



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed “All Souls”

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday (English)

9:30 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)

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
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris

<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

NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 9 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	November 4	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	November 5	† Robert Geisen
Thursday 12 Noon	November 6	† Dot Keyes
Friday 12 Noon	November 7	† Rosalee M. Pocopanni
Saturday 4:30pm	November 8	(S) Larry Jones (BD) Charlene Lockhart
Sunday 9:30am	November 9	(S) Julia Neely (S) Robert Ballard

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 started back to practice on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm** at the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

Make a Joyful Noise

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
Gabriel Lopez

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

CLEANING DAY

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come **Saturday, November 8th**, at 8:00AM to polish the pews and wooden furniture and vacuum the pews. Polish, cloths and water provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed.

For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you.

MEMORIAL MASS

The Memorial Mass of ***Vickie Likis*** will be on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00pm, visitation at 1:30pm.

The parish community expresses its deepest condolences to the family.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. It is also for priests and religious who want to strengthen their relationships with their church communities.



**WorldWide
Marriage
Encounter**

**Married Couples and Priests
"Live Your Best Life in Love"**

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament!

It is the perfect gift for your spouse on this Thanksgiving

**Join us NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025
at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama**

For more info: wwme.org
or Call: Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

For more info visit the website:

<https://wwme.org/>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Oct. 26				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,071.00	3,523.74	4,594.74	272,903.94
Building Fund	275.00	589.00	864.00	76,233.76
Parish School of Religion	75.00	90.00	165.00	15,724.51
Total	1,421.00	4,202.74	5,623.74	364,862.21
Total given this week: \$5,623.74				

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

ALL SOULS DAY

Today the Catholic Church pauses her ordinary rhythm to remember all the faithful departed- those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. On All Saints Day we sought the intercession of all the Saints in Heaven. On this day we pray for those still being purified. We pray with hope, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 958) says, "Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also for making their intercession for us effective."

Wisdom 3:1 "But the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them." This is the heart of Christian hope- that death is not annihilation but transformation. Romans 6:5 "If we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." CCC 1006-1014 reminds us that death is "the end of man's earthly pilgrimage," yet for the believer it is also the "doorway to eternal life."

CCC 1030-1032 teaches "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." This is not a punishment, but a loving purification- the souls' final preparation to "see God face to face" (1 Cor 23:12.)

St. Augustine wrote: "some suffer temporal punishments only in this life, others after death; still others both here and there." (City of God XXI. 13.) The Church traces the ancient practice of offering Mass Intentions for the Dead back to the earliest centuries. Church has always prayed 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.' Why? Because our love continues beyond the grave.

In the creed, we profess our faith in the "Communion of saints." It is the communion of the Church Triumphant in Heaven, the Church Suffering in Purgatory and the Church Militant Church here on earth. CCC 954-959 "The union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted.... it is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods." We remain united through Prayer, Sacrifice and Love. Just as we ask the Saints to pray for us, so we pray

for our departed loved ones. Love does not end with death; it only changes its expression.

All Souls' Day is not only about remembering the dead, but also about reforming our own lives. To live wisely, we must live with 'Eternity' in mind- forgiving readily, loving generously and detaching ourselves from sin. ST. John Chrysostom once said: "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why should we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation?"

We can help them through:

- 1) The Holy Mass Intentions- the most perfect prayer of intercession.
- 2) Indulgences- the Church grants plenary indulgence for visiting cemeteries and praying for the dead (November 1 - 8).
- 3) Personal prayer, Rosary, and acts of Charity offered for their repose.

