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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.; 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday and 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 8:1-11

❖ WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE? ❖

■ That night was quite significant. Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray—to talk to God the Father. In verse 3 the Pharisees and scribes were searching for something to test Jesus. Night is always dark which interrupts your sight. Their activities of that night leads them to judging and killing a daughter of the Lord. Whereas Jesus spending that night in prayer, mercy of God flows out from His heart. The gossiping, criticizing, judging character of yours points to the fact that the Demon of Darkness/Night (Devil) is more active in you! And if you really do pray, then, only the mercy of God will flow from you!

■ Who is on trial here? It’s not the lady but Jesus Himself on trial. In verse 6, they wanted to ‘test’ Him. When we judge and criticize others, are we not testing God Himself?

■ Deuteronomy 22:22 says, “If a man is discovered lying with a woman who is married to another, they both shall die, the man who was lying with the woman as well as the woman.” But here how come a woman all alone commits adultery? What happened to the partner? Be cautious, our judgments could be partial or even biased/prejudiced! The difference between this woman and those who brought her is that she is ‘caught’ in sin but others are ‘not yet caught?’ Thank God for His mercy that we are NOT YET caught! It’s not our virtue but only God’s mercy.

■ It is always easy to judge/criticize others. But Jesus is challenging you to walk by their side with love and compassion for the sinner and, thus, lead them to Transformation.

■ It is easy to look at others. But Jesus is placing a big mirror in front of you challenging you to see yourself as God sees you. Try to see the ‘real’ you! But now, when those people realized the facts that they are all sinners and in need of forgiveness, instead of seeking forgiveness from Jesus, they went back to their old ways of life. They were not ready to repent. This Lent is an invitation to you to see yourself as God sees you. With humility, accept the fact that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness. Do not go back to the same way. Come closer to Jesus, confess your sins, seek forgiveness. You will be blessed.

■ Quite often we are captives of our own guilt. We lock ourselves inside the ‘self-imposed cages’ of guilt. We fear criticism, judgment, condemnation, etc. So we tend to be reserved and depressed. But Jesus is calling you. Get closer to Him. Open up your heart. Release yourself from self-imposed cages. Verse 11 says, “Neither do I condemn you.” Jesus never condemns you. He forgives all your sins unconditionally. Forgiveness of sins comes first, then only the command, “Do not sin anymore.”

■ Easter is an invitation to be a newborn, to be a resurrected person. Listen to the voice of Jesus telling “I DO NOT CONDEMN YOU.” Experience it. Once you experience the unconditional forgiveness of the Lord, then you will be really free. You can come out of your own self-imposed cages. You can be free of all your guilt. Jesus loves you so much; relax. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 2 – 10

(† = Deceased)

- Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Mary DiPiazza Gugliotta
- Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Jeanette Laney
- Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
- Monday (5:30 p.m.) For the Permanent Closing . . of the Tuscaloosa West Alabama Women’s Center &for Conversion of Its Staff
- Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) † Hugh Kilpatrick
- Wednesday † Maria Concepcion Cova de Giron
- Thursday Rev. Len & Vickie Gavin
- Friday † Betty Hill

Passion (Palm) Sunday

- Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Susan Ragsdale
- Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
- Sunday (11:00 a.m.) † Frank Marino

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

- April 4:* Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- April 5:* Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- April 7:* Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 Noon and 5:30 p.m. (English); 7:00 p.m. (Spanish); and 7:00 p.m. (Indian). On Good Friday, April 15, Stations will be celebrated at Noon and Live Way of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. (Spanish).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 10 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14—23:56

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offertory	\$5,019.97	\$2,154.00	\$99,647.33
Building Fund	\$5,100.00	\$ 50.00	\$43,230.12

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**

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
JoAnne Antonio	Ronnie George	MaryAnna Schilleci
Myra Antonio	John V. Jones, Jr.	Stanley Szafransky
Ann Baker	Meredith Jones	Steve Tate
George Bratton	Dixie Lenseigne	Powell Thompson
Adeline Costabile	Ginger Russo	Irene Tutton
Kathy Evans	Mosley	Marilyn West
Jim & Nancy Franklin		

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

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 annual Easter Flowers collection. This collection helps offset the cost of decorating the Church with beautiful flowers at Easter.

MAKE LENT OFFERINGS ONLINE

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Many of you already support the parish with your time, talent, and financial contributions throughout the year. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. Please consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and a credit card or debit card. It also takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. To learn more, go to www.staloyuscc.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. We thank you for supporting our parish!

MAKING PALM CROSSES

Volunteers (women and men) are needed to help fold palm leaves into crosses! This annual labor of love will take place on Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Bring your lunch with beverage and a pair of scissors. For more information, please call Frances George at 205-424-8288.

