

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



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2025

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

504.522.6748 | Parish Website: StAlphonsusNO.com

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 5th is the feast day of Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R., a German Redemptorist missionary priest remembered for his joyful spirit, tireless pastoral care, and deep love for the poor. Father Seelos was born in Fussen, Bavaria, Germany on January 11, 1819. He began to study theology in preparation to enter the seminary where he was admitted on September 19, 1842. It was during this time that through his acquaintance with the missionaries of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, he came to know both the charism of the Institute, founded to evangelize the most abandoned, and its apostolic works, especially those among the immigrants in the United States of America. Receiving the necessary approval on November 22, 1842, he sailed the following March 17, from the port of Le Havre, France, arriving in New York on April 20, 1843. On December 22, 1844, after having completed his theological studies and novitiate, Seelos was ordained a Priest in the Redemptorist Church of St. James in Baltimore, Maryland.

Father Seelos was known for his warmth, humility and accessibility. He heard confessions in German, English and French, he preached missions, he cared for the poor, sick, and outcasts. In 1866, he was assigned to the parish the Assumption in New Orleans as pastor, here at St. Mary's Assumption Church. He enjoyed devoting his time to children's catechesis and to guiding young Redemptorists. He also loved caring for those most abandoned. His cheerful ascetic reputation came from a life of prayer, penance and joy. He served the community of New Orleans for a year and he died on October 4, 1867. Father Seelos died from yellow fever at the age of 48. And he was laid to rest at St. Mary's Assumption Church under the statue of Our Mother of Sorrows, which he had blessed before his death, and where he had prayed as the parish priest.

He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000. Blessed Seelos is honored as a missionary zeal, for his pastoral compassion. We pray for Blessed Seelos' canonization as a saint. The cause for 'Blessed Seelos' canonization goes on today. The National Shrine of Blessed Seelos continues to receive a steady flow of pilgrims from near and far, who come to pray for intercessions of Fr. Seelos in their needs. His simple message continues to inspire us today, "Be holy. Be happy."

We are very happy that our parishioners, neighbors and visitors have joined us for Mass this weekend. We also thank Archbishop James Checchio for celebrating our Blessed Seelos Healing Mass on October 3 and we thank Fr. Phero Nguyen Ba Quoc-Linh, C.Ss.R., for also celebrating our Vietnamese speaking Blessed Seelos Healing Mass on October 4. We pray that all your intercessory prayers are answered and you receive God's abundant blessings.

Blessed Seelos, Pray for us!

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- **Saturday, October 10 – 4:00pm**
Lector: D. Gaiennie
Eucharistic Minister: S. Gaiennie
- **Sunday, October 11 – 9:00am (Chapel)**
Lector: T. Frater
Eucharistic Minister: E. Frater
- **Sunday, October 11 – 10:30am**
Lector: T. Schaffer
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cross; B. Fleischer; 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 27 Response/Gospel A81, Hymnal Readings #1113;

Song of Gathering: #664 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Offertory: #893 For the Fruits of All Creation

Song of Communion: #710 Make Your Home in Me

Rec: #463 Thine Be the Glory

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention October 2026:

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

4:00pm: Curtis Pellerin
+Peter E. Scherer, Jr.
+Theodore Borgman, Sr. (birthday)

Sunday, October 4

9:00am All St. Alphonsus Parishioners

10:30am: +Fr Steve Wilson, C.Ss.R.
+Anne Dragon Crawford

12:30pm: +Ekaterina Sitnikova

Monday, October 5

7:30am: +Dr. AJ & Marie Giorlando
+Angelo Brocato, III

Tuesday, October 6

7:30am: +Louise Grasser

Wednesday, October 7

7:30am: +James A. Waldron
+Isabelle Russo

Thursday, October 8

7:30am: +Sharon Schmidt

Friday, October 9

7:30am: +Sharon Schmidt

Saturday, October 10

4:00pm: Fr. William Lechnar
+Isabelle Russo

Sunday, October 11

9:00am: +Louise Grasser
10:30am: In Thanksgiving to Fr. Seelos (Colleen)
+Sharon Schmidt



SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS IN OCTOBER FOR THESE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Special Intentions for James & Pauline Cao
and family, requested by James & Pauline Cao.

St. Mary's Chapel

For the repose of the soul of Sally McNeil-
Blimling and prayers for Jennifer Kelly Serio
and family, requested
by parishioner

Treasure & Stewardship

Giving Update: Sep. 26 & 27, 2026:

\$836.00	Weekly Envelopes
\$1,920.00	Loose Collection
\$705.00	Donations/Legacies
\$1,000.00	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
\$15.00	Mass Stipends
\$1,320.00	Miscellaneous reimbursements
\$1,080.10	Online Giving
\$6,876.10	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 Hope House. All non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the back of church at Mass each week. We thank a kind parishioner for donating over 70 food items this week. Thank you!

