



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

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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.

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: JOHN 20:19-23

❖ PENTECOST SUNDAY ❖

■ Acts 2:5 reads, “Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.” Why had all the Jews from around the world gathered there? What were they doing there? Acts 2:1 says, “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled...” What is this “Pentecost” mentioned here? The Holy Spirit had not yet come!

■ So before Christianity, Pentecost Feast was there. Those Jews had come to celebrate that Jewish feast. It is called “Shavout” and it could be translated as Feast of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, etc. It started on Pessah and lasted for “fifty days.” These were the days of Barley Harvest. The Greek word for ‘fiftieth’ is ‘Pentekoste.’ And so the culmination of the above said Jewish feast came to be known as Pentecost. For this feast, all the Jews from around the world were supposed to come to Jerusalem and attend the celebrations and rituals in person. That is why all are there!

■ Together with the element of ‘harvest’ there was another religious aspect attached to this Jewish ‘Feast of Weeks’ or ‘Feast of Harvest’—(Shavout). According to Jewish tradition, it is also the time when the Lord gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. It is the time God revealed the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) to Moses.

■ In the Book of Exodus 3:1-10, Moses sees the ‘Burning Bush’ and he is commissioned to deliver the Israelites from their oppressions and sufferings. Verse 10 says, “I am sending you to Pharaoh...” and verse 12, “I will be with you.” Exodus 19:18, “the Lord had descended upon the Mount Sinai in fire.” In verse 19:19, there was a blast of trumpet and “God would answer Moses in thunder.” Like this, whatever happened on Mount Sinai is remembered and celebrated at the feast of Shavout.

■ Coming to Acts 2:1-11, on this fiftieth day of Shavout, there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind...there appeared to them tongues as of fire. We call it new Pentecost. Just like Moses, now the disciples are commissioned with the power of the Holy Spirit to deliver the children of God from the devil.

■ Pentecost is a miracle of language, ‘gift of tongue.’ The Holy Spirit is the spirit of love. LOVE is the universal language which every human being can follow. In today’s first reading (Genesis 11:1-9), we read “Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says.” That is why this world has so many different languages and peoples were scattered around the world.

■ The content of the preaching of the disciples on this Pentecost day is, as prophesied by Jesus, Luke 24:47, “Repentance of forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations.” The Holy Spirit is the tongue of love. Love presupposes forgiveness. Therefore the Holy Spirit is a spirit which forgives. As much as you forgive, love grows. It is this forgiving love that every human on this earth can understand; that is the unifying language of the universe.

■ This Pentecost is challenging us. Do you have the Holy Spirit in you? Can you forgive unconditionally? Do you really love the other? God bless you abundantly with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Be able to forgive and be united in Christ. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 4 – 12

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Karen Snelling
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Charles & Kathy Tortorice
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) Mary Lee Thompson
Wednesday Bernadette McFerrin
Thursday Paul Renta
Friday † Huey Humphrey
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Mary Lou “Sissy” Spain
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Frances Giardina
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

June 5: Pentecost Sunday

June 6: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

June 9: Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

June 11: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

June 12 – The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$3,645.00	\$1,219.00	\$182,071.46
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ -0-	\$ 48,881.12

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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Caroline Tamburello

(Aspire Rehab.)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

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

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

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Lysandra Maddox**, who is survived by her sister, Donna Wilson, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

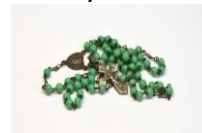
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to pray before Mass begins. Confessions can also be heard during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or after daily Mass. No confessions will be heard on Sundays.

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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second 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.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.



