



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 27th, 2025

Seventeenth 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 29 – AUGUST 3 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	July 29	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	July 30	† Vincent Petix † William Bruser
Thursday 12 Noon	July 31	† Bernadine Chiarella
Friday 12 Noon	August 1	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni
Saturday 4:30pm	August 2	† Mary L. Maguire
Sunday 9:30am	August 3	Baye Mareno

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

There will be **NO Mass** on Tuesday, July 29.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary. For a Catholics it's an obligation day. We will have 3 masses during the day as follow:

Mass 12:00 Noon (English)
Mass 6:00 p.m. (English)
Mass 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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.

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, or
1-844-400-9559,

Email:

info@nativitypilgrimage.com,

Website:

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



Sunday, July 27th, 2025
From the Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

“Jesus was praying... ‘Lord, teach us to pray’”

Today, Jesus’ praying teaches us how to pray. Let’s pay great attention to what His attitude teaches us. Quite often, Jesus Christ feels the need to meet face-to-face with His Father. In his Gospel, Luke emphasizes this point.

What were they talking about that day? We do not know. On the other hand, somewhere else, we have located a fragment of a conversation between his Father and Himself. It was when He was baptized in the Jordan River, and He was in prayer, “And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased’” (Lk 3:22). It is an intermission in a tenderly affectionate dialogue.

When in today's Gospel, one of the disciples, realizing His meditation, begs Him to teach them how to speak with God, Jesus replies: "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name..." (Lk 11:2). The prayer consists of a filial conversation with this Father that loves us madly. Teresa of Avila defined a prayer as “nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.”

Benedict XVI finds it “significant for Luke to place the Lord's Prayer in the context of Jesus' personal prayer. Thus, he lets us share his praying; He takes us inside the intimate dialogue of Trinitarian love. In other words, He lifts our human weaknesses up to the very heart of God.”

It is notable that, in our current language, the prayer Jesus Christ taught us may be encapsulated in these two single words: ‘Our Father’. The Christian prayer is eminently filial.

The Catholic liturgy places this prayer upon our lips as we prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The seven petitions it contains, and their sequence, gives us an idea as to the kind of behavior we need to adopt when we receive the Holy Communion.

Father Jean GOTTIGNY
(Bruxelles, Belgium)

<https://evangelii.net/gospel/day/2025-07-27>

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
August 3rd, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23

Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

Second Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3

Gospel Luke 12: 13-21.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 28 . . . Sharon Saber, Susie Hammet

July 29 . . . Oliver Lopez

July 30 . . . Tahir Butt

July 31 . . . Chris Waits, Nicholas Lopez

August 1. . . Don Jones, Frank Manzella, Isabel
Betancourt

August 2. . . Fernando Herrera, Hugo Nery Lucas

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The 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 her soul and grant her peace in His Eternal Paradise.
May the promises of Christ comfort her family and friends.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - July 20				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,589.00	4,621.35	6,210.35	181,883.13
Building Fund	460.00	549.00	1,009.00	60,068.50
Parish School of Religion	135.00	20.00	155.00	9,292.91
Total	2,184.00	5,190.35	7,374.35	251,244.54
Total given this week: \$7,374.35				

Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



MILAN
ASSISI
ROME
MEDJUGORJE

APRIL 13 - 22, 2026

FR. REJU PYNADATH

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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