



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

January 7th, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984
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CHURCH OFFICE

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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		
Mary Curry	Hannan Wilson	Linda Miller
Billy Jones	Allene Armstrong	Dolores Carroll
Vicki Whitley	Gloria Hilty	Beth McCandless
Marty Drake	Tina Artale	John Combs
Mike Wheeler	Lesla Manzella	Renea Mareno
Miranda and	Jeff Brasfield	Judy Wesson
Short families	Deacon Walter	Chris Waits
JoAnn Antonio	Henderson	Bernice Keyes
Don Jones	Lance & Megan Rosser	Blair Hamm
Judy Wharton	Louis Hussey	Johnny McCullough
	Joanne Lape	

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

		January 8 - 14 († = Deceased)	
Monday (Private Mass)	January 8	(BD) Kathy Tortorice	
Tuesday 12 Noon	January 9		
Wednesday 12 Noon	January 10	(TG) Father Reju	
Thursday 12 Noon	January 11	† Len Gavin	
Friday 12 Noon	January 12	All Souls in the Purgatory	
Saturday 4:30pm	January 13	Carol & Steve Tate	
Sunday 8:30am	January 14	† Thomas Dempsey	
10:00am		† Marilyn West	

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on **Tuesdays through Fridays at 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome to pray the Rosary before mass begins.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

Notice of Change in Date and Time

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.

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) 491 7931

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

Fr. Reju's Vacations

Fr. Reju will go on vacations to India from January 15 to February 8. Remember there will be NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS. The Saturday and Sunday mass schedule will be as usual.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet on **Monday January 8th, at 11:30a.m.** in the Church.

FINANCE COUNCIL AND PARISH COUNCIL

The Finance Council and Parish Council both meet on **January 10, 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM** for Parish Council.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year is February 14. Mass will be:
12 noon, (English);
6:00 p.m. (English); and
7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Bishop Raica will celebrate the Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, **January 13** at 9 a.m. Following Mass, a prayer vigil and witness for life will take place at 10:45 a.m. in front of the Planned Parenthood location in Birmingham, 1019 1st Avenue, North. For more information, please visit birminghammarchforlife.com. The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North in Birmingham.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Terry Irvin (son-in-law of Carol and Steve Tate, he passed away December 23, 2023. May God receive Terry's soul and grant him Eternal Rest, and Peace, in HIS Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort all who mourn. Father, allow this family to feel Your Presence as You offer them Your Peace.

In the Name of our Savior, Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever, Amen.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

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.



JANUARY 7, 2024

EPIPHANY

Mt 2:1-12

The word Epiphany means the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. As today we celebrate the Epiphany of Christ, let us meditate on the responses of two groups of people to this manifestation of Christ.

The response of the high-ranking priests and the scribes. They knew everything of their religion and the Old Testament in detail. Quoting the Prophets they gave correct answer about the place of birth of Christ. Unfortunately this knowledge was the end in itself for them. It didn't do any good to their lives. They always remained in the palace.

We also know a lot of things about the Bible, the Church and of our Faith. Knowledge is a matter of brain or intellect. Do our knowledge move our hearts? Do they change our way of life?

The response of the Wise Men from the East. First of all they were seekers of the Divine. Bible says "they asked" Herod about the newborn king. We should be seekers of the Divine in and around us. We should raise questions and explore the resources around us to reach to God.

Mt 2:11 " they knelt and worshipped Him." Worship is the center of any religion in the world. How did these wise men worship Christ? By presenting the gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. These were very costly gifts. Thus, 'worship' for the Magi meant 'sacrifice.' we are here to worship; but what do you plan to sacrifice? Void of sacrifice, there is no true worship.

After their worship they went back their home country by 'another way.' True Worship should change our way of life. We cannot go back from this church as the same persons that walked in. Every worship is Epiphany, meeting with God. This meeting should change our lives.

Watch out for Epiphany around you as the Wise Men did. God may be appearing in front of us in the forms of needy brethren. May every one of those encounters be the true worship of sacrifice and may change our lives every time.

God may appear to you and Bless you all.

Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

January 8 . . . Kathy Tortorice, Cesar Ruiz, Margarita Jimenez

January 9 . . . Janie Martinez, Marisol Arellano, Emmanuel Nanco

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, Judith Ruiz

January 14 . . . Devon-Grace Boyd, Michael Woods

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

January 12. . . . Anthony and Debbie Rupert

January 13 Adan and Xochitl Vences

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 14th, 2024, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading First Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

Psalms 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

2nd Reading First Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel John 1: 35-42

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship				
Sunday - December 31				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Month To Date
Offeratory	\$ 1,546.00	\$ 2,758.00	\$ 51,546.90	\$ 125,867.12
Building Fund	\$ 595.00	\$ 626.00	\$ 27,026.50	\$ 66,091.15
Parish School of Religion	\$ 253.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,227.50	\$ 11,788.25
	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 82,800.90	\$214,699.52
		\$6,278.00		



GREAT NEWS

Rejoice and thank God St Aloysius...

We received the written permission to go ahead with the construction of the St Aloysius Parish Hall, from the Bishop's office. Parish Hall will be build next to the Church and close by the soccer field. It will be a total of 4000/sq. ft. area. Once we get the "Building Permit" are plan to do it in six months.

We have already opened a new Building Fund account. Please designate all your donations / contributions to "Building Fund" and it all will be Tax Free.

