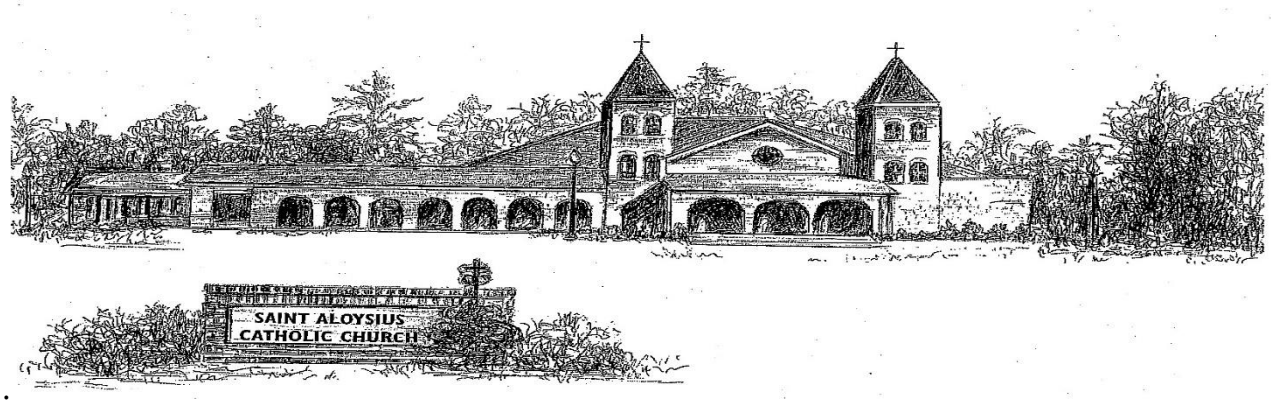

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October 31, 2021
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, Thursday, & 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.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Memorare to Saint Joseph

O God, who by Thy ineffable Providence did vouchsafe
to choose Blessed Joseph for the spouse of
Thy most holy mother,
grant we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate
as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: ACTS 1:13-14 & MARK 9:2-9

❖ REFLECTIONS ON ROSARY ❖

■ Saint Pope John Paul II had announced the year October 2002 to October 2003 as the Year of the Rosary. On that occasion, Pope wrote his Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Marie' (Rosary of the Virgin Mary). Today I try to share some meditative points from this apostolic letter.

■ Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is a Christocentric Prayer at its heart. Pope says that, in and through Rosary, the Christian people are sitting at the 'school of Mary' to contemplate on the 'face of Christ.' Pope Leo XIII is known as the 'Pope of the Rosary.' He proposed the Rosary as an effective 'spiritual weapon' against the evils afflicting society. Pope Paul VI in his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Marialis Cultus' (Marian Devotion) emphasized the Rosary's 'evangelical character' and its Christocentric inspiration. Since it's a meditation on the life of Christ through the Word of God, it is a great means of evangelization. As we learned last week that Christian identity is a 'missionary identity,' we Christians are duty bound to evangelize the world and Rosary is a means for that.

■ Pope Paul VI says that the Rosary is never in conflict with Liturgy, but rather, it sustains it. Rosary serves as an excellent introduction and faithful echo of the Liturgy, enabling people to participate fully and interiorly in it and to reap its fruits in daily lives.

■ Due to its distinctly Marian character, Rosary may appear to be unecumenical. But on the contrary Vatican Council teaches us that "when the Mother is honored, the Son is duly known, loved and glorified." Rosary is a devotion focused at Christological center.

■ Rosary is a form of contemplative prayer. The devotee 'gaze at the Face of Christ.' The three apostles gazed at the face of the transfigured Christ (Matthew 17:2). They gazed at the Mystery of Christ. This is the model of praying the Rosary. Rosary is a prayer to implore from God the gift of peace.

■ Rosary is a prayer for and of families. "The family that prays together stays together." The family that prays the Rosary resembles the Holy Family of Nazareth. As with Joseph and Mary, this family keeps Jesus at the center, they share His joys and sorrows. They place their needs and their plans in His hands. They draw from Him the hope and strength to go on.

