

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



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

**St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.**

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: StAlisNola@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



*Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

August 16, 2026

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, the whole parish celebrates Welcome Home Sunday! **Welcome Home!** In today's first reading, we hear the Lord tell Isaiah, "*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples*" (Isaiah 56:1. 6-7). Isaiah preaches that God welcomes foreigners who come to worship Him. Today's readings remind us that God calls us to welcome all peoples.

We are so blessed to have you with us today! Whether you are a lifelong parishioner, returning after some time away, or visiting for the first time, know that you are a cherished part of our faith family. A few weeks ago, Archbishop Checchio invited all Catholics to personally invite a person to Mass, for Welcome Home Sunday, on August 16. I am also inviting you to pray and to worship with our parish community.

Here in our parish, we gather as one body in Christ—united in prayer, nourished by the Eucharist, and strengthened by God's Word. May you find peace in His presence, **joy** in our community, and **hope** in the promise of His love. Christ loves you and he longs to draw you closer to His heart.

We invite you to join us again for Mass next week. If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or if you are interested in joining one of parish's faith formation programs like OCIA classes, see Fr. Andy Thompson, C.Ss.R., after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 16, and he will talk to you.

We also celebrated the feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. From the moment of her Immaculate Conception, Mary was preserved from the stain of original sin in anticipation of her role as Mother of the Redeemer (Luke 1:28). The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we too, will follow our Blessed Mother into eternal life when our life is ended.

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. And may you always feel welcomed to pray in this holy place.

Pax,

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, August 22 – 4:00pm**

Lector: S. Borgman

Eucharistic Minister: S. Sternberg

- **Sunday, August 23 – 9:00am (Chapel)**

Lector: K. Soileau

Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau

- **Sunday, August 23 – 10:30am**

Lector: G. Gitz

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Moran; B. Fleischer;
N. Olivares

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

OT 20 Response/Gospel A74, Hymnal Readings #1092;

Song of Gathering: #883 The Kingdom of God

Offertory: #778 Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy

Song of Communion: #545 Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Rec: #844 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm: Ted & Sandra Borgman (Anniversary)
+In Memory of Joseph & Justine
Williamson (Anniversary)
+Sharon Schmidt

Sunday, August 16

9:00am All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

+In Memory of Yohalda C. Bordelon (85 Birthday)

Monday, August 17

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Tuesday, August 18

7:30am: +Sharon Schmidt

Wednesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 20

7:30am: +Fr. Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.

Friday, August 21

7:30am: Mr. Kelly Hitchcock (Heart surgery & healing)
+Louise Grasser

Saturday, August 22

4:00pm: +Therese Bensen

Sunday, August 23

9:00am: Mitchell Pierce

10:30am: +Sharon Schmidt & prayers for family

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.



Dear parish family,

We sorrowfully share that our Parishioner of St. Alphonsus Parish, Maria Sly George went home to the Lord, on August 8, 2026. Maria is the wife of Theodore "Ted" George. Please join me in praying for the repose of Maria's soul and for comfort for her husband and family.

St. Mary's Assumption Church:

Visitation is on (Friday) August 21, 2026 from 9am-10am;
Funeral Service & Mass at 10am

**"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

Treasure & Stewardship

Giving Update: Aug. 8 & 9, 2026:

\$825.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$3,040.00	Loose Collection
\$2,505.00	Donations/Legacies
\$120.00	Mass Stipends
\$45.00	Assumption Feast Flowers
\$125.00	2nd Collection Catholic Relief
\$108.25	Lawn Care Reimbursement
\$1,358.25	Online Giving
\$8,126.50	Total Giving

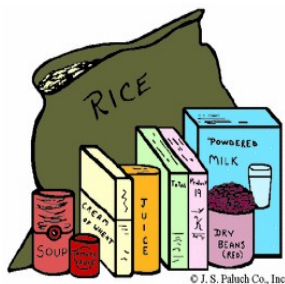
Thank you for your support! - Fr. Chung

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 appreciate your kind food donations!**

August = 203 Food items donated
Year to Date = 4,157

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



Welcome Home Sunday

Today we extend a special welcome to anyone who may be visiting, returning to Mass after some time away, or joining us for the first time. We are grateful you are here!

We hope you have experienced the warmth of our community and the love of Christ today. If there is any way we can help you take a next step in your faith journey, please introduce yourself to one of our clergy members after Mass. Join us for Mass again next week!

Welcome Home! - 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

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE EVENINGS OF CONFESSION

The dates for the Archdiocesan-wide Evenings of Confession for 2026–2027 are set for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, as the traditional Fall date and Wednesday, March 3, Wednesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 17, 2027, for the Lenten dates. Please make note of these dates in planning parish calendars.

- 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

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

NOTRE DAME SEMINARIANS VISIT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We were very grateful to welcome Notre Dame Seminary to visit and to worship at our Church and to spend time at the Seelos Shrine and Museum. May God bless on their journey of faith.

Feast of the Assumption Flower Memorials:



In Memory of Deceased Beyer & Sternberg Families

In Memory of Deceased Kauchak & Baker Families

In Memory of Deceased Ross & Higginbotham Families

In Memory of Fabio & Maria Fernandez

For safe repose of the soul of Wayne H. Gray

Dr. & Mrs. J.F. O'Neill

In Memory of Paul & Romanell DeLaCroix

Family of Mildred Parker

In Memory of Joan Rogers

Family of Theodore George

Family of Dale Dietrich

We appreciate your donations!



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like to add prayer intentions to our weekly prayer chain, contact us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com. Leave the **first name** and the **reason** for your prayer request. The deadline for requesting prayers for the following week's prayer chain is 7pm on Sunday.

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for Carolyn, Madison, Robert, Theresa, Tommy's family: Jane, Maddie & JoAnne for peace over his death; Chenibe, Keisha, Debra, Skip, Jim, Janice, Leigh, Rickey, Larry, Kim's back, Estre's health, Renee, Greg; Thomas & Mignon; for all school children and teachers returning to school to have a happy & safe school year; A peaceful end to all wars; protection from all storms, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts and for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Please pray for the repose of souls of: Maria Sly George, a beloved parishioner, and wife of Theodore (Ted) George who passed on August 8, 2026. Prayers for Ted George & his family. And for the repose of the soul of Sharon Rose Schmidt, another beloved parishioner who passed recently and prayers for her husband, Larry & his family.

Special Intentions: Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop James Checchio, Archbishop Emeritus Aymond, and for all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: (8/11/26)

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 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!

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