

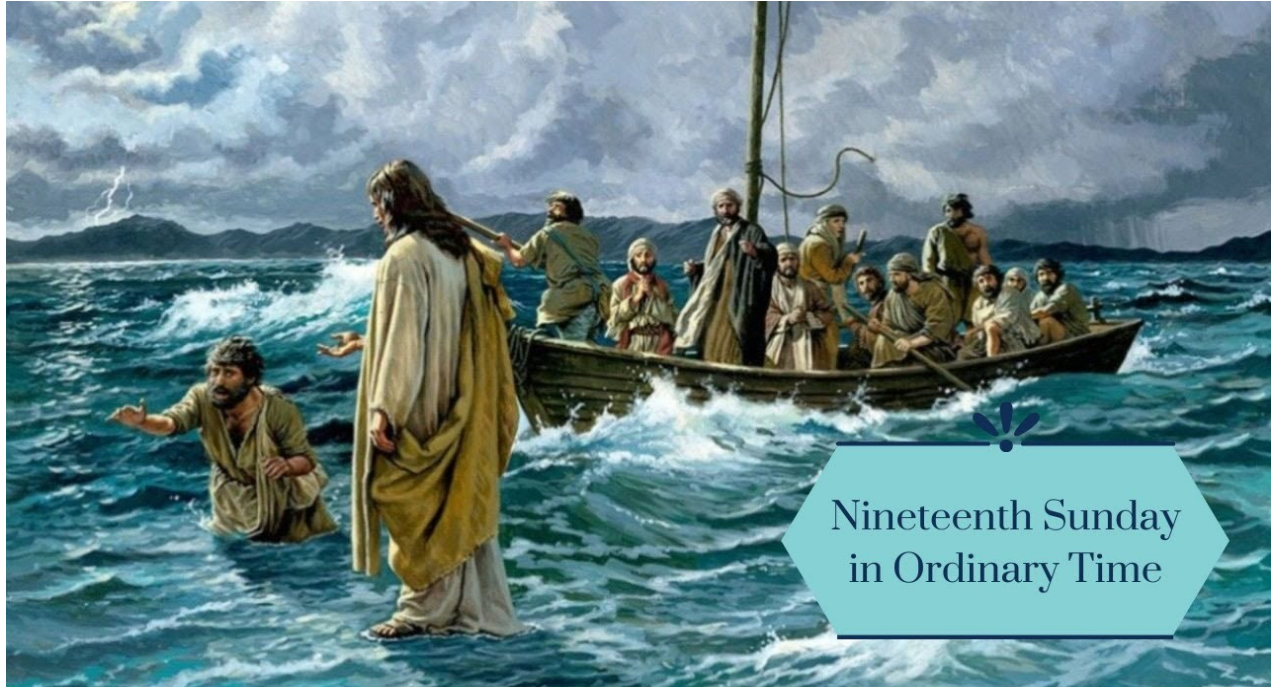
St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



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

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.



Nineteenth 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

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

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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Continuing the Redemptorist story...

Dear Parishioners,

As I stated in my previous letter to the parish a few weeks ago, I talked about the gospel and how it presented us Jesus, the story teller. We all enjoy listening to a good story every now and then. Good stories are often passed down from one generation to the next.

I shared some stories about my early years as a Redemptorist priest and missionary and I asked you, the parishioners to share any stories or memories you had of priests or brothers you have known in St. Alphonsus Parish or if your family had stories to share.

I received a few replies, and I appreciate you taking the time to share your stories and memories with me of the Redemptorists. One reply came from parishioners, Marty Kauchak, and his wife, Mary Ann. They moved to the Lower Garden District in August 2011 and they were looking for a new church home. So they attended Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church during their first weekend stay and they met Fr. Greg Schmitt, C.Ss.R., the celebrant of the Mass. Marty and Mary Ann talked to Fr. Schmitt after Mass and shared their background story with him and he invited them to make St. Mary's, their new "spiritual home". As a result, they felt welcomed and they also, met Fr. Richard Thibodeau, who later served as the pastor of the parish.

