



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday November 17th, 2024 ***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

ADMINISTRATOR

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Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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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	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella 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> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

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 19 - NOVEMBER 24 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	November 19	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	November 20	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	November 21	† Rita Minor
Friday 12 Noon	November 22	Lila Norris
Saturday 4:30pm	November 23	(BD) Brendan Walker (S) Kathleen Jones
Sunday 9:30am	November 24	(BD) Winifred Bratton

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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

Psalm 89 vs 2

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

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**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

November 24th, 2024

Christ the King Solemnity * Thirty-Fourth Sunday

1st Reading Daniel 7: 13-14

Psalms 93: 1abc, 1d-2, 5

Second Revelation 1: 5-8

Alleluia Mark 11: 9, 10

Gospel John 18: 33b-37

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

Gabriel Lopez

Phillip Galloway

Eddie Blanco

Kellie Whitson

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson

Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson

Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild

Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468

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

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER'S MANDATORY TRAINING

We would be having a One Hour Training for all (Existing & Aspiring) Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is Mandatory for all, and is valid for Three years.

Make up day:

December 7, Saturday

Time: 5:30- 6:30 PM.

Training would be held in our Church.

All are welcome!!!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

St. Aloysius along with **Holy Family Altar Guild** will be sponsoring a food drive for the Holiday Season!

We will have reusable grocery bags to bring your donations back to church. Please take one tote bag per family. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday,**

December 9.

Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the combined **St. Aloysius Church Choirs** (English, Spanish and Indian) in a festive and joyous Concert of both sacred and secular Christmas Music.

The concert is **Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 PM.**

We hope to see you all there!



WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Renea Mareno, age 81, of Bessemer, Alabama, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2024, with her husband, Anthony Mareno and family by her side. They were married for 58 years. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of *Charlene Mareno*, who passed away. Please keep *Jackie Mareno* in your prayers.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com.

This requires you to have an available email address.

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

Please call the office for assistance.

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HEBREWS 10:11-18
SALVATION IS "ALREADY, BUT NOT YET"

We have come to the last but one Sunday in the ordinary time. Today's first and last readings point to the end of time. I would like to focus our meditation today on the second reading, that is from the letter to Hebrews 10:11-18.

The main concepts of this text are: Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. This was a 'once and for all' sacrifice and so there is no need of any more sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' sacrifice is the culmination of all the Old Testament sacrifices (which are no more needed). Hebrews 10:18 "there is no longer offering for sin."

What was the sacrifice Jesus offered once and for all? It was the sacrifice that began with Last Supper and culminated on the cross, the Sacrifice of His own Life. Lk 22:19 Jesus Commanded us to "do this in memory of me." Holy Mass is the actualization of this command. It is rightly called the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Phil 1:6 "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." St Paul here says Jesus has already begun "a good work" in every one of us and it is not yet completed; it is a continuing (on going) work. We all know that this good work that Jesus is doing for us is our salvation.

Whenever we commit any sin, we say that we would be adding more and more nails on Jesus' cross. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is ever continuing sacrifice; but at the same time the GRACE of that sacrifice is readily available to any repentant sinner.

The sacrifice of the Mass is NOT a NEW offering for sin but a participation anew in Christ's one sacrifice of Calvary. Hebrews 8:1 says Jesus is the "High Priest" in the Sanctuary of heaven. Verse 2 "a minister of the sanctuary and of the true Tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up." This makes it clear that, Jesus, the High Priest of heaven, continues to minister in the Heavenly Sanctuary. This is not repetition of sacrifices but "continuation" of one and the same sacrifice of Calvary. And, when we attend the Holy Mass, we are participating in the same Heavenly Liturgy where Jesus is the Minister.

Therefore, salvation is a 'already, but not yet' reality. Attending the Holy Mass means our participation in the 'good work' of Jesus, that He continues to Minister in order to save every one of us. We are so blessed to participate in the Heavenly Liturgy ministered by Jesus here on Earth by participating in the Holy Mass.

Let every Holy Mass may save us...

Amen

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

*We celebrate those who are present,
 and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩*

- November 18 *Fidencio Contreras*
- November 19 *Junior Land, Sarah Hanson, Pete Mangione*
- November 20 *Rose Wilson, Mike Renta*
- November 21 *Mickey Perez, Sawyer Chapman, Michael Morris, Nat Schilleci*
- November 22 *Parker Weber, Ausencio Aguirre*
- November 24 *Winifred Bratton, Camille Owens, Samuel Arellano*

Thank You!!

We wish to express our gratitude for all those who helped vacuum and polish the pews and woodwork in the church. The support from our parishioners is much appreciated and to our coordinator in this activity Paula Clowdus.

Thank you:

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| Donna Ponder | Frances Sanders |
| Kathy Tortorice | Randy Clowdus |
| Marilyn Ellis | Geoff Bull |
| Glenda Mernaugh | Ray Mernaugh, |
| Carol Tate | Paula Clowdus |
| Maricela Linares | Rusbeida Yañez |

To the children who volunteered as well:

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| Anahi Lugo | Diego Dominguez |
| Maria Barron Lugo | Donna Morales |
| Alexa Sanchez | Alexandra Ignacio |
| Rosamaria Bravo S. | Alexa Bravo Sanchez |
| Yulissa Bravo Sanchez | |

Thank You!!

The kids of the parish would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Holy Family Altar Guild for the fun treat bags they received after mass on All Souls Day!

The support from our parishioners is much appreciated. May you be blessed for making the bags for us.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Nov 10				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan - Nov
General Fund	1,624.00	3,614.05	5,238.05	\$ 365,615.26
Building Fund	600.00	425.00	1,025.00	\$ 115,035.76
Parish School of Religion	95.00	812.90	907.90	\$ 20,475.36
	2,319.00	4,851.95	\$7,170.95	\$501,126.38
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NINE CONSECUTIVE NIGHT VIGILS

October 2024

Pope's urgent call for Fasting & Prayers:

Pope Francis invited the entire humanity to be united in prayers and fasting for the peace in the world. Pope Francis explicitly requested prayers for an end to the war in the Middle East, specifically calling for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7th, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, to invoke peace through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

The pope's call for prayers is primarily focused on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. Pope says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and Nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to, Pope says, "I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world."

We join together to pray for the victims of natural calamities, especially in Florida. And we pray for peace in our country and everywhere in the world.

With all these Special Intentions we would be having NIGHT VIGIL

*Services for the upcoming NINE Consecutive Fridays,
starting with October 18 through December 13.*

*We will start with Holy Mass in English at 6:30 p.m.,
Adoration, Recite Four complete Rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin)
and conclude with Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 a.m.*

All are welcome.

Let us do some real Sacrifice and Penance for the World Peace!

