

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community

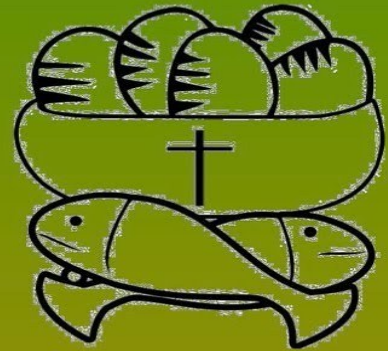


St. Mary's Assumption Church,
923 Josephine St.

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.

TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, [JESUS] LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN, AND BLESSED AND BROKE THE LOAVES, AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES, AND THE DISCIPLES GAVE THEM TO THE CROWDS.

- MATTHEW 14:20



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

Parish Office: 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130

504.522.6748 | Parish Website: StAlphonsusNO.com

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On August 1st, we celebrate the Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, our founding father of the Redemptorists. As we celebrate the founding of our Congregation in 1732, we also thank God for all of his many blessings. The Redemptorists have been grateful and humbled to serve the people of God for nearly 294 years.

In all those years, we have tried to remain faithful and devoted to serving Christ, and those most abandoned and poor. We continue to strive to serve and to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Since, I arrived in New Orleans in late August 2023, almost three years ago—I have asked myself, “how can I help those living in our community? How can I be of service to those most in need?” I feel fortunate to serve as pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish and to continue the mission of St. Alphonsus Liguori, and that of Blessed Father Francis Seelos, who came many years before me.

On August 2, 2014, I took my first vows, I was ordained a priest on June 15, 2019 and I pray that God continues to give me the strength, courage and faith that I need to continue to walk in his footsteps as his faithful servant. This reminds me of the story found in John 13:1-17. Jesus performs the act of washing the disciples’ feet at the Last Supper. Jesus teaches us by example through his actions. *“Just as I have done for you, you should also do” (John 13:15).* He shows by his actions and love for his disciples, that we too, are to serve one another in humility.

This is true of the Redemptorists. We are called to live a life of service and prayer. St. Alphonsus Liguori was born in Naples, Italy in 1696, and he was a naval officer, then he practiced law, before he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God in August of 1726. And he would go on to dedicate his life to God and to serving the poor, until he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists) on November 9, 1732. Pope Benedict XIV gave his approval for the men's congregation in 1749 and for the women's in 1750. For thirteen years, Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote many books of theology until his death on August 1, 1787. He was later beatified in 1816, canonized in 1839, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871.

St. Alphonsus's founding of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) represents one of the most significant contributions to the Church's missionary and pastoral work. The congregation has spread throughout the United States and around the world, continuing Alphonsus's mission of bringing God's love and mercy to all people, especially those most in need of spiritual care and guidance.

On behalf of myself, and the Redemptorist community, we thank you for your support and prayers. Through the intercession of St. Alphonsus, may God bless you.

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, August 8 – 4:00pm**
Lector: J. Marvel
Eucharistic Minister: G. Maginnis
- **Sunday, August 9 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Frater
Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater
- **Sunday, August 9 – 10:30am**
Lector: G. Gitz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cross; B. Fleischer; M. Dahleh

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

OT 18 Response/Gospel A72, Hymnal Readings #1086;

Song of Gathering: #853 All Creatures of Our God and King

Song of Offertory: #707 Living Streams

Song of Communion: #531 At the Table of the World
Rec: #810 Go, Make of All Disciples

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention August 2026:

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

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

10:30am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, August 3

7:30am: In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos
(Colleen L.)

Tuesday, August 4

7:30am: +Therese Marie LaPorte Bensen

Wednesday, August 5

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Thursday, August 6

7:30am: +Vincent Tortorich, Sr. & Family

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

4:00pm: +Wandah "Cookie" Scheuermann

Sunday, August 9

9:00am: +Sharon Schmidt & Family

10:30am: +Anne Dragon Crawford

12:30PM: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS IN AUGUST FOR THESE MASS INTENTIONS



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

St. Mary's Chapel

Special prayers and intentions for the Rosary group of St. Mary's Chapel and for the parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish, requested by a parishioner.

