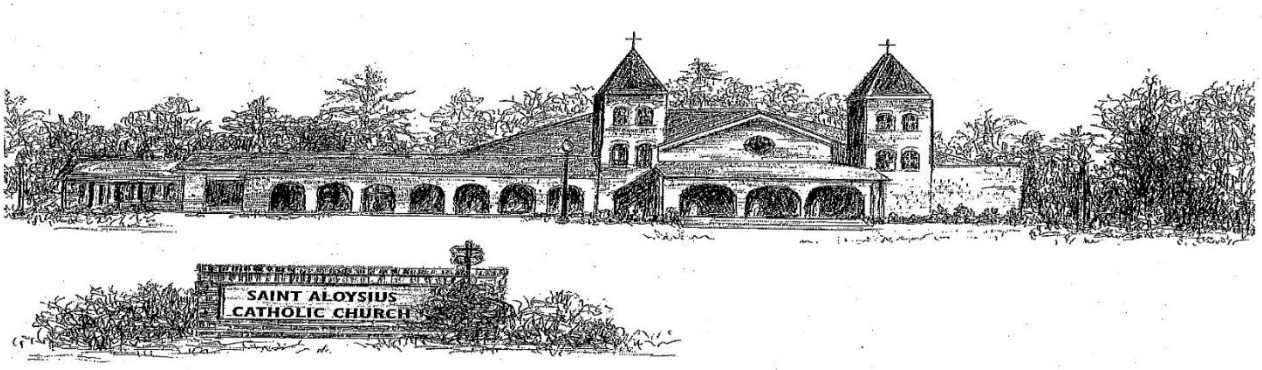

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 29th, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

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Oliver Lopez (205) 283 9169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
For more information contact the Church Office or the priest for Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Couples planning marriage must meet with the priest at least six months before your proposed date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please contact the Church Office or Fr. Jose.

FUNERALS
In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office *before* making arrangements with a funeral home.

SUNDAY BULLETIN
Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the *first Saturday of every month*, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway MaryAnn Simonetti	Rose Wilson Gary Adams Mary Walker

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones	Dot Herald Johana Findley Phyllis Walker Dixie Lenseigne

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
The Oaks on Parkwood	
Jean Sullivan	Rudy Cooper
Encompass Rehabilitation Center	
Eddie Allison	

If you need any assistance for the spiritual needs of the sick or shut-in, or know someone who is well enough to be removed from this list, please contact the Church Office at (205) 424 2984, or email to: info@staloysiuscc.org

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

AIR FORCE	**ARMY**
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella Nolan Chavers
MARINE	**U.S. INTELLIGENCE**
Grace Oldham	Daniel Thomas

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloysiuscc.org *with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.*

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. *Sheila Zito* e-mails prayer requests for the parish, Mother of Christ Altar Guild, and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people's requests, contact *Sheila* at fsz321@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5 (✞ = Deceased)		
Sunday 9:30am	Nov. 29	(S) Gary Adams
Monday 6:30pm	Nov. 30	✞ Becky Colpack
Tuesday 12 Noon	Dec. 1	✞ Irene Gavaghan
Wednesday 12 Noon	Dec. 2	(S) Rose Wilson
Thursday 8:00 am	Dec. 3	(S) Kelly Popee
Friday 12 Noon	Dec. 4	✞ Jim Ceyte
Saturday 4:30pm	Dec. 5	✞ Esther L. Kane

*Sunday, December 6th, (BD) *Nash Allen Whitson*

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, mail or in the office. You can also register on **Online Giving App** or website and request a Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Lord has blessed each of us abundantly by giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Come learn how He desires to work in your life every day. The group meets **every Thursday** of the month (**except the 2nd Thursday**) in the Church at **6:30 p.m**. Come join us in prayer and worship and release your gifts of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at (205) 531-0930 or kathytortorice@gmail.com.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The choir practices on **Wednesdays** at **6:00 p.m**. at the church. Anyone who wants to join the choir can contact *Paula Clowdus* at (205) 382-0845 or talk to any choir member.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

All are invited to join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am during Adoration to pray the Rosary together.

All are welcome to pray the Rosary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

December 6th, 2026, Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11*

Psalm: *Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14*

Second: *Second Peter 3: 8-14*

Alleluia: *Luke 3: 4, 6*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 1-8*

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

- To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.
- To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.
- To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.
- To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Charles Ellis, *President (205) 365 5896*
Vickie Gavin, *Vice Chairperson (205) 451 5318*
Michael Tomberlin, *Secretary (205) 260-8821*
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Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Angie Cacioppo *(205) 281 1901*

Holy Family Altar Guild
Kellie Whitson *(205) 296 3390*

Knights of Columbus
Anthony Rupert *(205) 428 6600*

Men's Society
Charles Ellis *(205) 365 5896*
Jim Galloway *(205) 516 1645*

Music Ministry
Paula Clowdus *(205) 382 0845*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, December 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00a.m. English Mass
7:30p.m. Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 12th
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST
5:00AM Mañanitas
4:30pm Holy Mass (English)
5:30 PM Traditional Mexican Danza
6:00 PM Blessing of Cars
7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)
Procession and dinner after Mass.