■ Blessed Bartolo Longo, who is known as the "Apostle of Rosary" says, "whoever spreads the Rosary is saved." 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "Beholding the glory of the Lord, we are being changed into His likeness." So contemplatively gazing at the face/mystery of Christ we become Christ-like.

■ The contemplation of Christ has an "incomparable model" in Mary. In a unique way the face of the Son belongs to Mary. Mary's gaze at Christ was filled with adoration and wonder. It was ever focused on Him. Different modes of Mary's gaze are (1) 'a questioning look' (finding Jesus in the temple, Luke 2:48); (2) a 'penetrating gaze' (anticipating Jesus' decisions—as at Cana, John 2:5); (3) a 'look of sorrow' (under the cross, John 19:26-27); (4) a 'look radiant with joy at the Resurrection'; and (5) a 'gaze afire' (Pentecost, Acts 1:14). These all are the 'looks' we too have to look at God. So Rosary is a contemplative prayer on the Divine Mysteries to human mystery. Without this "contemplative dimension," Rosary becomes a body without a soul, it becomes a mechanical repetition of formulas. In Rosary we are gazing at Christ through the eyes of Mary. Pope John Paul II says that this remembrance with Mary makes the mysteries of Christ present here and now.

■ While praying Rosary, we are at the 'School of Mary.' Mary is teaching us to become conformed to Christ. "If Jesus, the one Mediator, is the Way of our Prayer, then Mary, His purest and most transparent reflection, shows us the way." She always intercedes "they have no wine," John 2:3.

■ We are invited to know Christ (Matthew 11:27). Rosary reveals the "secret" leading to the profound and inward knowledge of Christ. Pope calls it "the Mary's way." Rosary is simply a method of contemplation and as it is, it serves as a means to an end and is NOT an end in itself. End is Christ. So in short, Rosary is a particular means/way to contemplate/gaze upon the face of Christ at the School of Mary. And it helps you to become what you contemplate.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 30 – November 7

(✞ = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . ✞ Bill & Bernice Semk
Sunday (10:00 a.m.). . . . . ✞ Gus Winstead
Sunday (5:00 p.m.). . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Solemnity of All Saints

Monday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . Rev. Len & Vickie Gavin

All Souls Day

Tuesday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . Rose Wilson
Tuesday (6:30 p.m.). . . . . ✞ Joe Puccio
Wednesday. . . . . ✞ Coralia Tijera
Thursday. . . . . Lydia Malnar
Friday. . . . . ✞ Betty Hill
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Jim Galloway
Sunday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . Ronnie George
Sunday (11:00 a.m.). . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

November 3: Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Note Time Change: The Solemnity of All Saints, not a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. as was previously announced. The Feast of All Souls on Tuesday, November 2, will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish).

All Souls envelopes were included in the monthly envelope packets mailed to registered parishioners. Extra envelopes are available on the cabinet behind the Baptismal font. Names may be written on a piece of paper and placed in these envelopes. All Souls envelopes will be on the altar during the month of November.

IRON BOWL RAFFLE

The Holy Family Altar Guild will be selling raffle squares for $10 each for a chance to win after each quarter of the Iron Bowl game being played on November 27. Members will be in the Narthex after all Masses to sell squares. Your support of the Holy Family Altar Guild is very much appreciated.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

November 7 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to-Date
Offertory	$3553.58	$ -0-	$347,953.16
Building Fund	$ 50.00	$ -0-	$ 53,290.64
World Missions	$ 131.86	$ -0-	$ 131.86

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you for returning your Catholic Charities pledge card. Our response thus far is as follows:

Number of Pledge Cards Returned to Parish. 8
Amount of Pledges Returned to Parish. . . . .$ 2,450.00
Amount of Pledges Sent to Diocese. 16,565.00
$19,015.00
Parish Goal. $35,000.00
Difference. . . . . .– $15,985.00

