

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

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

Sunday April 6th, 2025 ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

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 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:

OUR SICK	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones	

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

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

APRIL 8 - APRIL 13 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	April 8	† Ginger Mayhew
Wednesday 12 Noon	April 9	† Hugh W. Kilpatrick
Thursday 12 Noon	April 10	Hill Family
Friday 12 Noon	April 11	† Renea Mareno
Saturday 4:30pm	April 12	† Len Gavin † Becky Green
Sunday 9:30am	April 13	† Angelo Rivera Bayon

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.

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.

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

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

GREENE COUNTY MISSION TRIP

If you would like to volunteer in the *Mission Trip with the Guadalupe Sisters of the Holy Spirit* from **April 26th to May 2nd**, (one day or the whole week), excluding Sunday, April 27th, please contact Charles Ellis (205) 365 5896.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday)

12 noon Holy Mass followed by Stations in March and April.
April 11th
(English) 12:00 Noon / (Indian) 6:45 P.M. / (Spanish) 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

2:00 pm Talk by Priest from EWTN
2:30 to 6:00 pm Confessions (English and Spanish)
4:30 pm English Mass.

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE PALMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and Mass (English)
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH Blessing of the Palms
9:30 a.m. English Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Mass

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17th
6:00 p.m. English Mass
8:00 pm Spanish Mass
Adoration to follow the 6:00 pm Mass in the Day Chapel and ending at 6:00 am Friday

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, April 18th * No Stations at 12:00 Noon*
1:00 pm Spanish Liturgical Service
2:30pm Live Way of the Cross (Spanish)
6:00 pm English Liturgical Service

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, April 19th Blessing of Holy Water and Candles.
(You may bring water and candles to be blessed)
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in English
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in Spanish

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 20th
9:30am English Mass. **Easter Egg Hunt** to follow this Mass
11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Start Date: Good Friday April 18, 2025
End Date: Saturday April 26, 2025
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY 2:45PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers with Adoration (Bilingual)

Sunday, April 6th, 2025
Father Reju Pynadath J.
Celebrate God's Mercy

John 8:1-11

We all have seen rosaries made of a thread. The specialty of those rosaries is that, there is only one, single thread and very many beads are added to that same thread. The same way, today the mother Church gives us three readings having the same thread. And we can say that this thread is God's mercy.

The first reading is from prophet Isaiah. The Lord is telling the people to forget the past. In the past God showed His military power. Even the Israelites were kind of sinners throughout their life. But the Lord is forgiving them all their transgressions. Now the Lord is telling them to forget everything of their past as He is going to start a new. He is demanding them to start a new life! The Lord in His Mercy is preparing a way in the desert and is putting water in the desert for his people to drink. The Lord is forgetting the transgressions of Israelites and is preparing a better future out of His Mercy. And so now people has to forget their old, sinful ways of life and start a new way of life that is loyal to the Lord of Mercy!

Today's second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. As we all know, Paul has a notorious background as far as Church and Jesus are concerned. He was a member of the team that stoned the First Martyr Steven (Acts 7:58.) He was very active in persecuting the church. He might have had the benefits of those duties. But today Paul is saying he would like to forget his past. He is so sharply focused on the things to come, heaven. Paul is praising the Lord for forgiving all his transgressions of the past life. And this is a new life for him, a life focused only on the eternal life.

In today's Gospel (John 8:1-11) we have the story of the woman caught in adultery. The entire crowd, for varieties of reasons, is without any mercy to this woman. She is trapped so wisely that even her partner is found missing! There is no one to defend her. She is presented as if she never deserved any mercy. And we know that Jesus is showing her undue mercy. He is there to defend her and save her from the brutal hands. He is forgiving her past and asks her to forget her own past sinful ways of life and start a new. She is given the challenge 'not to sin anymore'!

In the abundance of His unconditional Mercy, He is able to forgive us all the sins of our past life. We must thank and praise God for His Mercy. For in the first reading, we see even the wild beasts praise and honor God. All the three readings help us to be convinced of the abundance of God's mercy that is undeserved by and unconditional to us.

