



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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September 19, 2021

Twenty-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.

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, Thursday, & 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.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Memorare to Saint Joseph

O God, who by Thy ineffable Providence did vouchsafe
to choose Blessed Joseph for the spouse of
Thy most holy mother,
grant we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate
as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: MARK 9:30-37

■ Are you greater than Jesus? If not, then why should we think that whatever we say the other should understand and follow that?! Even Jesus was not a successful teacher. He is trying to teach His own disciples, but they don't understand it, and even are afraid to clarify their doubts. As Jesus was teaching them, they were distracted and were doing some other business. But Jesus is not angry with their lack of grasping. Jesus leaves a space for being not understood or even misunderstood. So don't be adamant that you should be understood always. Always grant the freedom to others.

■ Be a child and receive the childlike. There is a child in every adult. Do you want to be received by Jesus? Then revive the child in you. 'Child' is a potentiality of us.

■ For a child, everything is wonder. Its basic characteristic feeling is 'awe.' Observe nature and everything with the eyes of a child. It is only through wonder that we can experience the glory and greatness of God. Romans 1:20 says, "Ever since the creation of the world, His eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made."

■ A child may not be able to speak, may not have language and vocabulary. The only language of a child is its cry. And the mother will understand its need! So your cries will be understood by Jesus.

■ A child does not understand the realities and dangers of this world. But it trusts its mother. That trust is absolute. So do, the disciples trust Jesus. Be a child and trust your Lord absolutely.

■ Receiving a child, Jesus tells you to receive the childlike. Don't cheat those who trust you. By our words or deeds, we are not supposed to humiliate others. What is your attitude toward others? Do we

make others feel less than they are by the way I relate to them?

■ Revive the child in you and be a child of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 18 – 26

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Chuck Reynolds
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Billy Monte
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) Rev. Len Gavin
Wednesday Ginger Russo Mosley
Thursday Marian Campbell
Friday Rose Wilson
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Sherman and Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

September 21: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and on 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.

BISHOP'S DISASTER FUND

The Diocese of Birmingham is accepting donations to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti and the recent flooding in Tennessee. Donations are accepted online using the link to [Bishop's Disaster Fund \(www.bhmdioocese.org\)](http://www.bhmdioocese.org) or send a check to the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, P.O. Box 12047, Birmingham, AL 35202-2047; note on your check Haiti or Bishop's Disaster Fund.

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.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the October calendar is Tuesday, September 21.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

September 26 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$8,093.20	\$3,311.00	\$308,537.94
Building Fund	\$ 435.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50,354.37
Sch. of Religion	\$ 568.25	\$ 410.00	

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you have not been in a choir for a while or ever, come give it a spin! See any choir member, cantor, or Tim Tipton if you have any questions. Your presence and voice will be welcomed!

Tim Tipton, Director of Music (205-706-9500 *texts and calls* or music.staloyisus@gmail.com)

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.staloyisuscc.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

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 & Penny Allison Myra Antonio Ann Baker Barbara Bridges Marian Campbell Nancy Franklin	Rev. Len Gavin Ronnie George John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones Ricky Lockhart Ginger Russo Mosley Debbie Rupert	MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutton Suzanne Wannemuehler Rose Wilson
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Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme
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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
Felicia Boyd, Secretary
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND

Next weekend will be the annual Catholic Charities weekend in the Diocese of Birmingham. Catholic Charities funds the various ministries in the diocese that are done beyond the parish level. Pledge cards and information about Catholic Charities have been mailed to all registered parishioners. If you didn't receive a card in the mail, blank cards and envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider your pledge.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will not be served until further notice.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to the following who were baptized on September 11:

Rachel Noemi Mata Galarza, daughter of Alexis Aurelio Mata and Doricela Galarza Jaramillo

Jacob José Jaramillo Guadarrama, son of Pedro Jaramillo Castro and Maria Guadarrama Vebzco

Leandro Osornio Castro, son of Juan Armando Osornio and Hortencia Castro Uriostegui

Congratulations and welcome to **Itan Leonel Moctezuma**, son of Leonardo Moctezuma and Ana Patricia Hernandez, who was baptized on September 12.

THANK YOU LADIES!!

A big thank you to the following ladies who took time out of their Saturday morning to polish and vacuum the pews and polish all the woodwork in the church:

Abigail Barrientos
Adriana Barrientos
Margaret Campbell
Paula Clowdus
Libby Coffindaffer
Vickie Gavin

Debbie Hudson
Donna Ponder
Frances Sanders
Kathy Tortorice
Bernarda Uriostegui

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God's House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, October 2 from 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. A sign-up list will be in the sanctuary to keep a record of who is attending Adoration and at what hour. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930 or kathytortorice@gmail.com.

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 7:00 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.

RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will resume offering in-person retreats again in the Fall:

- *Rosary Pilgrimage to the Grotto—For Our Nation and World Peace:* October 3
- *Living Abundantly: Reducing Stress and Living Well:* October 20, led by Father Mike Kerin

For more information or to register, please contact Sister Gail Lambert, M.S.B.T. at 1-334-855-4474 or bsr@msbt.org.

MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL

Saint George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish (425 16th Avenue South in Birmingham) invites all to their 39th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on September 23—25 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (dine-in, take-out, and drive-thru). In addition to delicious homemade food and pastries, church tours will be conducted throughout the day until 8:00 p.m. Vendors include a variety of handmade crafts, Byzantine icons, olive wood items from the Holy Land, and more. Ten percent of proceeds will benefit local and diocesan charities. For more information, please visit www.saintgeorgeonline.org or on Facebook.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Due to the continued surge of COVID-19 cases, and for the wellbeing of all participants, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for October 15—17 has been changed to VIRTUAL. You will be able to participate from the comfort of your home. For more information or to register, please visit www.wwme.org or call Sean and Angie Murray 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

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloyisus@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:

September 20. Jonathan and Teresa Smith

September 20. Christian and Haley Malnar

September 22. . .Mike and Karen Snelling (Happy 54th!!)

September 22 Terry and Martha Herring (Happy 48th!!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

September 19. Eddie Allison, Payton Ryan,

.....Sharon Edwards, Elise Roszell, Carl Blake

September 20. Jerry "Curly" Tramell

September 21. Mark Garrison, Brandon Lopez

September 22. Makayla Brown, Sydney Jolivet,

..... Nancy Arellano

September 23. Matt Mylius, Garry Taylor, Jill Rizzo

September 24. Paul Blackstone, John McCullough,

.....Cory Nabors, Melany Farias, Ginna Lopez

September 25.Bernadette McFerrin, Brenne Blake,

..... Cindy Roszell



Fall Begins September 22