

St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish

A Redemptorist Community



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

St. Mary's Chapel,
1516 Jackson Ave.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny
himself, take up his cross,
and follow me. For whoever
wishes to save his life
will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my
sake will find it."
- Mt 16:24b-25

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

GENERAL INFORMATION AND PARISH NEWS



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration hour following 7:30am Mass, on **Friday, September 4** at St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome!

Join us for 'Hospitality Sunday' after 9am & 10:30am Masses next Sunday, September 6 for donuts, refreshments and fellowship.

Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on **(Monday) September 7** in observance of the **Labor Day Holiday**. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th at 9am.

Religious Education - Our parish will not have CCD classes for 2026/2027 – However, our parish **will begin OCIA Classes for Adults on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6pm** at the parish rectory with Fr. Andy. OCIA participants will meet Fr. Andy after the Homily, at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, September 6. If you have any questions, call Fr. Andy at 504-522-6748.

Join us on Tuesday, September 15 for Our Mother of Sorrows Day of Prayer! - All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 15 at St. Mary's Assumption Church with Fr. Tim Watson, C.Ss.R., Celebrant at 10:30am for Exposition of the Eucharist, followed by Rosary, and Mass at 11:30am.

Blessed Seelos Healing Masses Coming in October! - All are invited to join us at the 4pm English speaking Healing Mass on Saturday, October 3rd and at the 3pm

Vietnamese speaking Healing Mass on Sunday, October 4th at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Stay tuned for more information!

(See the bulletin for more details). Call 504-525-2495 or visit

www.seelos.org. **All are welcome!** - Fr. Binh Ta, C.Ss.R



Stay Tuned for more news! - Fr. Chung

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, September 5 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, September 6 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: K. Soileau
Eucharistic Minister: M. Soileau
- **Sunday, September 6 – 10:30am**
Lector: B. Perrault
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Pertuit; C. Nelson; B. Fleischer

LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR THIS WEEK

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

OT 22 Response/Gospel A76, Hymnal Readings #1098;

Song of Gathering: #826 All People That on Earth Dwell

Offertory: #849 O God Beyond All Praising

Song of Communion: #738 What Wondrous Love

Rec: #455 Chris is Alive

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 29

4:00pm: +Mitchell L. Mintz
+Therese Bensen

Sunday, August 30

9:00am Thomas Uhle and Kevin Uhle

10:30am: +Sharon Schmidt & prayers for family
+Angelo Brocato, III

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

7:30am: +Maria Sly George

Wednesday, September 2

7:30am: Ted Borgman

Thursday, September 3

7:30am: +Maria Sly George

Friday, September 4

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm: Joseph Giorlando
In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos (Colleen L.)
+David A. LeClere

Sunday, September 6

9:00am: +Ed Lewis
+Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando

10:30am: +Therese Marie LaPorte Bensen

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: Aug. 22 & 30, 2026:

\$703.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,661.00	Loose Collection
\$837.00	Donations/Legacies
\$10.00	Mass Stipends
\$743.25	Online Giving
\$3,954.25	Total Giving

Thank you for 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 to put food on their table. Thank you.

August = 443 Food items donated
Year to Date = 4,397

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



GUILD MINISTRY

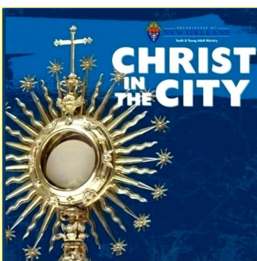
Join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** hour following the 7:30am Mass at St. Mary's Chapel.

All are welcome to attend on
Friday, September 4.



A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who donated school supplies for the students of St. Alphonsus School. Your response was overwhelming and the children will have the supplies they need to have a successful school year.

Thank you! - Fr. Chung and Sister Monica



MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults in their late teens, 20s & 30s are invited to attend Christ in the City's monthly Eucharistic Adoration on **(Tue) September 15, 2026 at 7pm** at the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel, at 2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans.

For more information, please visit
nolacatholic.org/citc

There's always room...

REDEMPTORISTS DENVER



At the Table

with the Redemptorists

IN OUR MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER, THE REDEMPTORISTS INVITE YOU TO GATHER AROUND THE TABLE FOR SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS, STORIES FROM OUR CONFRERES AND SEMINARIANS, MISSION UPDATES AND MORE.



Scan to join the conversation.

Shrine News!

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

**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



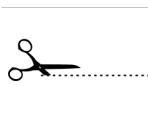
Read article about Blessed Father Seelos by Travel Magazine

By Laura Benton, August 24, 2026

The article reveals a solemn history tied to early yellow fever victims and Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos who faithfully served the poor and sick of our parish and community.



**THE REMAINS OF A PRIEST WHO PASSED
COMFORTING YELLOW FEVER VICTIMS
REST IN THIS LOUISIANA SHRINE**



RENEWAL OF 2027 ENVELOPES & CONTACT UPDATES

If you do not currently have offering envelopes and would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2027 or *if your contact information has changed*, please complete the following form and return it to the church office.

You may drop it in the offering basket at Mass, or return it to the parish office at 2030 Constance St., New Orleans, LA 70130, or call the church office with your information. Envelopes will be mailed in December 2026.

Deadline: please return by September 6, 2026

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

SEELOS DAY OF PRAYER Our Mother of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 15

St. Mary's Assumption Church

923 Josephine St, New Orleans

Schedule of Events

10:30am: Exposition of the Eucharist

10:45am: Sacrament of Confession & 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

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 have completed! 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