We could be celebrating God's mercy for we are forgiven unconditionally. We are left with a challenge 'not to sin anymore.' Let us start a new life with hope and trust in the Lord. God Bless and Guide you all.....Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 6th, 2025; Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalms 126: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Second Philippians 3: 8-14

Verse Before the Gospel Joel 2: 13

Gospel John 8: 1-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

April 7 . . . Kim Cagle, Samuel Harper

April 8 . . . Victor Flores, Bryson Clifton

*April 10 . . . Reid Jones, Rafael Farias, Clara Aguilar,
 Oliver Lopez, Deana Bello*

April 11 . . . Nick Manzella, Marilyn Ellis, Bernice Quinn

April 12 . . . Louise Harris

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

*April 9th * Rafael and Yolanda Farias*

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER

Volunteers needed to help vacuum and polish the pews and wooden furniture. Please come on **Monday, April 7th, at 9:00AM**. Clean-up supplies will be provided. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you

HOLY FAMILY ALTAR GUILD EASTER BASKETS

We will be sponsoring Easter baskets for the Catholic Interest Center. We will set them up on Monday, April 7, at the Center (712 4th Court W. Birmingham, AL). If you would like to participate, please call the office.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, April 14th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

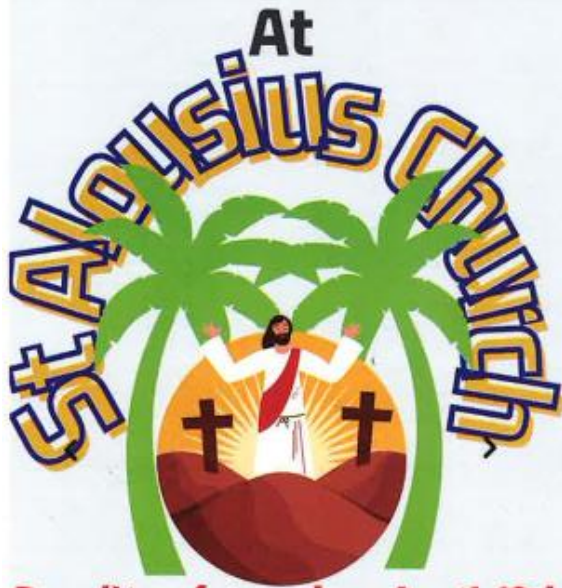
CANDY DONATIONS

Candy donations are welcome!!! We are collecting candies and eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them to the office by Tuesday, **April 15**.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - March 30				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	861.00	5,492.00	6,353.00	67,055.59
Building Fund	100.00	45.00	145.00	13,399.34
Parish School of Religion	0.00	25.00	25.00	3,563.91
Total	961.00	5,562.00	6,523.00	84,018.84
Total given this week: \$6,523.00				

G.R's Smokehouse



Deadline for orders April 13th
Pickup is Easter Sunday
April 20th 2025
at 10:30
in the parking lot

ONLINE ORDERING



MENU ONLINE



Smoked Salmon 1lbs \$26

G.R'S SMOKEHOUSE 205-881-7010

LOCAL BBQ DONE RIGHT

G. R's Smokehouse



Join us for your next meal. We get the juices flowing. BEST RIBS EVER! and Chicken, Salmon.

SLAB of BABY BACK RIBS \$35



Chicken Breast \$9



Jumbo Chicken Leg Quarter \$8

GREENE COUNTY MISSION TRIP – 2025

With the Guadalupe Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit

Participant Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parish (circle): St. Aloysius ___ St. Mark ___ St. Paul ___ OLV ___ St. Thomas ___

St. Stephen ___ Holy Rosary ___ St. Peter ___ POP ___ Other _____

Family Participants: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

T- Shirt Sizes - Small, _____ Med, _____ Large, _____ XL, _____ 2 XL _____

Communication: email _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

I am available to work: April 26 – May 2 excluding SUNDAY April 27

All Week: ___ Sat ___ Mon ___ Tues ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___

My Skills are:

Willing but limited: _____

Gifted but lack experience:

(A) Electrical _____ (B) Plumbing _____

(C) Roofing _____ (D) Carpenter _____

Skilled (explain) (A) Electrical _____

(B) Plumbing _____

(C) Roofing _____

(D) Carpenter _____

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Return to: Charles Ellis

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