Pray More Rosaries

MAKING ROSARIES

Parishioner Gloria McDaniel makes knotted cord Rosaries and needs help making them. If you would like to continue (or begin) making the knotted cord rosary, I am inviting you to attend the future classes. We are going to continue making these rosaries and give them to whomever needs a rosary, or give them to the Rosary Army who in turn gives them to the Armed Services.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next meeting to make Rosaries will be on Tuesday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room near the altar. To volunteer, please text or call Gloria at 205-515-5307.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Everyone of Italian heritage is invited to the Italian American Heritage Society, which meets on the second Sunday of each month (next is June 12) at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall (1728 Oxmoor Road in Homewood) at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mary Jo Fritts at 205-222-3443.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL & 40 HOURS DEVOTION

Wondering what the Eucharistic Revival is? Well, it is a three-year “grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.” The mission of which is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Raica extends an invitation to the faithful of the diocese to take part in the local revival kick-off at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) on June 17—19. A Forty Hours Devotion will begin June 17 and culminate with a Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Birmingham on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi, at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the procession. A special invitation to be a part of the procession goes out to all parish altar servers (in altar server attire), those who have made their first communion this year (in white outfits), and members of various cultural apostolates (culturally appropriate dress). More information is on the table in the Narthex or visit www.bhmdiocese.org.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Front Desk Reception, Administrative Assistant, Cash Management Specialist, H.R. Generalist, Payroll Assistant, Marketing Support Manager, Printing and Mailing Specialist, Program Scheduling Assistant, IT Support Technician (Tiers 1 and 2), Senior Network and Systems Administrator, Traffic Assistant (Entry Level, will train), and Custodian.** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

June 8. Tilly and Nancy Bryant

June 9. Victor Flores and Myrna Merced

June 10. Tim and Kellie Whitson

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



June 5. Madison Epperson, Oscar Farias Herrera, Matt Bradley, Bill Mello

June 7. Chaz Carter, Rosemary Triola

June 8. Abi Thrailkill, Brett Weathers, Ricardo Gonzalez

June 10. Mary Paule Brennan, Hector Cruz, Itzel Lomeli, Celestina Herrera

June 11. Eddie Blanco, Pat Mead, Jamie Arroyo, Walt Nordblom



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

Bessemer, Alabama



Saint Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence with a patriotic concert on Friday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America—
The Star Spangled Banner
America the Beautiful
God Bless America
God Bless the U.S.A.
and more—will be led by members of the Saint Aloysius Choir and others—
Waylighters Gospel Quartet
- Voices of the South
Barbershop Chorus
- Harmony Hills Chorus


The Lake View American Legion Post 2011 will present the Colors and Service Flags from each branch of the military, including the POW. Please accept this invitation to honor our country and our service men and women. Come join us for a fun, patriotic birthday celebration for our nation!

Saint Aloysius is located at 751 Academy Drive Bessemer, Alabama.

Audience participation invited as we sing our national songs.



I Love America Concert
July 1, 2022 - 6:30 pm
Our 8th Year



Patriotic Concert: 6.30 - 8.00 pm

July 1st, 2022

G.R's Smokehouse at
St Aloysius Church, Bessemer
751 Academy Drive
Food Truck 4:30pm

REMEMBER & HONOR

MENU

BBQ Sandwiches

BBQ Plates

- #1 Baby Back Rib Plate ★ \$16
3-4 bone with 2 sides of your choice
- #2 Smoked Chicken Leg Quarter ★ \$13
Chicken Leg Quarter with 2 sides of your choice

Sides

- Potato Salad 4oz ★ extra side \$2
- Coleslaw 4oz ★ extra side \$2
- Vegetable Rice 4oz ★ extra side \$2
- Baked Beans 4oz ★ extra side \$2

#3 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich ★

Pulled Pork Sandwich with Chips..... \$10

#4 BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich ★

Pulled Chicken Sandwich with Chips \$10

Nachos

- #5 Pork Nachos Loaded ★ \$10
- #6 Chicken Nachos Loaded ★ \$10
- #7 Nachos & Cheese only ★ \$6

Drinks

Water, Coke, Sprite, Diet Coke ★ \$1

Come early and eat with us... All is Welcome...G.R's Smokehouse 205-881-7010