



# *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, February 8th, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984  
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### **BOOKKEEPER**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

e-mail: [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto:info@staloyuscc.org) (205) 424 2984

### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano (205) 765 2936

### **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

### **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.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary 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:

<b><u>AIR FORCE</u></b> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<b><u>ARMY</u></b> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella  <b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b> Daniel Thomas
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*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>FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 15</b> († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	February 10	NO MASS
Wednesday	12 Noon	February 11	NO MASS
Thursday	12 Noon	February 12	NO MASS
Friday	12 Noon	February 13	NO MASS
Saturday	4:30pm	February 14	(SURG) Vickie Gavin (S) Robert Hays
Sunday	9:30am	February 15	(BD) Kellie Whitson

**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

### **FR. REJU'S VACATIONS**

Father Reju will be on vacation from February 9th to 20th. \*Remember there will be **NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS, except for Ash Wednesday on February 18t**, 9:00AM English Mass, NO 12 Noon mass. Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule will be as usual.

### **MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, February 9th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of preparation for Easter, following the example of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert, not to mention other periods of 40 days or 40 years of great significance, such as the flood that lasted 40 days and 40 nights, the Israelites' 40-year journey through the desert, and the 40 days that Moses fasted on Mount Sinai, or Elijah on Mount Horeb.

On this day, priests place ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of the faithful to symbolize their belonging to Jesus Christ and their repentance for their sins.

***Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>***

9:00AM English Mass  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

### **TRIP TO NASHVILLE**

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443  
Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,  
Email: [finance@staloyusiuscc.org](mailto:finance@staloyusiuscc.org).

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Parish Stewardship 2026</b>				
<b>Sunday, Feb. 1</b>				
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>Total By Fund</b>	<b>YTD</b>
General Fund	1,389.00	4,450.50	5,839.50	38,389.50
Building Fund	80.00	1,010.00	1,090.00	41,875.09
Parish School of Religion	25.00	11.00	36.00	1,022.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,494.00</b>	<b>5,471.50</b>	<b>6,965.50</b>	<b>81,287.09</b>
Total given this week: <b>\$6,965.50</b>				

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

From the Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16.

**When Jesus saw the crowds,  
YOUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY:**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the two most important identifying marks of every Christian. Those are the innate characteristics of light and lamp. Jesus is not giving us an order that we may obey him. But rather His statement is affirmative. Mt 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth." And Mt 5:14 "You are the light of the world." So, there is no choice, there is no need 'to become' but "you are" ... It is "already now."

Jesus gives us only one of the many qualities of salt; that if it loses its taste, it can never be seasoned again. If it is white salt, it's so beautiful to see. If it remains a visible entity, then it does not have any effect and it is a useless reality. But when we add salt to our food, salt dissolves in it. When the salt becomes invisible, when it loses its existence in 'form', it becomes effective and adds flavor and taste to the food.

We all would like to present ourselves as attractive as we can. We would like to be noticed by others. And unfortunately, even when we do some charity we would like to be appreciated and thanked for that. We would like to be 'someone good' before others. Are we not trying our best to keep our identity 'visible' as that of salt. Let us always keep in mind the fact that as far as the existence of salt is visible, it is ineffective and useless. When it becomes invisible, dissolved, then it's effect is noticeable and is useful.

Just like salt, our egos and pridefulness must die in order to become useful as a Christian. Once baptized you cannot be baptized again. Once a Christian, a Christian forever. Therefore as Christians already know, we cannot become the salt of the earth but instead, we are the salt of the earth. Buy dying to our own pleasures and selfishness let us try to add flavor and taste to the lives of those who are in need.

Bible is not the light of the world. But rather, Bible is the light of the Christians. The whole world may not read the Bible; but the Christians do. Christians are the light of the world. Bible provides the fuel for the lamp. Let us keep a hard copy of Bible and try to read it everyday. Reading and following the Bible we should be examples and models to the world outside. Through our own better examples we should try to correct the sinners and guide them in the way of

Christ. As light of the world, we should be able to guide the sinners and save their souls for Christ.

As Christians we are most wanted by this world. This world needs models and examples.... May the merciful Lord guide us all.... Amen.

Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**February 15th, 2026**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st Reading** Sirach 15: 15-20

**Psalms** 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**Second** First Corinthians 2: 6-10

**Alleluia** Matthew 11: 25

**Gospel** Matthew 5: 17-37

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

*Birthday Blessings*

February 9 . . . Vickie Likis, Dylan Cruz

February 10 . . . Cameron Galloway, Elizabeth Phillips

February 12 . . . Brenda Hinton

February 13 . . . Jonathan Smith, Je'Nae Washington

February 14 . . . Tyler Bunn

February 15 . . . Kellie Whitson, Teresa Smith, Richard Koehler

**A DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH, SCHOOL,  
CATECHETICAL, AND MINISTRY LEADERS**

"Embracing the Great Commission", hosted by the Augustine Institute in collaboration with St Peter the Apostle Church.

All parish, school, catechetical, faith formation, and ministry leaders are welcome to this day of formation that will help you fulfill the Great Commission.

- The day begins with Mass at 9:00 AM and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:00PM.

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and there is no cost to attend.

*St Peter the Apostle Church*

2061 Patton Chapel Road, Hoover, AL 35216

Tuesday February 10th, 2026

9:00am (Mass) - 4:00pm

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate email me, Hilary Munger:

[hilary.munger@augustineinstitute.org](mailto:hilary.munger@augustineinstitute.org)

To reserve your spot, please Register Here:

[Embracing the Great Commission - Hoover, AL](#)