



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

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.

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: JOHN 10:27-30

❖ MOTHER'S DAY AND

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ❖

■ We all have come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. "Eucharist" comes from the Greek "Eucharistia" for "Thanksgiving." Today as we celebrate Mother's Day, it becomes a great day of thanksgiving.

■ In Saint Pope John Paul II's encyclical Redemptoris Mater (Mother of the Redeemer), he describes the powers of a mother as follows: mother is the self-offering totality of love and she is the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows. Mother has the limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work and she has the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement.

■ Helen Steiner Rice is famous for the greeting cards she writes. She wrote one poem called, "What is a Mother?" Here is her poem:

It takes a mother's love
to make a house a home,
a place to be remembered,
no matter where we roam...
It takes a mother's patience
to bring a child up right,
and her courage and her cheerfulness
to make a dark day bright...
It takes a mother's thoughtfulness
to mend the heart's deep hurts,
and her skill and her endurance
to mend little socks and shirts...
It takes a mother's wisdom
to recognize our needs
and to give us reassurance
by her loving words and deeds...
And that is why in all this world
there could not be another
who could fulfill God's purpose
as completely as a mother!

HAPPY Mother's
DAY



MASS INTENTIONS

May 7 – 15

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Carl McDaniel
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Sophie Cichocki
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (8:30 a.m.) † Carmen Stacks
Wednesday No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
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Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Steve & Carol Tate
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Aaron Gavin
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

May 10: Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

May 12: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

May 14: Saint Matthias, Apostle

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

Beginning this month, there will be no Mass on Mondays. Tuesdays will remain at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays through Fridays will remain at 8:30 a.m.

Due to Father Reju attending a Jubilee Celebration in Kentucky for an Indian priest, Mass on Tuesday, May 10 will be at 8:30 a.m. and there will be no daily weekday Masses on May 11–13. Father Bede Marcy, O.S.B. will celebrate the Liturgy for us on May 14–15.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$6,784.50	\$2,097.00	\$151,912.78
Building Fund	\$1,113.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 47,225.12

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

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.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

Eddie Allison	Jim & Nancy	Debbie Rupert
Myra Antonio	Franklin	MaryAnna Schilleci
Ann Baker	Rev. Len Gavin	Stanley Szafransky
George Bratton	Ronnie George	Steve Tate
Joe Ciza	John V. Jones, Jr.	Powell Thompson
Adeline Costabile	Meredith Jones	Irene Tutton
Kathy Evans	Ginger Russo	Marilyn West
	Mosley	

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

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

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
Secretary (position to be filled)
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Keyes, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are JoAnne Antonio, Mickey Perez, Debbie Rupert, Sharon Weathers, and Rose Wilson.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.



Pray More Rosaries

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

*** Note time change:* 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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second 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.

MAKING ROSARIES

Parishioner Gloria McDaniel makes knotted cord Rosaries and needs help making them. If you would like to continue (or begin) making the knotted cord rosary, I am inviting you to attend the future classes. We are going to continue making these rosaries and give them to whomever needs a rosary, or give them to the Rosary Army who in turn gives them to the Armed Services.

We will meet every other Tuesday (next is May 17) in the meeting room near the altar from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and continue making Rosaries. We might even venture forward and make different type of corded rosaries with wooden beads. Bring a lunch and join us. To volunteer, please text or call Gloria at 205-515-5307.

DIOCESAN BACCALAUREATE MASS

Bishop Raica will celebrate a Diocesan Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 15 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) at 2:00 p.m. for any student graduating from high school or undergraduate/graduate programs in the Diocese. This Mass is intended to provide an opportunity for Catholic graduates who attend a public school or are homeschooled and desire to attend a Baccalaureate Mass, and any Catholic graduates who desire to attend an additional celebration. Students are invited to wear their gowns in the opening procession. Academic caps will not be worn for the Mass. Register at <https://bhmdiocese.org/baccalaureate-mass-registration>.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Italian American Heritage Society announces the opportunity for a \$500.00 scholarship based on the winning essay, "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." To be eligible to participate, the applicant must have a relative who is a society member. Also, the person submitting the essay must be currently enrolled at the college level or a high school senior who has been accepted at a college. The deadline for submitting the essay is May 31. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded. Obtain the Scholarship Guidelines from a society member. For more information, please visit www.iahsbham.com.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Everyone of Italian heritage is invited to the Italian American Heritage Society, which meets on the second Sunday of each month (next is May 15) at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall (1728 Oxmoor Road in Homewood) at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mary Jo Fritts at 205-222-3443.

40-HOURS DEVOTION AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

To kick-off the diocesan phase of the USCCB's three-year initiative, "Eucharistic Revival: My Flesh for the Life of the World," which invites all Catholics into renewal of our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, all are invited to a 40-Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) on Friday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.. Culmination will be an evening Eucharistic Procession through downtown Birmingham on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 19.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

May 8. . .Angela Garrison, Billy Jones, Rebecca Bradley

May 9. Jeff Evans, Regina Milsap

May 10. Stephanie Gerson, Steve MacPherson,

. Marisela Colin, Brandon Hulsey,

. Nick Tamburello, Maria Gomez Santana

May 12. Natalie Spidle, Suzanne Wannemuehler

May 13. Susan Barnes, Bill Grubbs

May 14. Jake Brantley, Angie Herring,

. Alexa Sánchez, Margaret Campbell