



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

May 5th, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ADMINISTRATOR

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CHURCH OFFICE

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates his 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

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English) & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish.

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		
Vicki Whitley	JoAnna Lape	Gloria Hilty
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Jeff Brasfield
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Dolores Carroll
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	Joe Wright
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	Franny Albano
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	Pat Perry
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Sue Dobson
Gary Adams	Lesla Manzella	Becky Watson
April Ballard	Julia Neely	George Watson
Angel J. Curmina	Gene Hartman	Olivia, Payton, & Nicholas
Mike Robertson	Mary Jo Guy	Carla Briggs
Billy Jones	John Combs	Joseph Kyle Herald
	Allene Armstrong	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella	Meredith Jones
Nancy Franklin	Dot Herald
Robert Wilson	Charlene Mareno
Sue Nielsen	Caroline Tamburello
Robert Vincent	Stephen Tate
John V. Jones Jr.	

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@staloysiuscc.org

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	José Emmanuel García
U.S. INTELLIGENCE	
Daniel Thomas	
Dulce Rivera	

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloysiuscc.org with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 7 – May 12 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	May 7	† Karen Snelling
Wednesday	12 Noon	May 8	(Surg) Carl McDaniel
Thursday	12 Noon	May 9	
Friday	12 Noon	May 10	† Michael Tortorice
Saturday	4:30pm	May 11	† Mel Evans
Sunday	8:30am	May 12	† Lilian Maguire
	10:00am		† Abri Simonetti

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, email or by completing an office form and dropping it into the Narthex drop box. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

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 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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 kahytortorice@gmail.com.

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
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kelly Whitson
Yolanda Ruiz

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
Heather Lawley (205) 410 3757
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

GOOD NEWS:

Our New Rectory is Ready

Blessing:

Saturday, May 11, at 3:00 PM

Address:

5200 Taylor Lane, Bessemer AL. 35022

**The house will be OPEN for all to visit on 4th & 5th,
11th & 12th and 18th & 19th of May.**

You all are welcome any time!

SUNDAY MASS CHANGE

The Parish Pastoral Council has revised the **Sunday Mass** schedules. **Starting June 2nd**, we will have **ONLY ONE** Sunday English Mass at 9:30AM.

COME TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Sincere gratitude goes out to all who participated in our Come to Church Campaign. We were blessed with good weather, good discussions, and good people. It was a delight to have faith discussions with others in and out of our parish. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope all the prayers, medals, rosaries, bulletins, and flyers that we handed out will create a desire for some to Come to Church.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, May 13th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. 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.



Sunday May 5th, 2024

Reflections for Sixth Easter Sunday,

Words of the Holy Father

But this is a blank cheque: “whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will give to you”! God is a friend, an ally, a spouse. In prayer one can establish an intimate relationship with him, so much so that in the “Our Father” Jesus taught us to address to him a series of questions. We can ask God everything, everything; explain everything, recount everything. It does not matter if we feel flawed in our relationship with God: we are not good friends, we are not grateful children, we are not faithful spouses. He continues to love us. It is what Jesus shows definitively at the Last Supper when he says: “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood” (Lk 22:20). With that gesture in the Upper Room, Jesus foreshadows the mystery of the Cross. God is a faithful ally: if men and women cease to love him, he nevertheless continues to love, even if love leads him to Calvary. God is always close to our heart’s door and he waits for us to open it to him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

May 6 . . . Johnny Curry, Lesa Manzella

May 7 . . . Hunter Land, Andrea Lopez

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

May 9 . . . Jeff Evans, Regina Milsap

May 10 . . . Steve MacPherson, Marisela Colin, Brandon Hulse, Nick Tamburello, Maribel Huerta

May 12 . . . Natalie Spidle, Suzanne Wannemuehler

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER

20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM.

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to baby Charlotte! She was born April 23, 2024. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. Mommy and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Zach and Caroline Whitson. Please keep them in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 12th, 2024, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord Solemnity

1st Reading Acts 1: 1-11

Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading Ephesians 4: 1-13

Gospel Mark 16: 15-20

