



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 March 23rd, 2025 *Third Sunday of Lent*

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

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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

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

MARCH 24th - MARCH 30th († = Deceased)		
Monday (Private Mass)	March 24	† Jean Snelling † Jan Scoggins
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	March 25	† Jose Franco Herrera
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 26	† Renea Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	March 27	(H) Becky Green
Friday 12 Noon	March 28	† Willie DeGloria Hill
Saturday 4:30pm	March 29	Vietnam Veterans
Sunday 9:30am	March 30	† Anne Wren

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.

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 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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday)

12 noon Holy Mass followed by Stations in March and April.

March 7th / March 28th (English) 12:00 Noon
March 14th / April 4th (Indian) 6:45 P.M.
March 21st / April 11th (Spanish) 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

2:00 pm Talk by Priest from EWTN
2:30 to 6:00 pm Confessions (English and Spanish)
4:30 pm English Mass

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE PALMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and Mass (English)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH Blessing of the Palms

9:30 a.m. English Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Mass

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17th

6:00 p.m. English Mass
8:00 pm Spanish Mass

*Adoration to follow the 6:00 pm Mass in the Day
Chapel and ending at 6:00 am Friday*

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, April 18th * No Stations at 12:00 Noon*

1:00 pm Spanish Liturgical Service
2:30pm Live Way of the Cross (Spanish)
6:00 pm English Liturgical Service

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, April 19th Blessing of Holy Water and Candles.

(You may bring water and candles to be blessed)

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in English
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in Spanish

EASTER: SUNDAY OF THE

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 20th

9:30 a.m. English Mass

Easter Egg Hunt to follow this Mass

11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Start Date: Good Friday April 18, 2025

End Date: Saturday April 26, 2025

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY 2:45PM Divine Mercy
Chaplet & Prayers with Adoration (Bilingual)

Sunday, March 23th, 2025

From the Gospel according to Luke

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard,

and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, -he said to the gardener,

‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree

but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He said to him in reply,

‘Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.”

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

March 30th, 2025 * Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Second 2nd Corinthians 5: 17-21

Verse Before the Gospel Luke 15: 18

Gospel Luke 15: 1-3,11-32

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

March 24 . . . Alejandra Bernardino

March 25 . . . Roxana Aguirre

March 26 . . . Don Giglio, Bill Graham, José Leonel Cano

March 27 . . . Barbara Etling, Olivia Velázquez

March 28 . . . Stephen Lenseigne, Matteo Farias, Lorraine Taylor, Eduardo Clemente Morales

March 29 . . . Kaylin Farias-Barajas

March 30 . . . Jackson McCoy, John Hart Turner, Ray Mernaugh

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Josephine Renta Tortorice**, who passed away last Thursday, March 13th. She is proceeded in death by her parents; and husband Michael Tortorice. Josephine is survived by her three daughters Christine Feenker (Chris), Michelle Elliott (Kevin), and Maria Gibbs (Ted); six grandchildren and her brothers, Michael Renta (Debbie), Norman Renta (Gale), Sam Renta, Jr. (Tiffany), and Paul Renta (Yvonne). She’s sister-in-law of Charles Tortorice, and cousin of Charles Ellies.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER

Volunteers needed to help vacuum and polish the pews and wooden furniture. Please come on Monday, April 7th, at 9:00AM. Clean-up supplies will be provided. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection the coming weekend, **March 29-30th**, is for **Catholic Relief Services** collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance. *Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year!*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, March 16				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	807.00	5,880.26	6,687.26	62,423.45
Building Fund	250.00	115.00	365.00	13,144.34
Parish School of Religion	310.00	0.00	310.00	3,681.91
Total	1,367.00	5,995.26	7,362.26	79,249.70
Total given this week: \$7,362.26				