



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 21th, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984
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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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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:

| OUR SICK | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Mary Curry | Allene Armstrong | Beth McCandless |
| Billy Jones | Gloria Hilty | John Combs |
| Vicki Whitley | Tina Artale | Renea Mareno |
| Marty Drake | Lesa Manzella | Judy Wesson |
| Mike Wheeler | Jeff Brasfield | Chris Waits |
| Miranda and | Deacon Walter | Bernice Keyes |
| Short families | Henderson | Blair Hamm |
| JoAnn Antonio | Lance & Megan Rosser | Johnny McCullough |
| Don Jones | Joanne Lape | Scott |
| Hannan Wilson | Linda Miller | Baby James Owens |
| | Dolores Carroll | |

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

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

| NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS | |
|---|-------------------------|
| <u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> | <u>Plantation Manor</u> |
| Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan | 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:

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | January 27-28 († = Deceased) | |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| Monday (Private Mass) | January | | |
| Tuesday 12 Noon | January | | |
| Wednesday 12 Noon | January | | |
| Thursday 12 Noon | January | | |
| Friday 12 Noon | January 26 | | |
| Saturday 4:30pm | January 27 | † Thomas Dempsey | |
| Sunday 8:30am | January 28 | (H) Beth McCandless | |
| 10:00am | | † Mark Anthony Musso | |

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.

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 from January 15 to February 8. If you need to contact him, 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 2nd., 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. Masses will be:

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. 4th, 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. 11th, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at 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 21, 2024

Mass Reading Reflection for 21 January 2024

By Fr. Bobby Joseph CMI <https://www.catholicgallery.org/>

John the Baptist had been arrested for criticizing the sinful life of the king. It was expected to be the end by those who arrested him. But it was otherwise. Jesus, the Word of God incarnate took over the mantel. John was preaching mostly in the desert, to people who went in search of him. Jesus started preaching in the towns, in the streets, on the beaches, and in any place where He could meet people. A new era has dawned, where the word of God is near you. One may like it; one may hate it, but the Word of God is nearby.

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." The statement signifies that He is so near; if you stretch yourself a bit you can touch Him; if you open your door, you can welcome Him home; if you take a bit more effort, you can walk with Him. Because the Kingdom of God is not an idea, it is a reality and it is personified in Jesus. The invitation calls for that one final step from you.

You neither have to go up the skies nor travel to the mountains or deserts in search of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is personified in Jesus Christ and walks our streets, parks, and wherever we come together.

Jesus enters your home only if you appreciate His presence and welcome Him in. You have to get up, remove the latches of your gate, and welcome him home before it is too late. We read in the book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Rev 3:20). You don't have an eternity to answer His knock at the door. Like any other gentleman, he would wait a short while, and respect your decision not to open and pass by. If you don't welcome Jesus into your home and heart, don't expect Jesus to open the gate of eternal heaven for you.

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. Like the Kingdom of God, the Word of God is at hand. The word of God is at hand in the printed and digital form. It is up to us to stretch our hands, open, read, and let it transform us. When you let the Word of God touch you, you open your doors and let the Kingdom of God enter your home and heart. Don't forget to reach out to the Bible every day, and read at least a couple of chapters daily. Because the Word of God is the key to the Kingdom of God.

Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January 22 . . . Susan Blake, Zack Hurst, Mike Wesson, Airi Arellano, Susan Frost, Thomas Smith
January 23 . . . Ramona Pitesa, Eddie Washington, Gloria McDonald
January 24 . . . Sam Tamburello, Isabella Stokes
January 25 . . . Alicia Blake, Nathan Contreras, Sharon Bull
January 26 . . . Beth McCandless, Mary Garrison, Carime Sanchez, Vanessa Escalera
January 27 . . . Hallie Brantley, Kathi Alexander
January 28 . . . LuAnn Graham, George Pruitt, Mike Lambert, Errol Maguire

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 25 . . . Charlie and Ann Baker

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 28th, 2024, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading First Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel Mark 1: 21-28

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 kahytortorice@gmail.com.

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.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

| Parish Stewardship 2024 | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sunday - January 14 | | | | |
| Fund | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Month To Date | August + Nov. |
| Offertory | \$ 1,574.00 | \$ 4,192.00 | \$ 12,356.00 | \$ 12,356.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 715.00 | \$ 1,689.00 | \$ 4,925.00 | \$ 4,925.00 |
| Parish School of Religion | \$ 195.00 | \$ 211.00 | \$ 2,183.50 | \$ 497.00 |
| | \$ 2,484.00 | \$ 6,092.00 | \$ 19,464.50 | \$17,778.00 |
| | | \$8,576.00 | | |



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.

