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The Baptism of the Lord

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HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

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.

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday No Mass

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: LUKE 3:15-16; 21-22

❖ THE BAPTISM OF JESUS ❖

■ Jesus is ready to start His mission. He prepared and prayed for this moment. He is going to reveal Himself as the Son of God. But was this riverside of Jordan the best place for that? On that riverside, people have come together to receive the baptism of repentance. It pre-supposes the fact that they all are sinners. Why should Jesus be counted as one among those sinners?

■ For the revelation of His Divine Identity it would have been better to go to the Jerusalem Temple during a festival season. Be one among the priests or scholars over there, and reveal the Messiahship of Him. But on the contrary, He went away from the Temple to be one among the sinners. God the Father approves of this decision.

■ In and through baptism, we too have become His missionaries. But to where do we go/turn for this mission? To the rich, well-to-do...? Jesus challenges us by the reason of baptism we are bound to take sides with the poor, the downtrodden, the sinners, the outcast, etc.

■ We have to look for God’s kingdom not even in the Church. But in the real pathetic life situations outside our windows. We have to serve God in the poor and in the needy. For that, first of all you have to become one with their fate.

■ A pastor had a three-year-old daughter who had been well educated in catechism. Pointing to a crucifix this pastor asked his daughter, “Why was Jesus crucified?” To his surprise the girl answered, “Because He was baptized!” Yes, Jesus was crucified for He was baptized.

■ The son of Mary and Joseph is revealed as the Son of God at baptism. You, too, became children of God through baptism. It’s an invitation to take sides with the oppressed, the poor, and the sinner. Be a missionary in the real battlefield of life. By baptism you are commissioned to be crucified! Are you ready for that? Do you really want to be a baptized Christian? It’s a mission, a challenge!

■ May God the Father strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit to live this challenge and to sacrifice yourself as Christ did. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 8 – 16

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Tony & Judy Cacioppo
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Mary Adams
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday No Mass
Tuesday † Sherman Venz
Wednesday † Robert Celetti
Thursday † Rosalee Sperando
Friday † Teresita Marrero
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Ginger Russo Mosley
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Virginia Taylor
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

January 13: Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Davene Lovoy**, who is survived by her husband, Joe, children, Brian Lovoy and Carmella Lively, siblings, Joe (Jane) Fisher, Martha Martin and Mitzie Wentworth, grandchildren, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is the annual Envelope Mailing Cost collection. This collection helps to offset our cost of mailing monthly envelopes to parishioners. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per family.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$4,005.25	\$606.00	\$4,611.25
Building Fund	\$ 577.50	\$240.00	\$ 817.50
Solem. of Mary	\$ 215.00	\$785.00	

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

Mary Adams	Jim & Nancy	Debbie Rupert
Eddie & Penny	Franklin	MaryAnna Schilleci
Allison	Rev. Len Gavin	Stanley Szafransky
JoAnne Antonio	Ronnie George	Steve Tate
Myra Antonio	John V. Jones, Jr.	Powell Thompson
Ann Baker	Meredith Jones	Irene Tutten
George Bratton	Ginger Russo	Rose Wilson
Kathy Evans	Mosley	Marilyn West

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

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.

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:

VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.



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

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

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

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
Felicia Boyd, Secretary
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Keyes, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will be served one Sunday a month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Narthex. This month it is this Sunday, January 9. Come join us!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

NOTE CHANGE: the **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** meeting for January has been canceled. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

NOTE CHANGE: the **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** meeting for January has been canceled. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Adult Education Class is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Church at 7:00 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.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.



Pray More Rosaries

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God’s House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

PRAYER VIGIL AND WITNESS FOR LIFE

Could you not watch with Me for one hour? CEC for Life, United for Life, and Birmingham March for Life are once again hosting the Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life on Saturday, January 15 at 10:45 a.m. at Planned Parenthood (1019 1st Avenue North in Birmingham). The March will take place rain, snow, or shine. Bring your family and friends! For more information, please visit www.birminghammarchforlife.com or call 205-447-8796.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Anthony and Debbie Rupert**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on January 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January 9. Judy Cacioppo, Janie Martinez, Marisol Arellano
January 10. Jason McDonald, Susan Goolsby, Chris Franklin, Kim McCoy
January 11. Allen Antonio, Zac Whitson, Diane Thomas, Kimberly Alvarado Herrera, Yatziri Ramirez
January 12. Devin Thompson, Megan Epperson, Abraham Perez
January 13. Charles Tortorice, Deb Bailey, Amanda Catherine McCullough
January 14. Devon-Grace Boyd, Michael Woods



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