



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday October 27th, 2024 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ADMINISTRATOR

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Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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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 (Father celebrates the 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

For more info contact 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
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan

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

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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

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

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to 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.

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

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 3 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	October 29	† Rosalee Salvago
Wednesday	12 Noon	October 30	† Tom Marks
Thursday	12 Noon	October 31	(S) Joe Wright
Friday	12 Noon	November 1	† Steve Tate
Saturday	4:30pm	November 2	† Rita Minor
Sunday	9:30am	November 3	† Maxine Antonio

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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) will now meet on **WEDNESDAY at 11:30 AM during adoration** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 11:30 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.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is called “Month of the Rosary” mainly because of the Feast of “Our Lady of the Rosary” which is celebrated on October 7th. Some of the benefits of praying the Rosary, as revealed by the Blessed Virgin Mother, include Protection (the rosary is a powerful weapon against hell); Praying the Rosary ensures deliverance from purgatory and provides the help of the Blessed Mother in all your needs, etc. Let us try to pray the rosary as much as we can.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

3 November 2024, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Second Hebrews 7: 23-28

Alleluia John 14: 23

Gospel Mark 12: 28b-34

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
Charles Tortorice
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kellie Whitson

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) 902 5468

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

Thursday, October 31,

12 Noon Holy Mass (English)
7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish);
followed by Rosary Procession

First Friday, November 1st,

All SAINTS Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

12 Noon Holy Mass (English)
7:00 Pm Holy Mass (Spanish)
followed by Night Vigil
12:05 am Holy Mass (Spanish)

First Saturday, November 2nd- DAY of ADORATION

All SOULS' Day

4:30 pm Holy Mass (English)
7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Join us in November 1 – 3, 2024 to enrich and renew your relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament. For more info visit the website: wwwme.org, email: Barney.Kathy.Bellard@wwme.org, or call: Barney (225) 270 8625, Kathy (225) 892 4782

CLEANING DAY

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come Saturday November 9th, at 9:00AM to polish the pews and wooden furniture and vacuum the pews. Polish, cloths and water provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845.

Thank you

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER'S MANDATORY TRAINING

We would be having a One Hour Training for all (Existing & Aspiring) Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is Mandatory for all, and is valid for Three years.

November 17, Sunday,
Time: 8:00am – 9:00 am

Make up day:
December 7, Saturday
Time: 5:30- 6:30 PM.

***Training would be held in our Church.
All are welcome!!!***

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As all human beings are sinners, we all have to go through the purifying process of God. How long this process may take? Mt 5:26 "Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny." Our prayers may let God have mercy on our beloved ones. Job 1:5 We see Job offering a Sacrifice of burned offering for the purification of his (live) children. 2 Maccabees 12:46 " Thus he (Judas) made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." So we can offer prayers and sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins of the alive and the dead alike. Jesus prayed for those who crucify him, that their sin be forgiven them.

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whatever you ask of God, God will give you." And Jesus answered this prayer by raising Lazarus from the dead. Mk 5:21-43 Jairus prays for his sick daughter , who eventually dies. Still later, Jesus answered his prayer by raising the dead girl back to life. Lk 7:12-15 Jesus answered the tears/ cry of a mother, who was a Widow from Naim, by raising her dead son back to life. Death is NOT an end in itself, and the dead can listen to the voice of the Lord. If you pray, your beloved deceased souls be given God's mercy and heaven!

May the Lord of Mercies grant eternal rest unto all the departed souls, Amen

WORLD MISSION:

Thank You for Supporting World Mission Sunday

On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," reminds us of our universal call to evangelize and support our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity helps build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services in mission territories. Thank you for being part of this vital mission and for making a lasting impact on the global Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

October 28 Austin Criss, Tyler Hurst, Cassie Hudson Scafaru

October 29. Gabriel Lopez,

October 30 Shirley Artale, Amy Cruz

November 1 Frances Tucker, Amber Butler

November 2 Gloria McDaniel, Taylor Land, Chris Nichols, Matt Herring

November 3 Mary Jones, Lillian Walker

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Oct 20				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan - Oct
General Fund	1,145.00	4,050.21	5,195.21	\$ 348,663.61
Building Fund	525.00	75.00	600.00	\$ 111,185.86
Parish School of Religion	60.00	20.00	80.00	\$ 19,357.46
	1,730.00	4,145.21	\$5,875.21	\$ 479,206.93
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NINE CONSECUTIVE NIGHT VIGILS

October 2024

Pope's urgent call for Fasting & Prayers:

Pope Francis invited the entire humanity to be united in prayers and fasting for the peace in the world. Pope Francis explicitly requested prayers for an end to the war in the Middle East, specifically calling for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7th, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, to invoke peace through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

The pope's call for prayers is primarily focused on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. Pope says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and Nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to, Pope says, "I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world."

We join together to pray for the victims of natural calamities, especially in Florida. And we pray for peace in our country and everywhere in the world.

With all these Special Intentions we would be having NIGHT VIGIL Services for the upcoming NINE Consecutive Fridays, starting with October 18 through December 13.

We will start with Holy Mass in English at 6:30 p.m., Adoration, Recite Four complete Rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin) and conclude with Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 a.m.

All are welcome.

Let us do some real Sacrifice and Penance for the World Peace!





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