BOOKLETS

Way of the Cross booklets are available on the table in the Narthex. The booklets are for use at home when a parishioner is unable to attend Stations of the Cross or wishes to meditate on them during the week.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Louise Harris, Mary Jones, Sunny Richards, and Judy Webb.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, April 11 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).

MASS OF CHRISM

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) on Tuesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. This is where the priests of the diocese renew their vows and holy oils are blessed by Bishop Steven J. Raica then distributed to each parish for use throughout the year. All are welcome.

V.I.P. MASS

Due to low attendance, we will no longer offer a monthly V.I.P. Mass on the second Saturday of each month. Thank you for participating over the last several months.

"THE WILD GOOSE" VIDEO SERIES

On Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. following our 5:30 p.m. Mass, "The Wild Goose" video series will be shown with discussion afterwards.

The Wild Goose is what the Holy Spirit is called in Ireland and this program can help you revitalize your spiritual side. For more information, please email mhbear1@gmail.com.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Our parish's Hispanic Community is selling certain food items after our weekend Masses: tamales, tacos, etc. The money that is collected will be used for the following purposes: 1. Religious Education – "We have over 100 children in our Catechism Class." 2. The purpose of acting out the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday – "Fifty people are participating for this life drama." 3. To donate some money to the church.

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.

We will meet every other Tuesday (beginning April 5) in the meeting room near the altar from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and continue making Rosaries. We might even venture forward and make different type of corded rosaries with wooden beads. Bring a lunch and join us.

To volunteer, please text or call Gloria at 205-515-5307.

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Mondays and 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.

EWTN NETWORK

EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, radio, internet, and now on your smart phone! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and LIVE Easter Masses from Rome, the U.S., and much more! Find your local EWTN TV or radio station by visiting www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder/ or www.ewtn.com/radio/affiliates-map.

NAZARETH HOUSE APOSTOLATE

Nazareth House, a diocesan apostolate with persons having intellectual and development disabilities, is a program of religious education, liturgy and advocacy found throughout the diocese. Nazareth House is recruiting current Catholic 8th-11th graders to serve as teachers/catechists for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in its Saturday morning program for the 2022-2023 school year. Earn approximately 80 community service hours; college admissions notice this unique volunteer work.

The program is held at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School (2 Xavier Circle in Birmingham) and catechists must commit to most Saturday mornings (10:00 a.m. until Noon) during the school year calendar. For more information, please contact Sarah Houser at sawisely@gmail.com or 205-612-6111.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE & WORSHIP

John Carroll Catholic High School and Arise Ministries presents “Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship” on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. at the high school. There will be prayer teams, student testimony, and confessions. Special guest will be singer/songwriter Sarah Kroger. All are welcome.

38th ANNUAL BLOOMIN’ FESTIVAL

Tradition is a way of life at Saint Bernard! Help keep the tradition alive by attending the 38th Annual Bloomin’ Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on April 23—24 on the beautiful grounds of Saint Bernard Prep. School in Cullman. Everything from pottery and ceramics, to stained glass, woodwork, birdhouses, jewelry, clothing, dolls, brooms, fresh ground cornmeal and grits, to funnel cakes, kettle corn, roasted almonds, fudge, cookies, and *Saint Bernard’s Best* bread will be available. The world-famous Ave Maria Grotto will have reduced admission (\$4.00 per person) for the entire weekend. Prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the Festival. Admission is \$7.00 per person at the gate. For more information, please visit www.bloominfestival.com.

RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold several upcoming retreats:

- *Annual Men’s Retreat—Gospel of Luke:* April 29—May 1, led by Father Guy Wilson, S.T.
- *Healing Retreats:* September 2—4, led by Father Matt Linn

For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or visit www.msbt.org/btsr.

PONTIFICAL SERVERS

The *Pontifical Servers* consists of a group of well-trained young men (8th grade through college age) who serve at those sacred liturgies and other ceremonies at which the bishop presides, both in the Cathedral of Saint Paul and throughout the diocese. With the recommendation of their pastors, new servers are invited to register at www.bhmdiocese.org/pontifical-altar-servers. More information about the group as well as training and fraternal opportunities can be found on the same website.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Benefits Specialist, Administrative Assistant (National Catholic Register), Cash Management Specialist, Accountant, Legacy Giving Assistant, Donation Processing Specialist, Application Support Specialist, Printing and Mailing Supervisor, Program Scheduling Assistant, IT Support Technician (Tier 1), IT Support Technician (Tier 2), Senior Network and Systems Administrator, Safety and Security Officer, Bilingual Viewer Services Representative, Customer Service Representative, Groundskeeper, Custodian, and Maintenance Technician.** 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.



George “Mickey” and Winifred Bratton (April 7)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- April 3. Pete Gagliano
- April 6. Jerrie Salvago
- April 7. Kim Cagle, Samuel Harper
- April 8. Victor Flores, Bryson Clifton, Guadalupe Nunez
- April 9. Taylor Ryan