Sunday, December 13th
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2:00PM



MONDAY, December 14TH, NO MASS

Friday & Saturday, December 18th - 19th
ADVENT CONFESSION DAY
Friday, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. (Spanish)
Saturday, from 9:00am -12:00pm. (English)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your offering envelopes for the coming year during the weekend of December 5 and 6. Registered parishioners will find a box of envelopes with their name on it. Those who are not registered may pick up a set of unlabeled envelopes.
Loose envelopes for the second collection will also be available.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION First Saturday of the Month

*All are welcome to come and spend time with our Lord in prayer during Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday, December 5th**, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Nov. 22:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	$10,070.00
Donations:	$6,641.00
Difference:	-$3,429.00

November 29th, 2026	
Families registered in the parish	*333 / 500*
Spanish Religious Education	*FC 30 / C 26*



EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH: OCIA CLASSES

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) offers a welcoming opportunity to explore Church teachings, ask questions, and deepen your faith.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, preparing for the Sacraments, or simply curious about the faith, all are welcome!

Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30p.m. Contact the church office 205-424-2984, or Phil Neely, pneely@j-neely.com for further information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



November 30 . . . . . Anthony Rupert
December 2 . . . Aleathia Jackson, Donna Mai Dougil
December 4 . . . Bonnie Farr, Sydney McCoy
December 5 . . . John London McCullough
December 6 . . . Jena Shourds

CHURCH FOR CHILDREN

Children aged 3 to 6 are invited to participate in "Church for Children" during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, where they will learn about Jesus through catechesis and age-appropriate activities, while their parents attend Mass.

ONLINE GIVING

We gratefully accept online donations through **www.osvhub.com**. Simply scan the QR code or visit the website to make your donation. You will only need an email address to complete the process.

Scan the QR code to give online.

If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

THANK YOU, CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS!

We wish to express our gratitude for all those who helped vacuum and polish the pews and woodwork in the church last Saturday. The support from our parishioners is much appreciated.

Donna Ponder, Stand Hudson,
Marilyn Ellis, Geoff Bull,
Glenda Mernaugh, Ray Mernaugh,
Ian Smart, Carlyn Smart,
Alex Smart, Carla Smart,
Carol Tate, Sheila Freeman,
Kathy Tortorice, Bruce Jones,
Randy Clowdus and Paula Clowdus.



Preparing for Advent through Confession

Advent is a season of waiting, repentance, and preparation; confession is one of the most direct ways to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3) and welcome the coming of Christ with a clean heart.

Why is confession appropriate for Advent?

Although Advent is not Lent, it nonetheless carries a call to conversion. The Church's readings during Advent—especially John the Baptist's call to repentance (Luke 3:4–6)—invite us to remove whatever stands between us and God, so that we may receive Communion at Christmas with a lighter heart.

Confession is one of the most direct ways to respond to this call.



Please join the combined

St. Aloysius Church Choirs

English, Spanish and Indian

In a festive and joyous Concert featuring a beautiful selection of Sacred and Secular Christmas Music.

Sunday, December 13th, at 2:00 PM.

We hope to see you all

December Schedule

Tuesday, December 8th
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM English Mass (with Choir)
7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00AM Mañanitas
4:30 PM English Mass
5:30 PM Traditional Mexican Danza
6:00 PM Blessing of Cars
7:00 PM Spanish Mass
Procession and dinner after Mass.

Sunday, December 13th

St. Aloysius Family Get Together Christmas Concert.

St. Aloysius Church Choirs: English, Spanish and Indian Communities together at 2:00PM

Friday & Saturday, December 18th - 19th

Advent Confession Day & Adoration

FRIDAY 12:30 PM Adoration (after 12 Noon Mass, until Saturday 1:30PM)
FRIDAY 6PM – 9PM Spanish Confessions
SATURDAY 9:00AM – 12:00PM English Confessions.

Christmas Schedule

Thursday, December 24th (Office closed)

Christmas Eve

4:00PM English Mass

(Beginning with Carols at 3:30PM with Saint Aloysius Choir).

7:30PM Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 25th (Office closed)
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

9:00 a.m. English Mass

10:30 a.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 27th

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM English Mass

12:00 PM Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

12:00 Noon English Mass

12:00 Midnight Bilingual Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Office closed)
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM English Mass

10:30 AM Spanish Mass