



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

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. Father Reju is ready to help with funerals.

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the Church Office.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Reju at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: LUKE 5:1-11

■ Verse 2, “He saw two boats...” Verse 3, “He got into one of them...” As Simon, we are always busy with our own lives. Simon was cleaning the nets and Jesus asked him “to put out a little way from the shore.” Most of our efforts are futile. Simon is desperate as he couldn’t catch many fish. Now Jesus is asking whether Simon wants Jesus onboard. And He is asking the same to each one of us. Yes, please welcome Jesus into your lives so that your efforts may produce more fruit.

■ Jesus of Nazareth is a carpenter. Simon is a fisherman. Carpenter is now telling fisherman how and where to fish! God’s interventions in our lives may seem to be ironic. Simon was ready to let go of his ego as a fisherman. We also should be ready to let go of our own notions and plans of life. Simon was controlling the boat. But now he is following the orders of the Lord. He was willing to give the Lord a chance. He was open to new challenges. All the more Simon trusted the Lord onboard.

■ Verse 4 reads, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets.” You are not sure, what is there under the deep waters? There is no guarantee. Yes, if you want to witness miracles, trusting God, you should be ready to take risks. You have let down the nets of your faith for more results. If you want to have a better catch of fish—a better course of life—first welcome God into your life; trust Him; and follow His orders. Let go of your knowledge, ego, and your own plans. Trusting the Lord, be ready to take challenges/risks.

■ Verse 11 tells us the condition to follow Jesus (to become a Christian) is to leave everything behind! Yes we have to leave everything and follow Him. Just ask oneself: what have you left behind in order to be a Christian? A Christian with lots of possessions becomes an irony here!

■ Verse 10 says, “Do not be afraid.” If you welcome Jesus to your life, then you need not be afraid of anything. He is always with you and will take care of you. What are all the fears you have at the moment? Open up and give all your anxieties and fears to the Lord. He will take it all. You will be safe and sound.

■ Verse 8, “I am a sinful man.” It is Peter’s confession. When you look at the eyes of the Lord, you will be able to see yourself as the Lord sees you. That is real repentance. That is what happened to Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8. That real repentance led Simon and

Zacchaeus to let go of their possessions. Leaving everything they had, they became Christians/followers of Christ.

■ Dear friends, Christian identity is a call of God; to trust Him; to follow Him. He gives you possessions just be shared with others. Don’t ever keep it for yourself. Christians leave everything and follow God. The Lord takes care of you, so don’t be afraid. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 5 – 13

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Joseph Giardina
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) † Davene Lovoy
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) Kathy Evans
Wednesday † Lavon Christmas
Thursday † Frankie Russo
Friday Susan & Tom Combs
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Vickie Stoves
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Ronnie George
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Bobby Campbell**, who is survived by seven siblings including Margaret Campbell and Linda Rackley, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

February 5: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

February 8: Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN’S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will hold a special called meeting on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 13 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Jimmy Johnson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$5,036.00	\$1,914.00	\$33,897.50
Building Fund	\$ 280.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 3,173.50

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

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.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our **General Intercessions.**

Eddie & Penny Allison	Jim & Nancy Franklin	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci
JoAnne Antonio	Rev. Len Gavin	Stanley Szafransky
Myra Antonio	Ronnie George	Steve Tate
Ann Baker	John V. Jones, Jr.	Powell Thompson
George Bratton	Meredith Jones	Irene Tutten
Kathy Evans	Ginger Russo Mosley	Marilyn West

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

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

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
Secretary (position to be filled)
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Keyes, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will be served one Sunday a month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Narthex. This month it is next Sunday, February 13. Come join us!

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Adult Education Class is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

V.I.P. MASS

Saint Aloysius Parish celebrates a Mass for special people (V.I.P.) on the second Saturday of each month at Noon (February 12). This Liturgy is for those who are uncomfortable attending a weekend Mass due to COVID-19 concerns. Face masks must be worn, social distancing will be observed, and hand sanitizer will be available. Feel free to invite others who do not attend our parish. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office.

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

All members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2631 are invited to attend an important meeting on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information, please call Joey Ceravolo, Grand Knight, at 205-966-1842.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.



Pray More Rosaries

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to pray before Mass begins. Confessions can also be heard during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or after daily Mass. No confessions will be heard on Sundays.

“THE WILD GOOSE” IS COMING

“The Wild Goose” is a highly acclaimed video series by Father Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., President of the University of Steubenville, showing you how you can supercharge your life with the Holy Spirit. The half-hour video is followed by group discussion. The series begins Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. following Mass in the Church. An online presentation of the series will be shown beginning Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in your own home. For more information, please email mhbear1@gmail.com.

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE

On Friday, February 25 a young adult (ages 18-25) Mardi Gras Masquerade dance will be held in the Great Hall at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by The Chekmates. For those interested, a dance class will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share. Attire is semi-formal to formal. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Yaeger at marybethcm@stephenthemartyr.com.

RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold several upcoming retreats:

- *Spending the Day in the Desert with Jesus:* March 30, led by Father Stephen J. Giorno, S.T.
- *Encountering the Divine in the Beauty Around Us:* April 1-3, led by Sister Terry Bretthauer
- *Annual Men’s Retreat—Gospel of Luke:* April 29-May 1, led by Father Guy Wilson, S.T.
- *Healing Retreats:* September 2-4, led by Father Matt Linn

For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or visit www.msbt.org/btsr.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites all married couples to Renew the Romance, Revitalize Your Marriage, Communicate More Openly, Find Deeper Intimacy, Focus on Your Spouse and Share the Joy with the One You Love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Encounter is a 44-hour getaway for married couples where they can focus on each other. If you would like to recall the shared hopes and dreams you had during your initial romance phase in your relationship, you’ll appreciate your time together on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend will be on March 25—27 at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information or to register, please visit www.wwme.org or call Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February 6. John Boolos, Adriana Arellano, Ana Guadalupe Perez
February 7. Tellis Jolivette, Jr., Jacob McGuire
February 8. Mary Walker
February 9. Trent Marshall, Pam Mello, Vickie Likis, Dylan Cruz
February 10. Jacqueline Mareno, Cameron Galloway
February 12. Brenda Hinton