



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

February 18th, 2024

First Sunday Of Lent

ADMINISTRATOR

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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		
Mary Curry	Allene Armstrong	Johnny McCullough
Billy Jones	Gloria Hilty	Adam Stoves
Vicki Whitley	Tina Artale	Julia Neely
Marty Drake	Lesa Manzella	Ann and Bobby Sims
Billy Ray Smith	Jeff Brasfield	Mary LaRussa Beverage
Aneli Romero	Deacon Walter	Frances Sanders
Renea Mareno	Henderson	Mel Evans
Mike Wheeler	Lance & Megan Rosser	Susan Melton
Miranda and Short families	Joanne Lape	Camilo Cangrejo
JoAnn Antonio	Linda Miller	Reta Herren
Don Jones	Dolores Carroll	Judy Wesson
Hannan Wilson	Beth McCandless	Bill Wright
	John Combs	Gene Hartman
	Blair Hamm	Mary Jo Guy

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@staloyuscc.org

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

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@staloyuscc.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

		February 20-25 († = Deceased)	
Tuesday	12 Noon	February 20	† Thomas Dempsey
Wednesday	12 Noon	February 21	† Len Gavin † Maria Rosalia de Franco
Thursday	12 Noon	February 22	(S) Mel Evans
Friday	12 Noon	February 23	(BD) Jim Pinto † Anne Wren
Saturday	4:30pm	February 24	† Marilyn West
Sunday	8:30am	February 25	(BD) Rick Wilson
	10:00am		† Martin LaRussa

Rosary Crusade Nationwide

Rosary Crusade Nationwide in view of the present political situation. The Crusade is very simple, it doesn't take a set time or place; just anytime you say the Rosary add world peace to your intentions. The rosary is a very powerful political weapon.

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.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

Dear Saint Pio, for fifty years every day you endured the immense pains of the Stigmata, the five wounds of Christ Crucified. In your caring goodness, intercede for (here mention name . . .) who is truly in need of miraculous assistance.

If it be God's will, I ask that the gift of complete healing, in every location of the body and from all forms of cancer, be granted to (name . . .). Comfort (name . . .) during times of pain, anguish, confusion and despair.

Gracious Savior to grant (name . . .) inner peace, patience in suffering and the grace to be restored to full physical health.

Through God's healing graces, grant (name . . .) a life of happiness, wellbeing and abiding love here on earth, and one day, the joy of eternal glory in God's loving embrace. Amen.

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham will sponsor and will host a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit, starting Sunday, Feb. 11.

ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH GOD?

Our catechism {CCC-2558} tells us Christian faith requires us to live in vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. But how? Find out in "The Gift," a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit by current and former leaders of national or international Catholic organizations. Local prayer leaders will be present to answer questions and share their personal experience. Begins the Sunday before Lent.

St. Aloysius Parish, Sundays, Feb 11 through March 17

11:00 AM (Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass)

Point of Contact: Kathy Tortorice (205) 531-0930

MISSION SUNDAY

If you are interested in helping or learning about the ministries, be sure to stop by after each mass the weekend of **February 24-25**. Any questions will be answered by those in charge of the ministries.

⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Ephesians 6:7-8

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday:
12:00 noon, (English)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

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. For more information or to register please contact: bhamcathgrad@gmail.com. Deadline to register is March 31st.

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.



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Sunday Reflection – Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

JESUS said, “The time has come, the kingdom of God is at hand. Change your ways and believe the Good News.”

Prior to preaching the Good News, Christ was in the wilderness being tempted. “He was with the wild animals, but angels ministered to him.” (13) We may find ourselves with the wild animals today, but we must remember that we not only have the angels but above all we have Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit as our advocate and help. Through the Resurrection of Christ, we have salvation, and we can lead victorious lives.

We ought to turn our steps to the Lord in everything we do. Every choice of ours leads to victory in Christ Jesus. This lent let us ask the Lord for the gift of tongues and if we have already received it, let us pray in tongues more often. Praying in tongues edifies our spirit because it is the language of the Holy Spirit. We will receive insights and direction through the Holy Spirit when we humble ourselves in prayer.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-180224/>

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

February 25th, 2024, Second Sunday Of Lent

1st Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

2nd Reading Romans 8: 31b-34

Gospel Mark 9: 2-10

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 19 . . . Connie MacPherson, Melinda Turner, Tim Whitson

February 20 . . . Frank Zito Happy 80th birthday!!!, Jocelyn Zamora, Breisy Sherlyn Garcia, Jared Stoves

February 21 . . . Jay Curry

February 22 . . . Marin Radice, Judah Metcalf, David Dempsey, Tami Hill

February 23 . . . Raul Rivera, Sammy Mundi, Mia Thomas

February 24 . . . Sharon Weathers, Bambi Alley, Nancy Perez, Glenda Mernaugh

February 25 . . . Mike Snelling, Pablo Medina

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

February 25 . . . Eddie and Penny Allison

February 23 . . . Steve and Carol Tate (61st)

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.

"LENTEN OFFERING BOX"

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season, the 40 days of preparation for Easter. We as Christian are called to deepen in our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Challenge everyone in the family this year and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up”. Place this **"Lenten Offering Box"** on your home where it will serve as a visible reminder to forego treats or entertainment during Lent. Place the money saved in this handy box which also collects spare change or your children's little tithes. Then bring the "Lenten Offering Box" at Easter Vigil Mass as a symbol of love and all things that we can offer to our Lord Jesus Christ in response to all the many gifts we have received.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Jan & Feb 11				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & Feb
Offertory	\$ 2,097.00	\$ 4,278.00	\$ 12,804.00	\$ 35,689.40
Building Fund	\$ 790.00	\$ 1,206.00	\$ 3,791.00	\$ 9,406.00
Parish School of Religion	\$ 185.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,140.50	\$ 1,244.00
	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 5,514.00	\$ 18,735.50	\$46,339.40
		\$8,586.00		



GREAT NEWS

Rejoice and thank God St Aloysius...
We received the written permission to go ahead with the construction of the St Aloysius Parish Hall, from the Bishop's office. Parish Hall will be build next to the Church and close by the soccer field. It will be a total of 4000/sq. ft. area. Once we get the "Building Permit" are plan to do it in six months.

We have already opened a new Building Fund account. Please designate all your donations / contributions to "Building Fund" and it all will be Tax Free.