September = 371

Year to Date = 4,776

-Forres Collins, Food Drive Coordinator.

WEDDING BANNERS

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**October 10 – William Montalbano &
Madeleine Perkins**

**October 30 – Patrick Scott &
Frances Mathies**

May God's bless these couples
as they prepare for the
sacrament of marriage.



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 for \$2 after Mass on **October 10 & 11**.

Thank you!



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Join us next Saturday, October 10
St. Mary's Assumption Church at 10am

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. Please bring your pet or pets to a Blessing of the Animals and meet Fr. Andy in the courtyard of St. Mary's Church. Father will lead us in prayer and bless the animals that mean so much to us.

**All pets are welcome with a responsible
adult present at all times.**

Join us for Blessed Seelos Healing Mass!

BLESSED SEELOS VIETNAMESE
TỈNH TÂM & THÁNH LỄ CHỮA LÀNH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH

919 Josephine St, New Orleans

2:00 PM: TỈNH TÂM

3:00 PM: THÁNH LỄ CHỮA LÀNH

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on St. Andrew Street

(between Magazine & Constance)

or on Josephine St. across from church



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

Mor chi tiết, xin liên lạc

cha ta thanh Binh, C.Ss.R.

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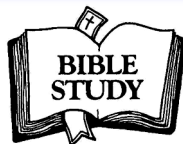
Redemptorist Vocations: Come & Pray Weekend:

If you feel called to the religious life, or if you have questions or interests in becoming a priest, brother or deacon – please contact Fr. Chuong Cao, C.Ss.R., Vocations Director at chuongcssr@yahoo.com or call 228-233-6413. Fr. Cao and some seminarian students will be visiting our church and the Seelos Shrine and parish on October 1- 4, 2026.

They would be happy to share their stories with you, their daily rhythm of prayer, and you can share in meals and conversations with them.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Cao.

Thank you.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome to join Fr. Chung
Saturday, October 10th,
(9am to 10:30am)
Sisters of Mercy Convent
1017 St. Andrew St., New Orleans

Join us for an inspiring bible study and learn more about the history of the early church and God's word.

(Doors will open at 8:45am for coffee!)

Call us at 504-522-6748

Please invite your family & friends!

**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.

St. Alphonsus Prayer Chain:



Please remember to pray for:

Emma
Judy & Gene for healing
Larry Schmidt & family
Emile
Mike's health
Gretchen
Kim's back recovery
Dino's foot injury

Prayers for all those who are struggling with illnesses and health issues

World peace and end to all wars

Tom
Father William's health
Sharie
Lindy
Skip's shoulder recovery
Raymond
Rebecca
Rickey
Tommy & Mignon

UPDATES: Duaine did not have an infection in his good foot. He only needs a few follow-up visits to heal the wound.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Michael Sikon. And for a dear friend, Sandy who died recently.

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.

(Updated 9/29/26)



Join us for St. Alphonsus Parish's annual Family Day!

Join us for 10:30am bilingual Mass at St. Mary's Assumption Church, following Mass, we will gather in St. Mary's courtyard at 11:30am for fun, food & fellowship!

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

Bring your favorite folding chair!

We will need volunteers! to help set-up, serve food, and clean-up.

We are joyfully gathering **new gifts and gift cards** to create beautiful gift baskets for our Raffle Prizes. Gift basket ideas include: Spa Gift basket, Saints theme basket, Gourmet Food baskets, and others. Please bring your donated gifts and gift cards to the church office, located at 2030 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm. Thank you!

(SEE Sign-up sheets in the back of church)

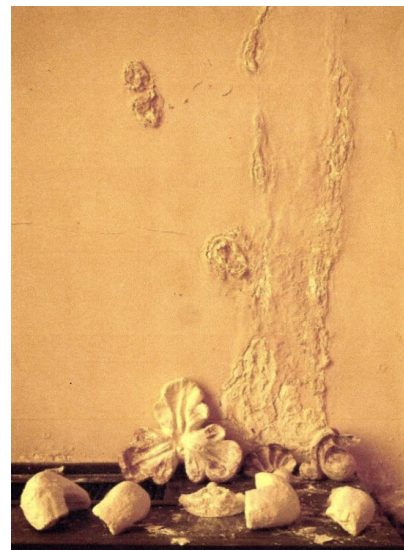
Call 504-522-6748 if you would like to bring a dish or if you would like to help.

Now that we have finished Phase 1 of Exterior renovations, **we are in the process of raising funds for Phase 2 of Interior renovations** in hopes of repairing the church's interior cracked plaster walls, repairing broken plaster moldings, repainting the walls with historic colors, and other interior repairs as needed. Please help preserve this sacred space and make a contribution today to "Save St. Mary's Campaign and Restoration Fund". **Thank you!**

Save St. Mary's Assumption Church—Restoration Capital Campaign



Some pictures of the interior damage and repairs needed to the church's ceilings, walls, plaster moldings and decorations, and repainting restoration.



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
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