

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

March 17th, 2024

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 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates his 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

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English) & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish.

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		
Vicki Whitley	JoAnna Lape	Camilo Cangrejo
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Gene Hartman
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Mary Jo Guy
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	John Combs
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	Allene Armstrong
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	Gloria Hilty
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Jeff Brasfield
Scott	Joanne Lape	Dolores Carroll
Gary Adams	Lesa Manzella	Melinda
April Ballard	Blair Hamm	Ella
Billy Jones	Julia Neely	James Herald
Mary Curry	Mary LaRussa Beverage	Daphne Holdridge
	Frances Sanders	Katy Holley

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella	Meredith Jones
Nancy Franklin	Dot Herald
Robert Wilson	Charlene Mareno
Sue Nielsen	Caroline Tamburello
Robert Vincent	Stephen Tate
John V. Jones Jr.	

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@staloysiuscc.org

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	



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

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloysiuscc.org with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS

 March 19 – March 24  († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	March 19	St Joseph
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 20	(S) Renea Mareno
Thursday	March 21	† Janet Groggins
Friday 12 Noon	March 22	† Thomas Hammett
Saturday 4:30pm	March 23	(H) Mark Robbins
Sunday 8:30am	March 24	† Mel Evans
10:00am		† Paul LaRussa

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, email or by completing an office form and dropping it into the Narthex drop box. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following parishioners who helped clean the pews and the church in preparation for Easter:

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| Donna Ponder | Glenda Mernaugh |
| Mike Snelling | Jeff Bull |
| Paula Clowdus | Barbara Andrzejewski |
| Marilyn Ellis | Mayra Farias |
| Natalia Galindo | Emilio Arenas |
| Marisela Linares | Carmen Serrano |
| Eduardo Ibarra | |

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - March 3				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & March
Offertory	\$ 1,797.00	\$ 4,580.00	\$ 29,510.22	\$ 52,395.62
Building Fund	\$ 970.00	\$ 1,967.65	\$ 8,051.65	\$ 13,666.65
Parish School of Religion	\$ 278.00	\$ -	\$ 3,929.25	\$ 3,032.75
	\$ 3,045.00	\$ 6,547.65	\$ 41,491.12	\$ 69,095.02
		\$ 9,592.65		

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
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kelly Whitson
Yolanda Ruiz

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468
Holy Family Altar Guild
Heather Lawley (205) 410 3757
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

CANDY DONATIONS

Candy donations are welcome!!! We are collecting candies and eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them to the office by Sunday, March 24.

EASTER FUNDRAISER

It's time again to order Baby Back Ribs \$35. The deadline for ordering is March 24th, pick up Sunday, March 31st at St Aloysius parking lot from 9:45 – 11:15 am.

Pre-order now!!!

The poster is for an Easter fundraiser. At the top left, it says 'G.R.'s Smokehouse' with an image of ribs. To the right, there are three icons: a cross, a star, and a heart. Below these icons, it says 'ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH BESSEMER, AL'. The main title is 'EASTER FUNDRAISER'. Below that, it says 'Holiday Rib Sale' and 'BABY BACK RIBS \$35 each'. There is a QR code and the text 'Scan QR code'. To the right, it says '& G.R.'s Smokehouse'. Below the QR code, it says 'Deadline for ordering March 24th PRE-ORDER NOW'. To the right of the QR code, it says 'PICKUP St Aloysius Church parking lot on Easter Sunday March 31st Baby Back Ribs pick-up 9:45 am and 11:15am'. At the bottom, it says 'Faster service we will have our Drive-thru and Walk up pick-up option available'. At the very bottom, it says 'WWW.GRSMOKEHOUSE.COM 205-881-7010' and '751 Academy Drive, Bessemer, AL 35022'.

ROSARY CRUSADE NATIONWIDE

Rosary Crusade Nationwide in view of the present political situation. The Crusade is very simple, it doesn't take a set time or place; just anytime you say the Rosary add The World Peace to your intentions. The rosary is a very powerful political weapon.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Melvin Paul Evans, at the age of 83 years, who passed away on February 28th surrounded by his loving family. Please keep this family in your prayers. Merciful Father, receive Mel's soul and grant him Your Eternal Peace in Your Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise and Glory to You, Lord, for Your Saving Grace.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.
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March 17th, 2024

Sunday Reflection – Gospel: John 12: 20-33

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

Find your “Grain!”