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken Masses 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, my 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. Feel free to contact me at staloysius4music@gmail.com or text me at 205-706-9500, or please see me or a cantor/choir member at Mass. God bless you! Tim Tipton, Director of Music

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloysiuscc.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 & Penny Allison Myra Antonio Ann Baker Barbara Bridges Nancy Franklin Rev. Len Gavin	Ronnie George John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones Ricky Lockhart Heath "Booty" McMeans Ginger Russo Mosley	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutten Rose Wilson

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

The Oaks on Parkwood	*Plantation Manor*
Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	Claudia Charme

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
Felicia Boyd, Secretary
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to **Angel Alcantara Romero and Yaneli Alcantara Romero**, children of Ramiro Alcantara and Mauricia Romero Bibiano, who were baptized on October 23.

Congratulations and welcome to **Sara Lisa Martin Montejo,** daughter of Agustina Concepcíon Martin Montejo, who was baptized on October 3.

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Mary Lou "Sissy" Spain**, who is survived by her sister, Carol (Steve) Tate, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CLOSING OF MONTH OF THE ROSARY

This year, Month of the Rosary closes on October 31, a Sunday. To celebrate this occasion, there will be a bilingual Mass at 5:00 p.m. An outdoor bilingual Rosary and Procession will follow, weather permitting. Children and adults are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint. There will be treat bags of cookies and candies for the children. Come and join in the prayerful rosary procession with lighted candles and let us seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

The Mass schedule for Sunday, October 31 will be 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only. Saturday, October 30, will be at 4:30 p.m. as normal.

SPECIAL INTENTION OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER

We need your generous help to arrange treat bags of cookies and candy for children. We may need to support the children to be dressed up like a saint on October 31. Throughout the month of October, we may try to keep fresh flowers on the altar and in front of the Blessed Mother. So for all these, your generous donations are welcome. You may put it in the collection basket kept at the entrance of the sanctuary.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During the month of November, Father Reju will visit local cemeteries to bless the grave of your loved one(s) on any day of the week except Monday. To schedule a blessing, please contact the Church Office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, November 6 from 4:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. A sign-up list will be in the sanctuary to keep a record of who is attending Adoration and at what hour. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930 or kathytortorice@gmail.com.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Adult Education Class will not be held the next two weeks, due to All Souls Day and Father Reju going out of town. The class will resume on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Pam Davidson, Fran Kornegay, Marcia McCullough, Diane McDowell, and Sheila Zito.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, November 8 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2631** will not meet in November.

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius on Saturday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

V.I.P. MASS

Saint Aloysius Parish celebrates a Mass for special people (V.I.P.) on the second Saturday of each month at Noon (November 13). This Liturgy is for those who are uncomfortable attending a weekend Mass due to COVID-19 concerns. Face masks must be worn, social distancing will be observed, and hand sanitizer will be available. Feel free to invite others who do not attend our parish. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.

Pray More Rosaries

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Our membership list needs updating! We have a database of registered parishioner e-mail addresses to use when we communicate news with the parish. Several of these e-mails have bounced back, meaning the addresses are not valid. Please contact the Church Office to update your e-mail address.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God's House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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.

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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Church at 7:00 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.

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.

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

Air Force
Daniel K. Hicks
Shea Hicks
James McKinney
Lance Rosser

Army
Joseph R. Chiarella
Zach Edmonds
Blake Seidel

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

October 31. . . . . .Cindy Galloway
November 1. . . . . .Frances Tucker, Amber Butler
November 2. . . . . .Gloria McDaniel, Taylor Land,
. . . . . Dottie Keyes, Chris Nichols, Matt Herring,
. . . . . Guadalupe Vasquez Alvarez
November 3. . . . . Mary Jones, Lillian Walker
November 4. . . . . .Fran Kornegay, Eric Donaldson,
. . . . . Robert Hathcock
November 5. . . . . .David Rosas, Virginia McClusky

Fall Back 1 Hour Next Weekend

October 31

Today, all persons who attend Saint Aloysius Catholic Church are lifted up in prayer as one. May the Lord keep you and bless you.