



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez

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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	
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
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

JANUARY 20 – JANUARY 25 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	January 20	Father Reju
Wednesday	12 Noon	January 21	
Thursday	9:00am	January 22	† Angelo Rivera Bayon
Friday	12 Noon	January 23	† Johnny Schober
Saturday	4:30pm	January 24	Vickie Gavin
Sunday	9:30am	January 25	(S) Glenda Geisen

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

THANK YOU

The Parish wishes to thank all the parishioners who decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas season and who cleaned it afterward.

We are very grateful to you:

Charles Ellis	Marilyn Ellis
Geoff Bull	Vickie Gavin
Cindy Galloway	Phillip Galloway
Cathy Wittman	Brian Wittman
Donna Ponder	Frances Sanders
Glenda Mernaugh	Ray Mernaugh
Kathleen Jones	Billy Jones
Paula Clowdus	Randy Clowdus

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of *Johnny Schober*, of Hueytown, Alabama, who passed away on December 30, 2025, leaving to mourn family and friends.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. On this day, priests place ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of the faithful to symbolize their belonging to Jesus Christ and their repentance for their sins. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. It is not a holy day of obligation.

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443
Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are being mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,
Email: finance@staloyiuscc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Jan. 11				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,914.00	9,506.00	11,420.00	19,096.00
Building Fund	1,015.00	35,991.59	37,006.59	39,057.59
Parish School of Religion	160.00	0.00	160.00	230.00
Total	3,089.00	45,497.59	48,586.59	58,383.59
Total given this week: \$48,586.59				

Sunday, January 18th, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John 1: 29-34

Your Mission: Reveal the Christ in the Other.

In today's Gospel we see the testimony of John the Baptist about Jesus, the Son of God. Today, I would like to invite your attention to two main characters: John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ.

The role John played in his life, was that of a baptizer. John's duty was to baptize with water. The ultimate orientation or goal of this role in his life, as a baptizer, was to reveal the Christ, the Son of God, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In John's own words: "I came baptizing with water that he might be made known to Israel." At the moment of baptism, John the Baptist is revealing to the world that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God.

We all play different roles in our lives. We may be playing the roles of housewives, mother, sister, daughter, caregiver, maybe husband, head of the family, brother, child, manager etc. There is God, Christ, hidden in every human person. Whatever roles may we be playing in our lives, the ultimate purpose of all those roles is to bring out the Christ 'hidden' in the other.

How can we reveal the Christ in the other? How can we help the other to bring the Christ outside from within him? And keep in mind that is our goal of everyday lives and duties. John could reveal the Christ in the person of Jesus because of his own attitude. John speaks about Jesus: "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." John's attitude to Jesus is that Jesus is always greater than John himself. It is the virtue of humility that helps John to bring the Son of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to daylight.

John is teaching every one of us a great lesson today. Our duty of life is to reveal the Christ in the other. In order to achieve this goal, we must humble ourselves and consider the other as greater than me.

John's testimony about Jesus is: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." 1Jn 3:4 "Sin is the transgression of the law." Jesus came to take away this sin. What is this sin of the world? There is a rhythm in the universe; a rhythm of interrelatedness of every creature and everything in the universe. Not only the human beings are in interrelationships; but also, everything that is in the universe is related. Whenever this rhythm of relationship is broken then it becomes sin. Jesus' role therefore is to reconcile the broken relationships in the universe.

Just like Jesus we are all baptized Christians. Through baptism it became our duty too, to help reconciling all the broken relationships in the world. How can we maintain the rhythm of the universe? How can we reconcile the broken relations in the world? John testifies about Jesus that: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." Yes, we have to be spirit-filled people to maintain the rhythm of the universe, and to reconcile the broken relations in and around us.

Following John's model, we must consider everyone else as greater than us and help them to bring out the Divine element that is hidden within them. Following Jesus' model, through baptism, we are duty bound to maintain the rhythm of interrelatedness in the universe and help others to reconcile the broken relationships.

God may guide us all in our lives, Amen.

God Bless you all.
Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

January 25th, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading *Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3*

Psalms *27: 1, 4, 13-14*

Second *First Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17*

Alleluia: *Matthew 4: 23*

Gospel: *Matthew 4: 12-23 or*

Matthew 4: 12-17

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



January 19 . . . Emilio Medina, Maria Vasquez

January 22 . . . Zack Hurst

January 23 . . . Gloria McDonald, Jacqueline Diego

January 24 . . . Sam Tamburello, Isabella Stokes

January 25 . . . Nathan Contreras, Sharon Bull

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

*January 21 * Joe and Sherry Ciza*

*January 22 * Fernando & Lucila Maldonado*

*January 25 * Charlie and Ann Baker*

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

A Mass honoring all consecrated religious will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, on Sunday February 1st, starting at 11 a.m.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

A Mass marking World Marriage Day will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 8th.

The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North in Birmingham.