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. What is Christ also referring to as “The grain that dies”? Could it be a submission at the very core of our being? The grain dies but is transformed into a tree with fruit. Then let us submit our whole self, our plans, our thoughts, and our desires to the one who can grow the tree of our life! Jesus came that we may have life in abundance. (Jn 10:10)

Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. This great sign occurs in Bethany at the house of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. The people had gathered there in a large number not only to see Jesus but also to see Lazarus who had been raised from the dead. Mary anoints his feet with nard and Jesus proclaims that she had bought it for the day of his burial. (Jn. 12:7-8) There were some Greek visitors who had come to worship in Jerusalem, among the people at the house. They all heard the voice from heaven. Each one interpreted it differently. The voice had come for our sake and not for Jesus’ sake! Yet among the witnesses were a few who wouldn’t believe! The few remained obstinate in their unbelieving heart until they jealously had the Christ crucified.

We pray today for a heart that is submissive to God. Like the Psalmist we pray, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.” (Ps.51:10-11)

In Jesus’ name, Amen, Amen, Amen!

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-170324/>

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

March 24th, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord' Solemnity Passion

Procession: Mark 11: 1-10 or John 12: 12-16

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

2nd Reading Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

March 18 . . . Brent Morris, Wilyn Lucas

March 19 . . . Monica Washington

March 20 . . . John Combs, Jr., Brian Lovoy, Alison Tomberlin

March 21 . . . Cole Mareno, Katie Mareno Strozier

March 22 . . . Andrew Farr, Abigail Arellano, Melissa George Fikes, Eduardo Torres Sanchez

March 23 . . . Daniel Spidle

March 24 . . . Alejandra Bernardino, Alejandra Huerta

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

March 20 Paul and Carol Boykin;
LTC Brian & Cathy Wittman

March 24 Frank and Margy Thrailkill

"LENTEN OFFERING BOX"

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season, the 40 days of preparation for Easter. We as Christian are called to deepen in our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Challenge everyone in the family this year and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up”. Place this “Lenten Offering Box” on your home where it will serve as a visible reminder to forego treats or entertainment during Lent. Place the money saved in this handy box which also collects spare change or your children's little tithes. Then bring the “Lenten Offering Box” at Easter Vigil Mass as a symbol of love and all things that we can offer to our Lord Jesus Christ in response to all the many gifts we have received.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP




A group of parishioners (men and women) will now meet on **WEDNESDAY at 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.



Calendar 2024

	<p>EVERY FRIDAY</p> <p>March 1st March 22th March 8th March 29th March 15th</p> <p>(English) 12:00 Noon (Indian) 6:45 P.M. (Spanish) 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>SATURDAY, March 16th</p>	<p>Saturday, March 16th One Day Youth Retreat</p>
 <p>Christ invites us to respond to evil, first of all, with a serious examination of conscience and the commitment to purify our lives. We, as Catholics, should encourage and participate in the frequent reception of the sacrament of penance — especially during the season of Lent.</p> <p>SATURDAY, March 23rd</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SATURDAY, March 23rd</p> <p>2:00 pm Talk by Priest from EWTN 2:30 to 6:00 pm Confessions (English and Spanish) 4:30 pm English Mass</p>
 <p>SUNDAY, March 24th</p>	<p>PALM SUNDAY “BLESSING OF THE PALMS”</p> <p>SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd 4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and English Mass</p> <p>SUNDAY, MARCH 24th <i>Blessing of the Palms</i> 9:00 a.m. English Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>

Easter Triduum



 <p>Thursday, March 28th</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY “WASHING OF FEET” Thursday, March 28th 6:00 p.m. English Mass 8:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p><i>Adoration to follow the 6:00 pm Mass in the Day Chapel and ending at 6:00 am Friday</i></p>
 <p>Friday, March 29th</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY “VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS” Friday, March 29th * 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</p>
 <p>Saturday, March 30th</p>	<p>EASTER VIGIL “RITE OF RECEPTION” Saturday, March 30th Blessing of Holy Water and Candles. (You can bring water and candles to be blessed) 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in English 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in Spanish</p>
 <p>Sunday, March 31st</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY “RESURRECTION OF THE LORD” Sunday, March 31st 8:30 a.m. English Mass 10:00 a.m. English Mass <i>After this Mass, Easter Egg Hunt, all kids are welcome.</i> 12:00 Noon Spanish Mass</p>

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

Presents
Car

BIKE SHOW

AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH



OPEN
TO ALL

CARS
TRUCKS
BIKES

VENDORS ARE
WELCOME \$25
PER SPACE

APRIL 20, 2024

9:00AM-1:00PM
REGISTRATION @ 8:30AM
TROPHY CEREMONY @ 12:30PM

FIRST 50
VEHICLES
RECEIVE FREE
GOODIE BAG

Basset Hound Rescue of Alabama will be
present for microchipping your fur
babies for a \$15 donation

\$20

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For more information please call 205-296-3390
or email knzracing@gmail.com

Join us for Bunny Fun at
the Annual Saint Aloysius

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st

After 10:00 a.m. Mass

All Children 3 Years Old
to Age 8 are Invited.
Bring Your Baskets!