The world sees cemeteries as places of sorrow; the Church sees them as gardens of hope. Each grave is a seed waiting for resurrection. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live." (Jn 11:25.) So today, as we pray for our beloved dead - parents, grandparents, friends, forgotten/ orphaned souls, we entrust them to the mercy of God. Let us also renew our faith that we too shall see them again, in that eternal communion where there is no more death, no tears, no separation - only the endless light of Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

November 9th, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

1st Reading Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Second First Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17

Alleluia: Second Chronicles 7: 16

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 3 . . . Mary Jones, Lillian Walker

November 4 . . . Fran Kornegay, Eric Donaldson,

November 5 . . . David Rosas, Virginia McClusky

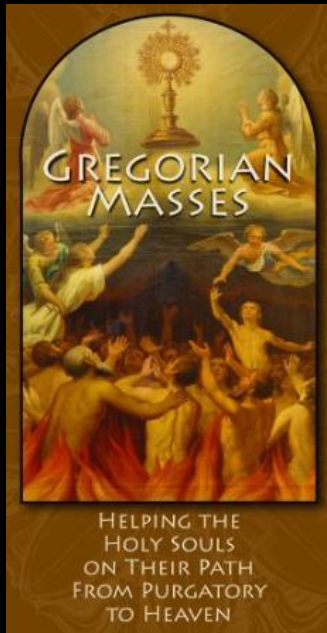
November 7 . . . Michael Hummel, LTC Brian Wittman,

Betty Antonio, Chris Ratcliffe

November 8 . . . Gary Adams, Tania Herrera



GREGORIAN MASS FOR THE DECEASED



Gregorian Masses are a series of 30 Holy Masses traditionally offered on 30 consecutive days, for one individual soul. The custom of offering Gregorian Masses for a particular individual soul recognizes that few people are immediately ready for heaven after death, and that, through the infinite intercessory power of Christ's sacrifice, made present in the Holy Mass, a soul can be continually perfected in grace and enabled to enter finally, into the union with the most Holy Trinity our God, in heaven.

Gregorian Masses take their name from St. Gregory the Great who was the Pope from 590 to 604. Pope Gregory himself recorded an event in his Fourth Book Of Dialogues as follows. A monk in the monastery of Saint Andrew in Rome, named Justus, confessed on his deathbed to hiding three gold coins. This was violation of vow of poverty. As a severe lesson, pope Gregory forbade the other monks from visiting Justus's deathbed and ordered him to be buried in the monastery's garbage dump along with the money. However, pope Gregory later took pity on the monk's soul and ordered that Masses be offered for him for 30 consecutive days. At the end of the 30th Mass, the deceased appeared to one of his fellow monks and announced that he had been delivered from the flames of purgatory. From this incident the tradition of Gregorian Mass was begun.

If anyone would like to request for a Gregorian Mass,
you can contact Fr Reju personally.



WHY DO WE OFFER MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD?

The ancient Jewish people believed in the efficacy of prayers and sacrifices offered for the deceased. 2 Maccabees 12:46 "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 12:43 "He (Judas, the Army Captain) send twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead."

Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that when we offer a Mass Intention for the deceased we are not merely "remembering" them - we are uniting their souls to the supreme sacrifice of Christ on the cross. CCC 1367 "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist (Holy Mass) are one single sacrifice." We all could be enjoying the goodness of the hard work of our ancestors. By offering Mass Intentions, we continue to exercise charity toward our departed brothers, sisters and ancestors aiding their purification and hastening their entrance into heaven.

No prayer or act of devotion equals the value of the Holy Mass. When we offer a Mass Intention for someone who has died, we are giving them the most perfect gift possible - the presence and merits of Christ Himself. Saint Jerome said: "The souls of the departed are relieved by the prayers of the Holy Church and by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass." Saint Monica, before her death, told her son Saint Augustine: "Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you, that you remember me at the Altar of the Lord." Thus, we see that, offering the Mass Intentions for the deceased had been a practice of the very ancient Church. Pope Benedict XVI once said, "When we pray for the dead in the Eucharistic celebration, we ask that they may be purified by the love of God and be admitted to the eternal banquet of heaven."

You are welcome to offer the Mass Intentions
for the deceased in the Office.

You can do it online also. All those names
could be kept on the Altar throughout the
month of November.



FOOD DRIVE

Holy Family Altar Guild and Parish Council are sponsoring a food drive to benefit The Catholic Center of Concern, Guadalupan Missionary Sisters and Multicultural Services of Greene County, of Birmingham Dioceses.

We will have green reusable grocery bags, feel free to take one and fill it with non-perishable food items, but mostly cans of green beans and corn; and bring your donations back to the church.

Please take one tote bag per family.



Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Thank you for your support!

