



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

OUR SICK
Robert Geisen Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
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@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 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

AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 24 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	August 19	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni
Wednesday 12 Noon	August 20	† Joey Harris
Thursday 12 Noon	August 21	† Bernadine Chiarella
Friday 12 Noon	August 22	† David J. Hudgins
Saturday 4:30pm	August 23	† Renea Mareno
Sunday 9:30am	August 24	† Don Meadows

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.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir is taking a summer break from practicing on Wednesday nights. The choir will resume Wednesday night practice on **September 3rd**. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

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

FISHERS OF MEN DINNER

The Guadalupe Radio Network in Alabama will hold its seventh annual "Fishers of Men" Dinner at the Harbert Center in downtown Birmingham on Thursday, August 21st. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., starting with a social hour. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. Catholic Answers apologist and author Dr. Karlo Broussard will be the keynote speaker, and Father Frankline Fomukong, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joachim, will be this year's honoree.

For information, contact Marty Matulia at Marty@GRNOnline.com or at 832 971 9240. Registration and tickets are also available at www.GRNOnline.com. The Harbert Center is located at 2109 4th Avenue, North in Birmingham.

HARRIET CLOUD TO SPEAK AT UPCOMING MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Service Team of Mary, Woman of Faith Chapter of Magnificat invites the women of the diocese to its Magnificat Breakfast on **Saturday, Aug. 23rd** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, which is located at 1728 Oxmoor Road in Homewood. The speaker will be Harriet Cloud, a centenarian with an exceptional intellect and a mind which has remained sharp. She has a unique perspective on the world, and her story is a testament to the power of unwavering reliance on prayer which allowed her to persevere through different stages of her life. Tickets are on sale through Aug. 17. A meal ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast. They are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org or by e-mail at magnificat0296@gmail.com. If purchasing a ticket by regular mail, please send a check payable to Magnificat by Aug. 13 to: Magnificat Tickets, C/O Jan Smith, 1367 Winola Lane, Birmingham, AL 35235. Tickets are also available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. Tickets for priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters are complimentary, but reservations are still required. No tickets will be sold after Aug. 17 or at the door. Please call or text Jan Smith at 205.381.8481 if you have ticket questions or would like additional information.

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

From the Gospel according to LUKE 12:49-53

The Fire set on earth by Jesus.

In today's Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Have you ever wondered what could this fire be?

Mt 3:11, John the Baptizer says, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Again, in Mk 10:39 "And Jesus said to them, (to James & John, sons of Zebedee), "The chalice that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized." So Jesus would baptize us with fire, and what is this fire and what is his baptism? It were his passion and death. He suffered and died for 'others.' So, as we are baptized with his own baptism, (Passion and Death for others), so we too are supposed to be suffering and even dying for others!

During their journey to Emmaus in Lk 24:32 "They said to each other, Did not our hearts BURN within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Here we can conclude that the Scripture is the Fire that Jesus set on earth. Jn 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Yes, the Word of God is the Fire.

One of the most important functions of fire is purification. If we keep a piece of firewood having some nails on it, on fire, and as it gets burned, first of all it would be opened up, then it would become a whole piece of fire and at the end all the nails would be left in the ashes! The Word of God is the fire that we are put into. It would purify as and in turn we would become fire itself! We would become carriers of Good News for others.

Acts 2:3 "And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them." We know, this text is about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Jesus has set the fire of the Holy Spirit on earth. The disciples received the fire of Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and became great missionaries of Good News and martyrs later.

Jesus has set us on the same fire of the Holy Spirit. We have received this fire in the initial form in our baptism. We must inflame this fire. This could be achieved by helping others, love of neighbor. Just like a piece of firewood on live fire, we cannot but be the carriers of Good News to others.

The fire that Jesus set on the earth is that of the Word of God and of the Holy Spirit. We should be burned in those fires. As the wildfire consumes everything next to it, we should be burning the other with the fire of Holy Spirit and Good News! That is our mission, to become fire! Practically we may fulfill this mission by reaching out to others in their many fold needs.

May the Good Lord kindle the fire within us! Amen.

Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalms 117: 1, 2

Second Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Alleluia: John 14: 6

Gospel Luke 13: 22-30

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 18 . . . Joe Lovoy, Kel Barnes, Michael Adam

Vines, Troy Bright

August 19 . . . Cody Bright, Gerardo Flores, Tim Whitson

August 21 . . . Jasmine Densmore, Trisha Galvez,

Heather Lawley

August 22 . . . Rosemary Schmalz, Vinnie Tamburello,

Caitlin Walker, Juana D. Matias

August 23 . . . Angel Farias, Hap Purnell, Terri Bello

August 24 . . . Elizabeth Waits

DONOR INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Starting this month forward we will be collecting information for Donations given to the church for deceased loved ones especially when want to let the family members know we have showed our love for them through our donations. This is why we have decided to make a donor information list so we can make sure everyone gets notified about your donations. We will be requiring this information from everyone that donates:

- Donors name to be notified, address, phone #, amount donated, if check we will need check #, and lastly what should the donation be used for.
- Names of individuals to be memorialized.
- Family/ Relatives names to be notified of donation and address.

This will be a great help since we want to make sure everyone gets notified about every contribution made for loved ones. Thank you and blessings.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, August 10				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,364.00	4,561.50	5,925.50	201,591.60
Building Fund	975.00	395.00	1,370.00	63,722.00
Parish School of Religion	270.00	754.50	1,024.50	10,507.41
Total	2,609.00	5,711.00	8,320.00	275,821.01
Total given this week: \$8,320.00				

Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



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APRIL 13 – 22, 2026

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