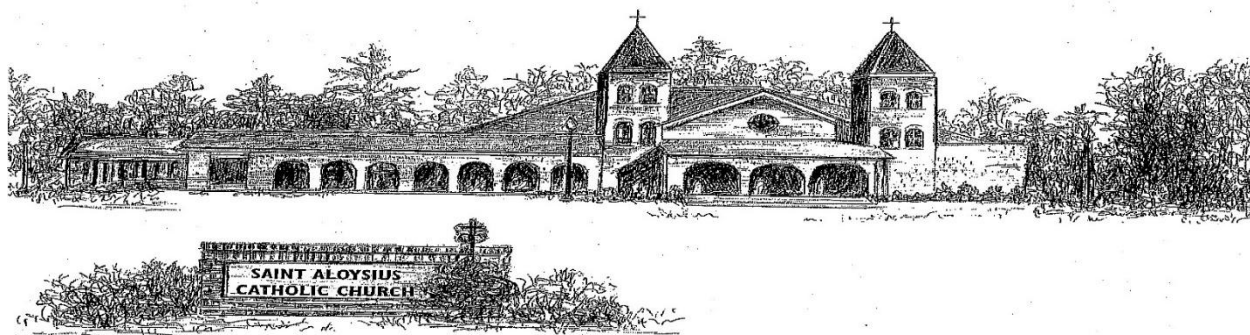




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 26th, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information contact the Church Office or the priest for Baptismal Preparation.

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 the priest at least six months before your proposed date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please contact 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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the *first Saturday of every month*, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway MaryAnn Simonetti	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
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>	<u>ARMY</u>
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
<u>MARINE</u>	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
Grace Oldham	Daniel Thomas

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

JULY 27 – AUGUST 2 († = Deceased)		
Monday 6:30pm	July 27	† Mary Kane
Tuesday 12 Noon	July 28	(S) Ann Pierce
Wednesday 12 Noon	July 29	† Vincent Petix
Thursday 12 Noon	July 30	(BD) Sally Barie
Friday 12 Noon	July 31	(S) Kelly Popee
Saturday 4:30pm	August 1	† Mary C. Manasco
Sunday 9:30am	August 2	† Jerry Robinson

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 Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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 is taking a summer break from practicing on Wednesday nights. The choir will resume Wednesday night practice on **September 9th**. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

All are invited to join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am during Adoration to pray the Rosary together.

Anyone who wishes to pray the Rosary is always welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the **first Saturday of every month**, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*All are welcome to spend time before
Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

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
Gabriel Lopez

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

INSTALLATION MASS

*We joyfully announce that he **will celebrate his Installation Mass on August 9 at 9:30 am**, with **Bishop Raica** presiding. This special liturgy marks Father Jose's formal installation as pastor and is an important moment for our parish community.*

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer as we welcome and support Father Jose in his pastoral ministry. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen him as he serves our parish community, and may we be enriched by his priestly devotion, his prayer, and his faithful witness to the Lord.

*Let us keep **Father Jose** in our prayers, that his time among us may bear abundant spiritual fruit and draw us ever closer to Christ and His Church.*

MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Have you ever considered proclaiming the Word of God at Mass? Our parish is seeking new lectors to serve this vital ministry. If you have a love for Sacred Scripture and a desire to serve the liturgy, we invite you to join us.

A Lector Training Session will be held on Sunday, August 16, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will last about one hour. Attendance at this training is mandatory for all current lectors and those interested in becoming a lector.

For more information, please contact the parish office or attend the training session. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry!

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN APPEAL

The weekend of August 1-2, you are invited to prayerfully consider giving to the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal, which directly supports the 19 seminarians who are being formed to become priests of the Diocese of Birmingham. Thank you for your support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship July 19:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$6,982.35
Difference:	-\$3,087.65

Please keep the accessible entrance clear; do not park in the driveway during weekend Masses
Thank you.

July 2026

By Father Jose Chacko

Love, respect, and care

Pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Parish

"I was born into a traditional Catholic family on Oct. 23, 1959, in Cochin, India. My maternal grandfather was the sacristan and a neighbor of the parish church. My parents were teachers at the parish school, and later, my father became the principal and the DRE. Some of his students went on to become religious missionaries, and their visits sparked my interest in missionary life.

After high school, I entered the seminary, where I studied philosophy and theology and earned my bachelor's degree. In December of 1987, I was ordained a priest at St. Anthony's Church in Puthenpeedika. My seminary rector, Msgr. Zacharias, strongly encouraged me to join the Brazilian missions. In preparation, I served as an associate pastor in two large parishes, St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's in Trichur, where I visited and blessed all the families. Later, I moved to Brazil, where I served for 16 years as an assistant pastor and Vicar General.

In 2003, while attending the Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in Birmingham, I met the late Bishop David E. Foley, who invited me to work in the Diocese of Birmingham.

I began my ministry at St. John the Baptist in Madison and later served at Our Lady of Sorrows; Our Lady, Queen of the Universe; and Sacred Heart, all in Birmingham. During this time, I also served as a volunteer chaplain at U.A.B. and St. Vincent's Birmingham for two years and at St. Vincent's East for a few months before coming to St. James in 2014 as pastor.

I love seeing the face of Jesus in everyone I meet – my brothers, friends, and the people I serve, always with joy. By the grace of God, the virtues of my parents, and the cooperation of our community, I am deeply grateful for the happiness I have found in my vocation. I have never had a moment of doubt in my 37 years as a priest."

Father Jose Chacko became Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish on July 1, 2026.

Officially this was written May 1, 2025 and was published in One Voice Magazine.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

2 August 2026, Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Psalm: Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Second: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4b

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 27 . . . Ann McMahon, Arnie Scherzer, Jack Owens

July 28 . . . Sharon Saber

July 29 . . . Oliver Lopez

July 30 . . . Tahir Butt

July 31 . . . Chris Waits, Nicholas Lopez

August 1 . . . Don Jones



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



*July 27 * Ian and Carla Smart*

*July 30 * Rickey and Fran Kornegay*

REMINDERS

UPDATING ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH RECORDS

Father Jose invites all parishioners to complete a registration form as we update our parish records. Whether you are registering for the first time or updating your information, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Registrations will take place after each mass. *Thank you.*

TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC

We are organizing a group bus trip to beautiful *Charleston, South Carolina*, from October 5 to 9, 2026. If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact us for additional information.

Joe Lovoy (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443

Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

Everyone is welcome!

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA

The earthquakes in Venezuela have caused great loss of life, and many people remain missing. The Diocese of Birmingham has sent \$20,000 to Catholic Relief Services for emergency support.

📌 *A second collection will be held on weekend, August 8 and 9 (You may reserve your contribution for Religious Education for the weekend of August 15). Funds will replenish the Disaster Relief Fund, and anything over \$20,000 will be sent to Venezuela. Please mark: "earthquake relief in Venezuela."*