

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: 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 PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we observe the Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for the gift of human work and for all whose labor serves our families, strengthens our community, and contributes to the common good. We also, remember those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who work in difficult or unsafe conditions, and those whose labor is overlooked or inadequately rewarded.

This Sunday's Scriptures invite us to consider how our daily work fits within the greater calling of Christian discipleship. In the Book of Wisdom, Solomon prays for the wisdom to understand God's ways. We need that same wisdom in our workplaces, homes, schools, and communities. Our decisions, ambitions, and relationships must be shaped not merely by convenience or success, but by God's will.

In his letter to Philemon, Saint Paul asks that Onesimus be welcomed "no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother." This short, but powerful passage reminds us that every worker is first a human person, our brother or sister that was created in the image and likeness of God. No one should be treated simply as a tool of production or valued only for what he or she can accomplish. The dignity of work flows from the dignity of the person who performs it.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks honestly about the cost of following him. Discipleship cannot be a small addition to an otherwise, unchanged life. Christ must come first, shaping how we use our time, exercise authority, conduct business, treat coworkers, and balance our responsibilities. Jesus' call to "calculate the cost" challenges us to ask whether our work and our ambitions draw us closer to God and one another; or cause us to neglect what matters most.

Labor Day offers more than a welcome pause from our routines. It gives us an opportunity to examine the place of work in our lives. Work is good and can be holy, but it must never become an idol. Our worth does not depend upon our position, productivity or income. Rather, our deepest identity is found in Christ.

May this weekend bring rest to those who are weary, encouragement to those seeking employment, justice to those who are mistreated, and renewed gratitude for everyone whose labor quietly blesses our lives. Let us ask the Lord for the wisdom to work with integrity, to honor the dignity of every person, and to place all that we do at the service of God and our neighbor.

Have a safe and blessed Labor Day weekend.

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, September 12 – 4:00pm**
Lector: T. Borgman
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, September 13 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Frater
Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater
- **Sunday, September 13 – 10:30am**
Lector: L. Moran
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Olivares; J. Cross; 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 23 Response/Gospel A77, Hymnal Readings #1101;

Song of Gathering: #609 God, Our God of Distant Ages

Offertory: #747 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Song of Communion: #551 Let the Hungry Come to Me

Rec: #856 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 7

7:30am: Ted Borgman

Tuesday, September 8

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Wednesday, September 9

7:30am: +Maria Sly George

Thursday, September 10

7:30am: +Maria Sly George

Friday, September 11

7:30am: (9-1-1 Remembrance & Prayers)

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

9:00am: +Therese Marie LaPorte Bensen

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

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention September 2026:

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS IN SEPTEMBER FOR THESE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Assumption Church

For the repose of the souls of Alfred Joseph Boese and Anthony & Annie Tortorich & family, requested by Sera Boese.

St. Mary's Chapel

For the repose of the soul of Maria Sly George and for continued prayers for Theodore H. George, Sr., and his family, requested by parishioner

Treasure & Stewardship

Giving Update: Aug. 29 & 30, 2026:

\$826.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,950.00	Loose Collection
\$182.00	Donations/Legacies
\$50.00	Mass Stipends
\$691.29	Miscellaneous reimbursements
\$890.15	Online Giving
\$4,589.44	Total Giving

Thank you for generosity! - Fr. Chung

Weekly Offering



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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. We ended the month of August with 468 food donations. Thanks!

Year to Date = 4,422

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags Available next weekend!

Please support our brown bag ministry and give a bag of food and supplies to a homeless neighbor.

Buy a bag after Mass on
September 12 & 13.

Thank you!



Fr. Tat, Congratulations on your 20th Ordination Anniversary!

Fr. Tat was ordained in our parish at St. Mary's Assumption Church in 2006. He currently serves as Pastor of St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

May God bless you and your ministry.
We thank you for celebrating Mass
with us this Sunday.

-Fr. Chung & Redemptorist community



Baptisms

St. Alphonsus Parish
Welcomed
Alisson Maria Lopez
August 22, 2026

Into the family of the Catholic Church

BLESSED SEELOS HEALING MASS CONFESSIONS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 4:00PM
ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH

919 Josephine St, New Orleans



Presider & Homilist

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD
Archbishop of New Orleans

Live on facebook.com/SeelosShrine

*Parking available on St. Andrew Street
(between Magazine & Constance)
or on Josephine St. across from church*



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Chân thành kính mời toàn thể dân Chúa
về lại Đền Thánh Seelos

TĨNH TÂM



THÁNH LỄ CHỮA LÀNH

để tôn vinh Thiên Chúa, nâng đỡ nhau
sống niềm tin hy vọng, và lãnh nhận ơn
chữa lành qua lời chuyển cầu của
Chân Phước Phanxico Xavie Seelos



CHÚA NHẬT

NGÀY 4 THÁNG 10, NĂM 2026



2:00 PM – TĨNH TÂM

Cha Phêrô Nguyễn Bá Quốc-Linh, CSsR
hướng dẫn.



3:00 PM – THÁNH LỄ CHỮA LÀNH
(TIẾNG VIỆT)

Cha Linh chủ tế và thuyết giảng.



NHÀ THỜ

ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION

923 Josephine St.
New Orleans, LA. 70130



Cha Phêrô

Nguyễn Bá Quốc-Linh, CSsR

Giám Đốc Ôn Gọi



Mọi chi tiết, xin liên lạc
Cha Tạ Thanh Bình, CSsR
Giám Đốc Trung Tâm Đền Thánh Seelos



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St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Evangelina (lost home in fire)

Joyce

Larry Schmidt & family

Carrie & her son Adam

Kim's back

Aimee

Skip's shoulder recovery

Ted's heart health

Theresa

World peace and end to all wars

Raymond's eye recovery

8-year old Lillian's health

Ema

Mike

Duaine's diabetic health issues

Young family's child with autism

UPDATES: Luke, a autistic student is doing well in 4th grade.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jillian who died of ALS, and for the repose of the soul of Isabelle Russell Russo who passed recently and her 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.

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



Archdiocesan-Wide Evenings of Confession

To our parishioners: the dates for the Archdiocesan-wide evenings of confession are set for

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
from

5:00pm-6:30pm at
St. Mary's Assumption Church.

Please save this date!

-Fr. Chung



Eucharist for Our Homebound Members

If you or a loved one are homebound and unable to attend Mass, but wish to receive the Holy Communion, please contact our parish office at 504-522-6748 or email us at StAlsNola@gmail.com, to arrange a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister.

We are here to support you — Fr. Chung

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



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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

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