I also received another reply from parishioner, Geraldine Manning Ross and she shared a few fond memories of growing up in the Irish Channel during the late 1930s and 1940s during the WWII era. Mrs. Ross now 93 years young, is the mother of our parish secretary, Sue. Mrs. Ross said some of her happiest memories, were walking with her parents and siblings on Sundays to attend Mass at St. Alphonsus and St. Mary's Churches. She was one of six children. Her dad was a fireman stationed in the 500 block of Jackson Avenue near the river from the 1920s through 1948. She recalled the time when the priest gathered with her family and neighbors in 1942 to listen to President Roosevelt's radio address about WWII. It was a scary time, but she said the Redemptorist Fathers always knew how to keep everyone calm. And she shared another memory of when the Redemptorist priests visited her older brother Paul who was very ill at their home on First Street. Father would pray with him, bring him the Eucharist, play his favorite game of Chess with him, and fellowship with him. Sadly, her brother Paul died of pneumatic fever in February 1943 at 17. Mrs. Ross will forever be grateful to the Redemptorists for their love and compassion shown to her family. And she is very happy to be part of our parish today.

Again, I thank those who shared your stories with us. It is reassuring to know that we have made a difference in the lives of those we serve, and it is my hope, that you continue to feel welcomed with the kindness, love and compassion of Christ.

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, August 15 – 4:00pm**

Lector: M. Saia

Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie

- **Sunday, August 16 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: T. Costanza

Eucharistic Minister: T. George

- **Sunday, August 16 – 10:30am**

Lector: B. Perrault

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Nelson; Connie & Ed B.

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

OT 19 Response/Gospel A73, Hymnal Readings #1089;

Song of Gathering: #630 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Offertory: #621 Christ Be Beside Me

Song of Communion: #540 Gift of Finest Wheat

Rec: #832 Sing Praise to the Lord

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.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

4:00pm: +Wandah "Cookie" Scheuermann

Sunday, August 9

9:00am +Sharon Schmidt & prayers for her family

10:30am: +Anne Dragon Crawford

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, August 10

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Tuesday, August 11

7:30am: +Tommy Montebianco & Family: Jane, John, Maddie & Joanne

Wednesday, August 12

7:30am: Dorothy Joffrion (100th birthday)

Thursday, August 13

7:30am: +In Memory of Sharon Rose Schmidt

Friday, August 14

7:30am: Gerald Duhon, Sr. (birthday)

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm: Ted & Sandra Borgman (anniversary)
+Joseph & Justine Williamson (anniversary)
+Sharon Schmidt

Sunday, August 16

9:00am: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

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: Aug. 1 & 2, 2026:

\$2,181.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,511.00	Loose Collection
\$338.00	Donations/Legacies
\$70.00	Mass Stipends
\$65.00	Assumption Feast Flowers
\$2,505.45	Online Giving
\$7,670.45	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. Our goal is collect 8,000 food items before the end of this year. **Thank you!**

August = 121 Food items donated
Year to Date = 4,075

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



GUILD MINISTRY

**Brown Bags are available
at Mass**

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

Next weekend is Welcome Home Sunday! If you have someone in mind that you would like to invite to church, now is the time. You can send a text, or make a phone call, invite them to breakfast before Mass, or simply ask them to sit with you.

Through our consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we have been reminded of God's desire to draw all people to Himself. Let us be like those instruments of invitation and someone take a step closer to Christ.

All are welcome! - Fr. Chung

SAVE THE DATE



St. Mary's Assumption Church
919 Josephine St

**BLESSED SEELOS
HEALING MASS**
—+—
**CONFESSIONS
& HEALING OF THE SICK**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
4:00PM (English)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
3:00PM (Vietnamese)**

504-525-2495 www.seelos.org

BACK to SCHOOL Supply Drive!

Our parish is collecting school supplies for St. Alphonsus School **through August 31st!**



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 8-31: 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

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

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Schedule of Events

10:30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:45am: Confessions & Rosary

11:20am: Benediction

11:30am: Mass





**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

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Dorothy

Madison

Larry Schmidt & family

Nathan

Kim's back

Sean M.

Theresa

Carolyn

Thanksgiving for the Daughters of Charity, and for the four women in the discernment process

World peace and end to all wars

Tommy

Chenibe

Keisha

Debra

Skip

Jim

Janice

Leigh

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sharon Schmidt and for 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.

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

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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



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

Giving Made Easy!

Scan the QR Code:



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