



## *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

*January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984  
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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mrs. Patricia Rector 205 424 2984  
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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

#### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

#### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday (Father celebrates his mass privately for your intention)  
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

#### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

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

#### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English) & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish.

#### **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 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>		
Mary Curry Billy Jones Vicki Whitley Marty Drake Mike Wheeler Miranda and Short families JoAnn Antonio Don Jones Hannan Wilson Allene Armstrong Aneli Romero	Gloria Hilty Tina Artale Lesa Manzella Jeff Brasfield Deacon Walter Henderson Lance & Megan Rosser Joanne Lape Linda Miller Dolores Carroll Beth McCandless John Combs	Renea Mareno Judy Wesson Bernice Keyes Blair Hamm Johnny McCullough Scott Baby James Owens Genevieve Bruce Adam Stoves Julia Neely Ann and Bobby Sims Mary LaRussa Beverage

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr.	Meredith Jones Dot Herald Charlene Mareno Caroline Tamburello Stephen Tate

*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@staloyuscc.org](mailto:info@staloyuscc.org)*

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

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

<b><u>AIR FORCE</u></b>	<b><u>ARMY</u></b>
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García
<b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b>	
Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

		<b>February</b> († = Deceased)	
Monday (Private Mass)	February		
Tuesday 12 Noon	February		
Wednesday 12 Noon	February		
Thursday 12 Noon	February		
Friday 12 Noon	February		
Saturday 4:30pm	February 3	(S) Carl McDaniel	
Sunday 8:30am	February 4	(BD) Kathy Tortorice	
10:00am		† Thomas Dempsey	

**NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, email or by completing an office form and dropping it into the Narthex drop box. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

**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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER**

*Dear Saint Pio, for fifty years every day you endured the immense pains of the Stigmata, the five wounds of Christ Crucified. In your caring goodness, intercede for (here mention name . . .) who is truly in need of miraculous assistance.*

*If it be God's will, I ask that the gift of complete healing, in every location of the body and from all forms of cancer, be granted to (name . . .).*

*Comfort (name . . .) during times of pain, anguish, confusion and despair.*

*Gracious Savior to grant (name . . .) inner peace, patience in suffering and the grace to be restored to full physical health.*

*Through God's healing graces, grant (name . . .) a life of happiness, wellbeing and abiding love here on earth, and one day, the joy of eternal glory in God's loving embrace. Amen.*

## **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  
Vickie Gavin, Vice Chairperson  
Michael Tomberlin, Secretary  
Gabriel Lopez  
Phillip Galloway  
Eddie Blanco  
Kelly Whitson  
Yolanda Ruiz

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson  
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson  
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

### **MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON**

Mother of Christ Altar Guild  
Diane McDowell (205) 491 7931  
Holy Family Altar Guild  
Heather Lawley (205) 410 3757  
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

### **Fr. Reju's Vacations**

Fr. Reju is on vacations in India until February 8. If you need to contact him, or you want to send him any text message to said hello, you can do it via WhatsApp at 91 974 56 03863. **\*Remember there will be NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS. The Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule will be as usual.**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

From Monday, January 15 through Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>., Presentation of the Lord, on all weekdays. We will have Rosary, Plenary Indulgence Prayers and Holy Communion Service. We will start the Service at 11:30a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday this year is February 14.  
12 noon, (English);  
6:00 p.m. (English); and  
7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

### **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of MARK ANTHONY MUSSO. Mark died peacefully at home after a short illness. He was predeceased by parents Vera and Joe Musso. He was survived by his daughter Cam White and sister Lana Woolweaver (Phil). His gentle and generous spirit will be missed. May God receive Mark's soul and grant him Eternal Rest, and Peace, in HIS Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort all who mourn. Father, allow this family to feel Your Presence as You offer them Your Peace. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### **Mass to honor Consecrated Religious**

A Mass honoring all consecrated religious will be held Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m.

### **World Marriage Day**

A Mass marking World Marriage Day will be held Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m.

### **ONLINE GIVING LINK**

You can make your contribution at [www.osvhub.com](http://www.osvhub.com). Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

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

Please call the office for assistance.



## JANUARY 28, 2024

Gospel Reflection Mark 1: 21-28.

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. (25-26)

The scribes, Pharisees, and the unclean spirits followed Jesus everywhere, even inside God's house of prayer! Christ Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and drew him out of there. There may be a need for us to rebuke the unclean spirits within us first. We are the temples of the Holy Spirit, yet evil can lurk inside any one of us, at any time. But Christ gave us the authority to cast out demons! – Remember: (Matthew 10:1, 7-8) Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Hence, being grafted into the discipleship of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and anointed by the first apostles, we share similar authority. – Also proclaimed by St. Paul (2 Cor 6:16-18) What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." We are also accorded sonship, with Christ as our brother! We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us the wisdom, courage, and humility to exercise our authority in our lives today. Let us walk in authority with Christ Jesus. We can recite in faith: "No weapon formed against us shall prosper, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Praise You, God, in Jesus' name, Amen!

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-280124/>

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

**Psalms** 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

**2nd Reading** First Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

**Gospel** Mark 1: 29-39

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January 29 . . . Marilyn West, Austin Land, Dale Bailey, Shannon Donaldson, Jesus Lopez  
January 30 . . . Analee Smith, Arantza Coronado  
January 31 . . . JoAnne Antonio, Lena Johnson, Diane McDowell, Analy Sánchez  
February 1 . . . Gigi Spidle, Pam Brooks, Robert Vasquez Alvarez  
February 2 . . . Jill Vann, Urias Gonzalez  
February 3 . . . **Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny**, Angela Morris, Denise Rozas, Nataly Anton  
February 4 . . . Jerry Higginbotham, Lauren Galloway

## SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

### Notice of Change in Date and Time

A group of parishioners (men and women) will now meet on **WEDNESDAY at 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

## 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](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Next Adoration Day** will be First Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. And First **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** from 4:30am – 4:30pm. If you would like to commit to an hour, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up, you will be welcome.

## PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - January 21				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	January
Offertory	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 3,423.53	\$ 16,868.53	\$ 16,868.53
Building Fund	\$ 135.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5,065.00	\$ 5,065.00
Parish School of Religion	\$ 60.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 2,406.50	\$ 720.00
	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 3,591.53	\$ 24,340.03	\$22,653.53
		\$4,875.53		



## GREAT NEWS

Rejoice and thank God St Aloysius...

We received the written permission to go ahead with the construction of the St Aloysius Parish Hall, from the Bishop's office. Parish Hall will be build next to the Church and close by the soccer field. It will be a total of 4000/sq. ft. area. Once we get the "Building Permit" are plan to do it in six months.

We have already opened a new Building Fund account. Please designate all your donations / contributions to "Building Fund" and it all will be Tax Free.

