



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 24th, 2025

Twenty-first 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 26 - AUGUST 31 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	August 26	† Janet Ann Wright
Wednesday	12 Noon	August 27	(BD) Charles Gardner
Thursday	12 Noon	August 28	† Sam Petix
Friday	12 Noon	August 29	NO MASS
Saturday	4:30pm	August 30	Curtis Stoves
Sunday	9:30am	August 31	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni

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

DEANERY MEETING ON FRIDAY 29TH

NO MASS

FR. Reju will be attending the deanery meeting of Birmingham Region, at Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday 29th. Meeting will start at 10:30 am, so we will not be having mass on Friday.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday September 8th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901, or email to Bernadette McFerrin, Secretary at bmc3608@bellsouth.net

(NEW DATES)

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju on **April 13, 2026.**

Last day to reserve
your seats:
December 30, 2025.

(Easter: April 5, 2026)

For More Info call:
(832) 406-7050, or
1-844-400-9559,

Email:

info@nativitypilgrimage.com,

Website:

<https://trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/reju-2025>



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - August 17				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,614.00	4,268.82	5,882.82	207,474.42
Building Fund	275.00	621.51	896.51	64,618.51
Parish School of Religion	135.00	45.00	180.00	10,687.41
Total	2,024.00	4,935.33	6,959.33	282,780.34
Total given this week: \$6,959.33				

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

From the Gospel according to LUKE 13:22-30

Want to go to heaven? 'Take an Extra Effort.'

In today's Gospel Jesus is teaching us 'strive to enter through the 'narrow gate,' in order to enter into heaven. And he adds 'but many will not be strong enough.' Do you remember each and every member of our parish? We know that it is not that easy. But at the same time we may be remembering certain individual persons. Just because they might have been coordinating different ministries in the community. It is quite natural to remember anyone who ever takes an extra effort! If you take an extra effort to go to heaven then the Lord would remember you.

To enter through such a narrow gate we must be thin. We cannot try to enter through a narrow gate with a fatty body. In Lk 18:18 An official is asking Jesus: "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In Lk 18:22 Jesus replied: "There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." In order to become slim, we have to sell everything we have. We have to get rid of all our possessions.

In order to keep ourselves slim and not to add to our body mass we should be keeping distance from this worldly things! In the Gospel of Matthew 23:8-12 we hear Jesus telling us that you do not be called Rabbi, nor father, nor Master etc. This means that we should not let ourselves be addressed as someone having authority or power over others. If we would like to enter through that narrow gate, then we should humble ourselves to be a servant for others.

To enter through the narrow gate, we should become slim. What are all the ways to become slim? Sell off whatever we have, keep distance from disgraceful things and people, and moreover, make some extra effort so that the Lord may remember us!

Once a devotee approached the Lord Buddha to worship him with flowers in both hands. Buddha then, told the devotee to "put down." He put down the flowers in his left hand. Buddha repeated the same, and now the devotee put down the flowers in his right hand. For a third time Buddha said, "put down." Now the confused devotee asked Buddha, "Lord, what shall I put down?" Buddha replied, "Put down the one carrying the flower!" Yes, in order to go to heaven, we have to empty ourselves.

God may lead us through that narrow gate! Amen
Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Second Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Alleluia: Matthew 11: 29ab

Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 25 . . . Susan Doss, Rafael Arellano

August 26 . . . Ann Baker

August 27 . . . Mary Adams

August 28 . . . Beth Russo, Sean O'Neal

August 29 . . . Jerry Joiner, Patty Van Duser, Michael
Troncalli, Ana Rosas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

August 28 **Joe and Beth Russo*

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.

Episcopal ordination anniversary

Bishop Steven J. Raica will mark the eleventh anniversary of his episcopal ordination on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



MILAN
ASSISI
ROME
MEDJUGORJE

APRIL 13 – 22, 2026

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