



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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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

JULY 22 – JULY 27			
(† = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	July 22	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni
Wednesday	12 Noon	July 23	† Angelo Rivera Bayon
Thursday	12 Noon	July 24	† Bernadine Chiarella
Friday	12 Noon	July 25	(BD) Mike Perez
Saturday	4:30pm	July 26	† Janet Scoggins
Sunday	9:30am	July 27	† Rita Minor

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

MISSION APPEAL

Bishop Pauly, India

Father Reju is from Diocese of IRINJALAKUDA, India. His diocese is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its birth (Golden Jubilee). That has 141 parishes in the diocese. The jubilee gift would be 141 houses for the homeless people in the diocese, (one house for every parish).

Bishop Pauly is visiting us with this mission appeal. Your generous donations would be highly appreciated, and those beneficiaries would be praying for you.

Those wishing to donate can do so in cash, by check made payable to St. Aloysius (Note: Mission of the Diocese of Irinjalakuda) or by check made payable to Father Reju Pynadath Johny.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Bernadine Chiarella. Bernadine passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025, at the age of 94. She is survived by her children, Sam A. Chiarella and Frank Chiarella (Phyllis); her grandchildren, Lauren Chiarella Johnson (Zack) and Allison Chiarella Savela (Matthew); and her great grandchildren, Reagan Martin, Caleb Johnson, Abby Jo Johnson, Riley Savela, Olivia Savela, and Hallie Savela.



Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni, at the age of 80, of Bessemer, who passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2025. A loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother, she was a member of St Aloysius Catholic Church.

Rosalee was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Annie Mareno, her loving husband, Jasper "J.C" Pocopanni of 45 years. She is survived by her sons, Vic (Pari) Pocopanni, Jay (Teresa) Pocopanni and daughter, Lisa (Allen) Brown, grandchildren, Blake (Claudia) Pocopanni, Erika (Austin) Sapp, Jasper Charles Pocopanni III, Tyler (Julia) Brown, and Carson Brown, great grandchild, Noah Pocopanni, her brothers, Greg "GC" Mareno, and Jack Mareno.

May God have mercy. May He receive their souls and grant them peace in His Eternal Paradise. May the promises of Christ comfort their family and friends.

*In the name of Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Sunday, July 20th, 2025

First the 'Better Part' and then Your Efforts

From the Gospel according to Luke 10: 38-42

Today in all the readings we see the main theme of conflict between work and prayer. The lavish hospitality of Abraham, the hard missionary works of Paul and the hospitality of Martha all these efforts were highly rewarded by God. Paul and Martha are saints in today's Catholic Church.

The first reading presents Abraham as a model of extraordinary hospitality. Out of his lavish generosity, slaughtering a calf, he extended a surprising hospitality to three strange men. And this effort was rewarded with a miraculous promise: a son in their old age!

In the second reading Paul boasts of his hard missionary works and sufferings for Christ. Here we have to keep in mind that Abraham is the Father of Faith and Saint Paul is one of the two pillars of the Church, meaning to say all their efforts and hard works were rooted in their intimate God experience.

Coming to the Gospel we have the story of sisters Martha and Mary. Martha is trying so hard to treat Jesus, their extra ordinary guest, as best and perfect as she could. (It is good to keep in mind that Jesus did not enter into a restaurant, but a home of love!) Mary is actually giving company to Jesus, enjoying His presence and listening to Him. From His response we can conclude that, that is what he liked the most!

Jesus' presence was appreciated by Mary and she tried to involve Him. Abraham and Paul did all their works out of their God experience. And therefore they enjoyed working more and more for God, they were never tired nor felt burdened with their tasks. Martha on the other hand, feels exhausted at her tasks!

Work is a must. Today's readings teach us that, all our efforts and works must be based on our God experience. Otherwise it may turn out to be futile and we may feel exhausted! All the efforts based on God experience would bear much fruits.

First we should be able to spend time with the Lord in His holy presence (prayer.) Secondly we should listen to Him (Reading the Bible.) and then only, we may dwelve into our works, and those works would bear much fruits!

God may reward us all in abundance, Amen

Father Reju Pynadath Johny

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

July 27th, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Second Colossians 2: 12-14

Alleluia: Romans 8: 15bc

Gospel Luke 11: 1-13

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 21 . . . Frances Sanders, Daniel Bello Sr.

July 23 . . . Debbie Hudson, Chase Antonio, Dawson Dreveny

July 24 . . . Brian Johnson, Aislynn Alvarado Andino

July 26 . . . Katie Bunn, Dylan Zalewski

July 27 . . . Ann McMahon, Karen Berryman, Arnie Scherzer, Aziel Mugoya, Jack Owens

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

July 24 *Jimmy and Sheila Freeman

July 27 *Ian and Carla Smart

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH (NEW DATES)

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, 1-844-400-9559,

Email:

info@nativitypilgrimage.com,

Website:

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



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, July 13				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,136.00	3,733.25	4,869.25	175,672.78
Building Fund	500.00	530.00	1,030.00	59,059.50
Parish School of Religion	180.00	931.50	1,111.50	9,137.91
Total	1,816.00	5,194.75	7,010.75	243,870.19
Total given this week: \$7,010.75				

Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



MILAN
ASSISI
ROME
MEDJUGORJE

APRIL 13 – 22, 2026

FR. REJU PYNADATH

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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Bessemer, Alabama

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