

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



September 13, 2026

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this week's Gospel readings, we learn to turn our hearts toward one of Jesus's most transformative teachings: "**forgiveness**". When Peter asked Jesus how many times he needs to forgive someone who sinned against him; Jesus answered him with a profound number, Jesus tells him, "***I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times (Mt 18: 21-22).***" Jesus was not teaching a math problem; He was revealing the boundless nature of God's mercy and forgiveness. He is saying there is no limit that should be put on forgiveness.

Jesus knew that forgiveness is not an easy task. And his apostles struggled with it, just as we do, today. The Apostles lived in a world where revenge was normal and people held grudges. Yet, Jesus called them and he calls us to something drastically different; a heart that refuses to keep score, a spirit that releases resentment, and a love that mirrors God's own compassion.

Forgiveness is not pretending the hurt did not happen. Instead, it is choosing not to let the hurt define us. It is the quiet of courage to say, "Lord, heal what I cannot fix on my own." When Jesus taught His apostles to forgive, he was teaching them how to live free – free from bitterness, free from anger, and free to love as He loves.

As we go into this week, may we ask the Holy Spirit to soften our hearts. May we remember that forgiveness is not a one-time act, but a way of life. And may we trust that every step toward mercy draws us closer to Christ Himself.

Pax,

Fr. Chung Tran, C.Ss.R.



St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain: If you would like us to pray for you, or for a loved one, email us at StAlsPrayers@gmail.com. Leave your *first name* and *reason* for the 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 and God Bless.**

Prayer Requests: We are currently praying for Rosealinda & Jimmie, All those suffering from the earthquake of Nepal, Jennifer, Grandma Jo, Ryan, Ema, Judy & Gene, Kim P., Larry, Mike's health; Emile, Duaine, Skip's shoulder recovery, Theo G., protection from storms, and for all prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, and for all our prayer intentions spoken and unspoken. **Amen.**

Special Intentions: Prayers for the repose of Father Michael Sikon and a dear friend Sandy who passed recently. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Isabelle Russell Russo and her family. Prayers for Pope Leo, and for Archbishop James Checchio and for all of our Redemptorist priests, brothers, sisters...Blessed Francis Seelos pray for us. **Amen.**

Updated: 9/7/26

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, September 19 – 4:00pm**
Lector: T. Borgman
Eucharistic Minister: M. Kauchak
- **Sunday, September 20 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Frater
Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater
- **Sunday, September 20 – 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 24 Response/Gospel A78, Hymnal Readings #1104;

Song of Gathering: #685 God, the Father of Your People

Offertory: #724 I Come with Joy

Song of Communion: #544 I Received the Living God

Rec: #642 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 14

7:30am: Dr. Michael Giorlando

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Thursday, September 17

7:30am: +Sharon Schmidt

Friday, September 18

7:30am: +Isabelle Russo

Saturday, September 19

4:00pm: +Therese Bensen

Sunday, September 20

9:00am: +Hugh Davis, III

+Angelo Brocato, III

10:30am: +Maria Fernandez (birthday)

12:30pm: All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Second Collection Next Weekend

We will take up a second collection on
September 19 & 20 for the
Catholic Communications Campaign.

(Envelopes will be available in church)

Thank you.



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: Sep. 5 & 6, 2026:

\$1,311.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$2,118.00	Loose Collection
\$150.00	Donations/Legacies
\$2,523.55	Online Giving
\$6,102.55	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 struggling with hunger living in our community. Each food item helps someone in need! Thank you.

September = 42

Year to Date = 4,447

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
Youth & Young Adult Ministry

CHRIST IN THE CITY

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS
Adoration • Reconciliation • Fellowship

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15,
2026
7:00 PM**

Notre Dame Seminary Chapel
2901 S. Carrollton Ave.,
New Orleans

nolacatholic.org/citc



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

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



GUILD MINISTRY

Brown Bags Available at All Masses!

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!

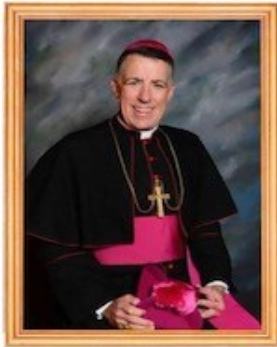
Upcoming Blessed Seelos Healing Masses!

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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH

919 Josephine St, New Orleans

2:00 PM: TĨNH TÂM

3:00 PM: THÁNH LỄ CHỮA LÀNH

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Cha. Phero Nguyễn Bá Quốc-Linh, C.Ss.R.

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The Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Seelos



O my God, I truly believe You are present with me. I adore your bountiful goodness. I thank You for the graces and gifts You gave to Father Seelos. If it is Your Holy Will, please let him be Declared a Saint of the Church so that others may know and imitate his holy life. Amen.

Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. was born on January 11, 1819 in Fussen, Bavaria, Germany. Having expressed a desire for the priesthood since childhood, he entered the diocesan seminary in 1842 after completing his studies in philosophy. He joined the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and he came to America in 1843. He was ordained on December 22, 1844. Three years after his ordination, he was appointed Master of Novices and spent one third of his priestly life training future priests. In 1860, Bishop O'Connor wanted to make him Bishop of Pittsburgh, but he asked to be able to remain a humble priest. His request was granted. He transferred to New Orleans in 1866, and he contracted Yellow Fever while caring and ministering to the sick, and he died on October 4, 1867. Many miracles are attributed to him both during his life and after his death.

Pray for us.

Prayer of Blessed Kaspar Stangassinger (September 26)



Blessed Kaspar Stangassinger, teacher, mentor, missionary and Redemptorist: You were present to the youth who were hungry for God's love and mercy. You made yourself available, preached the word, sought forgiveness, and offered compassion to all who came to you. Bless the youth and young adults of our community. Instill in them a sense of vocation that helps them witness God's plentiful redemption to all the world in all they do. And finally, guide all Redemptorist seminarians as they discern their call to religious life. Amen.

Pray for us.



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

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Sheila McDermott, Vocalist, 504-522-6748

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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



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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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