



## ***Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish***

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

### **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

### **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

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#### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

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 Baptism.

#### **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:

<b>OUR SICK</b>	
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris	

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>	
<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](mailto: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:

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

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>NOVEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 30</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	November 25	(BD) Winifred Bratton
Wednesday 12 Noon	November 26	(BD) Don Lawley
Thursday 12 Noon	November 27	(BD) Vickie Gavin
Friday 12 Noon	November 28	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni
Saturday 4:30pm	November 29	† Todd Sloan
Sunday 9:30am	November 30	† Len Gavin

### 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 Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

### 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.

### 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. Everyone who wants to pray the Rosary is welcome.

### 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 [kathytortorice@gmail.com](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

### ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir started back to practice on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm** at the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

*Make a Joyful Noise*

### **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  
Phillip Galloway  
Kellie Whitson  
Eddie Blanco  
Oliver Lopez  
Ginna Lopez

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson  
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson  
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary  
Gabriel Lopez

### **MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON**

Mother of Christ Altar Guild  
Angie Cacioppo (205) 281 1901

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**

**November 30th, 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary Solemnity**

9:00 AM Holy Mass (English)

7:30 pm Holy Mass (Spanish);

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast**

5:00AM Mañanitas

12 Noon Holy Mass (English)

7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

**Saturday, December 13th**

**Christmas Concert**

Please join the combined **St. Aloysius Church Choirs** (English, Spanish and Indian) in a festive and joyous Concert of both sacred and secular Christmas Music.

The concert is at **6:00 PM**.

**Saturday, December 21st**

**Advent Confession Day**

Talk with a priest from EWTN at **2:00PM**  
Confessions from **2:30pm** through 6:00pm.

### **CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is an international nonprofit ministry dedicated to marriage preparation. Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience designed to renew the couple's relationship after several years of marriage; Engaged Encounter, in contrast, is designed specifically for engaged couples.

Our motto is "A wedding is a day; a marriage is a lifetime." Think of all the preparations made for the wedding day. Most people spend months planning, and hundreds, if not thousands of dollars, preparing for the wedding. But how much time and effort are spent preparing for a Lifetime of Togetherness?

A Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend is a weekend experience which provides the engaged couple the opportunity to discuss with each other their future together in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The goal is to deepen a couple's relationship through reflection and dialogue. After each presentation, the engaged couples will have the opportunity to concentrate exclusively on each other and discuss their thoughts generated from each presentation.

For more information, go to:

[www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

**From the Gospel according to LUKE 23: 35-43**  
***The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,***  
***King of the Universe.***

*No matter what is happening around us, we have a King and His name is Jesus.*

*There is a story of a homeless beggar by the side of the street. One day he saw the royal caravan approaching - the King himself. The beggar thought, "Today I will receive something big!" But to his shock, when the king reached him, the king extended his hand and said "My son, will you give me something today?" The beggar was confused. Reluctantly, he gave one small grain of rice. The king smiled, blessed him and moved on.*

*That night, as the beggar emptied his sack, he found a single grain of rice -but made of pure gold! He wept and said: "If only I had given my whole bag...."*

*Dear brothers and sisters, Christ the King is the King who comes asking -not to take from us, but to 'transform' what we give Him. Whatever we give him; our sins, our weaknesses, our priorities, anxieties..... Whatever we give to our King Jesus, He would transform them into gold and precious!*

*Jesus is a King of paradox! His crown - thorns. His throne - the cross. His scepter - nails. His robe - scarlet of mockery. His army - broken people redeemed. His kingdom - your heart.*

*Dear friends, next week we will be entering Advent. At this juncture the Church reminds us: the King who came in humility will come again in glory.*

*As we approach the Altar today our King and Lord Jesus once again stretches out His hands asking: "My child, will you give me something today?" Give Him your fear. Give Him your sin. Give Him your worries. Give Him your heart. And He will transform your life into gold the gold of his Kingdom. Because Christ is King- yesterday, today, and forever. Amen*

*Father Reju Pynadath J.*

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**November 30th, 2025**

***First Sunday of Advent***

**1st Reading** *Isaiah 2: 1-5*

**Psalms** *122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9*

**Second** *Romans 13: 11-14*

**Alleluia:** *Psalms 85: 8*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24: 37-44*

## **Advent 2025**

*A time 'to wait with faith, to watch with love, and to hope with courage'. On Nov. 20, the bishop recorded the sixty-third installment of his Grace & Peace video series, reflecting on the season of Advent. This year, the First Sunday of Advent is Nov. 30. To read the bishop's remarks, please go to: <https://onevoicebhm.org/advent-2025>*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

November 24 . . . . . Winifred Bratton, Camille Owens

November 25 . . . . . Mary Christiansen, Susannah Goolsby

November 26 . . . . . Rod McFerrin, Carol Boykin, Stephen Weber

November 27 . . . . . Dixie Lenseigne, Vickie Gavin

November 28 . . . . . Fonza Smith, Daphne Holdridge

November 30 . . . . . Anthony Rupert

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



**Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary**



November 25 \* **David and Frances Sanders**

## **Thank You!!**

We wish to express our gratitude for all those who helped vacuum and polish the pews and woodwork in the church. The support from our parishioners is much appreciated. Thank you, Geoff Bull, Randy Clowdus, Lilly Clowdus, Cindy Galloway, Lisa Jones, Bruce Jones, Glenda Mernaugh, Ray Mernaugh, Donna Ponder, Chris Nichols, Amy Russo, Beth Russo, Joe Russo, Carol Tate and Paula Clowdus.

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Nov. 16				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,599.00	6,805.00	8,404.00	293,411.22
Building Fund	490.00	501.00	991.00	80,215.26
Parish School of Religion	110.00	25.00	135.00	16,917.01
Total	2,199.00	7,331.00	9,530.00	390,543.49
Total given this week: <b>\$9,530.00</b>				



# Food drive

*Holy Family Altar Guild and Parish Council are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Catholic Center of Concern, Guadalupe Missionary Sisters, and Multicultural Services of Greene County of Birmingham Dioceses.*

**We will have green reusable grocery bags, feel free to take one and fill it with non-perishable food items, but mostly cans of green beans and corn; and bring your donations back to the church.**

*Please take one tote bag per family.*



**Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 30, 2025.**

*Thank you for your support!*







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Christmas Music.

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,  
at 6:00 PM.

*We hope to see you all*



# 2025

## December Schedule

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
(Holy day of Obligation)

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM English Mass (with Choir)

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

5:00AM Mañanitas

12:00 Noon English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Aloysius Family Get Together  
Christmas Concert.**

St. Aloysius Church Choirs:

English, Spanish and Indian Communities together at  
6:00PM, after 4:30PM Mass

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent Confession Day**

We would be having a talk with a priest from EWTN at 2:00PM  
Confessions from 2:30pm through 6pm.



# 2025 – 2026 Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

## Christmas Eve

4:00PM English Mass

(Beginning with Carols at 3:30PM with Saint Aloysius Choir).

7:30PM Spanish Mass

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

## Christmas Day



## The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

9:00 a.m. English Mass

10:30 a.m. Spanish Mass

**Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

NO MASS

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM English Mass

12:00 PM English Mass

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

## New Year's Eve

12:00 Noon English Mass

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
(Holy day of Obligation)

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM English Mass

10:30 AM Spanish Mass