702.00	Loose Collection
\$386.08	Donations/Legacies
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$3,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$256.63	Misc. Lawn & Zella reimbursements to parish
\$834.30	Online Giving
\$7,360.01	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 Fr. Lambert of St. Katharine Drexel Church in New Orleans for donating nearly 75 food items this week, and to all those who have donated non-perishable foods.

Thank you!

July = 342

Year to Date = 3,712

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

Second Collection: July 18 & 19

We will take up a second collection at Mass for the Black and Indian Mission. The funds collected help local African American and Native American Diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you!



St. Mary's Chapel

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 soon for those interested in participating in our parish's OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or CCD (Religious Education) for those who have children in the second or third grades wishing to prepare for First Communion, or those who are ages 15-16 years or older wishing to enroll in Confirmation Classes. Please call the parish office at 504-522-6748, leave the name of those who would like to sign up for OCIA Classes for Adults, CCD Classes for First Communion or Confirmation Classes. We look forward to hearing from you. **If you have any questions, call Fr. Andy Thompson, Faith Formation Leader.**



Heartfelt Thank You to Our Anonymous Donor! We extend a special, heartfelt thank you to an anonymous parishioner who has generously donated a new John Deere riding lawnmower to the church! Your thoughtfulness in serving our community is a true blessing, and we are grateful for your kindness. - Fr. Chung & Redemptorist Community.

Save St. Mary's Update: We thank all those who have contributed to our Save St. Mary's Restoration Fund to help pay for the completion of Phase 1, Exterior renovations of our beautiful church. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$2 million dollars to fund the exterior repairs and renovations that were completed in late April 2026. As many of you know, we are still in the *process of raising additional funds to cover the costs of Phase 2, Interior renovations* – to repair all interior cracks, broken plaster and moldings, and to water seal the interior of the church, as well as repaint the interior walls with historic colors, and other restorations as needed. If you would like to donate a one-time gift or sign up to pledge monthly or yearly contributions, every donation, no matter how small or large helps. (See the back of the bulletin or Scan the QR Code today) **We appreciate your generosity – Fr. Chung.**



Redemptorists Away Schedule: You may notice that some of our pastoral team may be away from time to time in July and August for various obligations. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels. If you have an emergency, or need to speak to a priest, call the parish office, at 504-522-6748, leave your name, phone number and a clergy member will return your call.

Seelos Shrine Gift Shop – Christmas in July Sale! Christmas in July is happening now! At 919 Josephine Street, New Orleans: Mon-Sat, 10am-2pm through July 31, 2026. **Take advantage of up to 40% OFF** select merchandise and discover unique gifts that inspire faith and devotion. Custom Blessed Seelos 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 in July and save while supplies last! Call 504-525-2495 for more details. **-Fr. Binh Ta, C.Ss.R.**

Stay tuned for more news coming soon!

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 while...

Christmas in July Sale!



IN-STORE ONLY ~ GOING ON NOW!

Visit the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Are you planning an outing this summer? Step away and spend time in a sacred place of peace, prayer and renewal at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. Whether you come seeking quiet reflection, healing, hope, or a deeper connection with God, the Shrine offers a beautiful reverent space to pray and to encounter the inspiring life of Blessed Seelos.

If you want to visit, or plan a tour, or if you know of a school, parish, ministry or group? Scheduled tours are available for groups of 10 or more and offer a meaningful experience of the Shrine, the life of Blessed Seelos, and the Redemptorist mission.



To learn more or schedule a tour, visit seelos.org or contact the Seelos Welcome Center at 504-525-2495, Mon-Sat, 10am-2pm.

(Picture of Aaron C., Director of Faith Formation from Church of the Resurrection of Miramar Beach, Florida and his family visiting the Seelos Shrine)

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

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

Music Staff

Robert Zanca, Organist, 504-621-6249

Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

Parish Leadership

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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



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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 raise funds for Phase 2, Interior renovations! 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:



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