

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



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

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Dear Parishioners,

Life goes on as a Redemptorist and it is so wonderful. These past weeks, the gospel has presented us Jesus, the story teller. A good story is always a joy to listen to and it often creates varied reactions in us, the listeners. Who are the story tellers in your life? How have they affected your life, in the past, now and maybe even in the future?

Last Sunday we remembered Jesus, the Holy Redeemer patron of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer – the Redemptorists. Next weekend we celebrate St. Alphonsus Ligouri, the founder of the Redemptorists.

Who has been the priest or brother Redemptorist that has filled your life with stories? Many men have served in St. Alphonsus Parish over the years, who do you and/or your family remember the most and why? Take a moment and reminisce. Share with me and your fellow parishioners their stories – your stories. Send your stories to me – Fr. Andy – at frandythompsoncssr@gmail.com or drop them off at the parish office.

I would like to share with you a story or two of mine. My early years as a priest, I lived and served along the Amazon River ministering to the isolated communities along its shores. One evening during the dry season, our pastoral team stopped at a village with several families and we had to climb up over 100 steps cut into the clay bank in order to get to the chapel and celebrate with them. It was a great time and our faith was truly enriched. On the way back to the boat, with a slight drizzle falling, I mis-stepped and tumbled down 100 plus steps on my backside. As I reached the bottom, I heard several children yell, “fantastic, do it again, Father”.

On another occasion in my early days as a missionary, I was meeting with the children in the community and sharing bible stories with them. Near the end of our time together, the nun who accompanied me, asked the children if they liked the stories. They surprisingly replied, that yes, they did, very much. The sister then asked, if they understood what the priest - (me) - was saying. They replied with a resounding “no”. We all laughed and praised the Lord.

I promise to share with you, the stories sent to me in a future edition of the Parish Bulletin so that we may continue to laugh and praise the Lord. Have a blessed day and enjoy the stories as life goes on...

Blessings, Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, August 1 – 4:00pm**

Lector: T. Borgman

Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak

- **Sunday, August 2 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

- **Sunday, August 2 – 10:30am**

Lector: L. Moran

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; T. Schafer; 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 17 Response/Gospel A71, Hymnal Readings #1083;

Song of Gathering: #861 Praise to the Lord

Song of Offertory: #669 Priestly People

Song of Communion: #528 Wisdom's Feast

Rec: #637 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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 25

4:00pm: Barbara Marvel

Sunday, July 26

9:00am All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: Barbara Marvel

+Sharon Schmidt

Monday, July 27

7:30am: +David A. LeClere

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

Tuesday, July 28

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

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

Saturday, August 1

4:00pm: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Therese Bensen

Sunday, August 2

9:00am: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.
+Therese Maria LaPorte Bensen

10:30am: 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 18 & 19, 2026:

\$1,051.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,752.00	Loose Collection
\$1,400.00	Donations/Legacies
\$25.00	Mass Stipend
\$711.00	2nd Collection Black & Indian Mission
\$1,521.95	Online Giving
\$6,460.95	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 those who continue to donate non-perishable food items each week at Mass.

Please see the flyer in the bulletin of the list of food items that Hope House collects.

Thank you!

July = 422

Year to Date = 3,792

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

By participating, you help the Church help people in need in the U.S. and around the world.

You can give at Mass on
August 8 & 9, 2026

Thank you!

Welcome Home Sunday

Archbishop Checchio is inviting every Catholic in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to participate in Welcome Home Sunday on August 16th by personally inviting one person to Mass.

Over the next few weeks, begin praying about who God may be placing on your heart. Perhaps, it's a family member, friend, coworker, neighbor, or someone who has been away from the Church for some time.

Ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus to show you whom He is calling you to invite.

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung



July 25 — Evan Guinta & Madeline Coreley

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



Prayer During Hurricane Season: Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season, from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Kevin

Megan

Larry Schmidt & family

Kim's health restoration

Kim's back

Father Tim

Trisha

Cochetta

Thanksgiving for Connie & Ed's daughter who had a healthy baby

World peace and end to all wars

Dorothy

Darryl

Nathan

Rickey

Dodie

Evelyn

UPDATES: Trisha is out of the hospital and doing better.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sharon Schmidt, longtime faithful parishioner who passed on July 14, 2026 & prayers of comfort for her husband and family.

For Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop Checchio, and all of our religious, Redemptorists -- Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

If you would like us to pray for you, or for a loved one, email us at

StAlsPrayers@gmail.com

Please leave your first name, the reason for your prayer request.

In order for your prayers to be included in our weekly prayer chain—please contact us by 7pm each Sunday evening.

Thank you & God Bless.



Flower & Environment Memorials for the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)



We invite all parishioners to share in and to consider donating a plant or flowers to help decorate the altar. This is a beautiful way to remember a family member or friend.

Please **fill out** the **person's name** being remembered, memorial dedication, donation amount, and your phone number on the lines below:

Name: _____

Memorial Dedication: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Phone Number: _____

*(Please attach donation and this information and place it in the offertory basket), and **return by August 9, 2026.***

Thank you for your generosity!

Memorials will be printed in the August 16th Bulletin

August Events Calendar

Hospitality Sunday! August 2



Join us after 9am and 10:30am Masses
for donuts and coffee.



FRIDAY MONTHLY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on the first Friday
of each month for Exposition and
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament following the
7:30am Mass at the Chapel.

Friday, August 7



GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry

Brown bags will be available to buy at
Mass on **August 8 & 9, 2026.**

Please buy a brown bag to give
to a homeless neighbor. **Thank you!**



Join us for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass

St. Mary's Assumption Church
Sunday, August 16 at 3pm

All are welcome—Fr. Steve Benden,

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