Treasure & Stewardship

Giving Update: July 25 & 26, 2026:

\$716.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,731.00	Loose Collection
\$1,277.00	Donations/Legacies
\$115.00	Mass Stipends
\$650.00	2nd Collection Black & Indian Mission
\$150.00	Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings
\$1,639.80	Online Giving
\$6,278.80	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 ended the month of July with a total of 584 food donations, and Year to Date with a total of 3,954. **Thank you!**

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



Hospitality Sunday!
August 2

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



GUILD MINISTRY

**Brown Bags Available
next weekend!**

Brown bags will be available to buy at Mass on **August 8 & 9**. Each bag contains food & supplies to give to a homeless neighbor.

Thank you!

Welcome Home Sunday

We are just two weeks away from celebrating Welcome Home Sunday on August 16 throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Last week, we asked you to pray about one person God may be calling you to invite.

This week, consider reaching out. A simple invitation can make a huge difference in someone's life! Do not worry about having the perfect words. Simply let someone know there is a place for them here and that you would love for them to join you at Mass.

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung



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 St. Mary's Chapel.

Friday, August 7

GUILD MINISTRY

We thank all those who have donated plastic grocery bags to make plarn mats for our homeless neighbors.

But at this time, the church is not collecting plastic bags and we are asking you to recycle your bags, instead.
Thank you.

-Bert & Gigi Anfone.

BACK to SCHOOL Supply Drive!

Our parish is collecting school supplies for St. Alphonsus School, **August 3—31, 2026!**



Please see the list of items that are needed below:

- 1) Plastic Folders with 3-prongs and side pockets in blue, green yellow, red, purple or orange
- 2) 24 pack of crayons
- 3) Colored pencils
- 4) #2 Pencils & Mechanical pencils
- 5) Pencil Head erasers
- 6) Washable Markers
- 7) Glue Sticks
- 8) Index cards (3"x5")
- 9) Composition Notebooks (Any color)
- 10) Spiral Notebooks (One subject or Three subject)
- 11) Ink Pens (Blue and black)
- 12) Expo Markers (Black & Multi colors)
- 13) Dry Erasers
- 14) Highlighters
- 15) Kleenex Tissue

You can drop off your school supply donations:

- **August 3-31:** Parish Office, 2030 Constance Street - Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm
- **At all Weekend Masses** at St. Mary's Assumption Church & Chapel in designated bins

Thank you—Fr. Chung and Sister Monica

MEET A REDEMPTORIST



A Redemptorist from the Warsaw Province in Poland, Fr. Waldemar Latkowski CSsR, has been serving in the USA since 2004. He carries out his pastoral ministry in three languages: English, Polish, and Spanish. He had the privilege of being installed as pastor in Perth Amboy, NJ, and since 2019 in Cicero, IL. The youth and the program *"Vacations with God"* which he has led since 2007, testify to his great love for God and for others. So far, more than 2,500 people have taken part—from infants to the elderly. Of course, the participants are not only parishioners, but above all children and youth from Polish schools on the East Coast as well as from Chicago and the surrounding areas. With equal commitment and passion, he also works with English- and Spanish-speaking children from his parish and from Our Lady of Charity School. Fr. Waldemar always emphasizes by his example:

"I am not here to be served, but to serve."

Kristine Stremel

Public & Community Affairs Director
Redemptorists - Denver Province

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

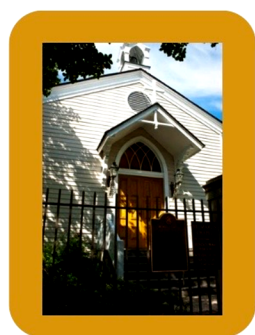
11:30am: Mass



Weekday Masses

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS

St. Mary's Chapel - 7:30am



St. Mary's Church - 11:30am



All are welcome!

FIND PEACE, HOPE & HEALING AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF BLESSED SEELOS

Visit the Shrine's
Welcome Center
right next door!

Monday-Saturday
10:00 am-2:00 pm

(504) 525-2495
SEELOS.ORG



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

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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www.StAlphonsusNO.com/SaveStMarys