



## *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 April 27th, 2025

*Second Sunday of Easter*

### *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

#### **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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>
<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](mailto: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:

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

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b> († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	April 29	NO MASS
Wednesday	12 Noon	April 30	NO MASS
Thursday	12 Noon	May 1	† Doris Cash
Friday	12 Noon	May 2	† Peggy Murphy Hanes
Saturday	4:30pm	May 3	† Thomas Dempsey † Angelo Rivera Bayon
Sunday	9:30am	May 4	† C.B. Snelling

**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.

**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. Everyone who wants to pray the Rosary is welcome.

**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](mailto: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

### **GREENE COUNTY MISSION TRIP**

If you'd like to volunteer for the Mission Trip, there's still time. It begins Saturday, April 26, and runs through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, (you have the option to go for one day or the whole week). For more information contact Charles Ellis at (205) 365-5896.

### **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)

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this coming weekend, MAY 4th, is the monthly **Building Fund** collection. The funds from this collection will go towards covering the costs associated with the construction of the Parish Hall. Please send email to [gloria\\_mcdaniel@outlook.com](mailto:gloria_mcdaniel@outlook.com).

### **FIRST FRIDAY OF NIGHT VIGIL**

Friday **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Starts at 6:30PM with a Mass in English, and finish at 12:15 AM with a Mass in Spanish.

### **FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION**

**Next Adoration Day** will be **Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 4:30AM – 4:30PM. If you would like to commit to an hour, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up, you will be welcome.

### **JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju from November 6 – 15, 2025.



For more details, click the link below:  
<https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=74921>

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

PEACE BE WITH YOU  
**A blessing always for us.....**

*Today is the second Sunday of Easter and the last day in the octave of Easter. It's been seven days now after the resurrection of Jesus. In the past week the people of Jerusalem and its officials, soldiers, religious leaders all were having all sorts of reactions and responses to the news of Resurrection.*

*In today's Gospel St. John makes it clear that the response of Jesus' disciples was that of fear, fear of the Jews. Their fear was so heightened that they remained inside the rooms that were locked from inside. But still, it is interesting to note that Thomas was not inside the room! For some reason he is the only one from among the disciples who dared to be out in public! And so, he missed Jesus when He appeared to the other disciples inside of the room.*

*Fear of anything can make us timid. That's the time we may try to defend ourselves. Being inside the closed and locked rooms signifies the measure of defense they have taken. But Jesus can break all the defensive mechanisms that we may employ. Even in the face of the possible attacks and dangers, don't be timid and frightened, for the Lord would break in and would come to defend you. Jesus would empower you with the power of Holy Spirit.*

*"Peace be with you" is a greeting and a blessing, even for us today. On that evening tha was the only blessing they wanted: 'peace of mind.' The Risen Lord would be there always by your side to defend you and to empower you. And that is what we call the "Divine Mercy"! It is totally free and in abundance to you. We must have faith in Jesus. With faith we should Trust Him and surrender everything unto Him. "Jesus, I Trust In You! May the Risen Lord shower His Divine Mercy always upon you and me! Amen.*

*With lots of concern & prayers*  
*Father Reju*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**4 May 2025, Sunday \* Third Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41**

**Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13**

**Second Revelation 5: 11-14**

**Gospel John 21: 1-19**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

April 28 . . . Carmen Serrano

April 29 . . . Tony Russo

April 30 . . . Tommy Land, Joe Zalewski, April Almazan,

May 1 . . . Anthony Schreiber, Sharon Diaz Vitales,

Johan Diaz Vitales

May 2 . . . Mary Sandra Virciglio, Luke Campbell

May 3 . . . Tristen Brantley, Braeden Carney, John

Rozas, David Garcia Araujo.

May 4 . . . Claire Scherzer, Alexis Arvay, Eric O'Neal

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary*

April 29<sup>th</sup> \* *Steve and Sandy Miranda*

April 30<sup>th</sup> \* *Jason and Jena Shourds*

**LECTORS NEEDED**

If anyone is interested in reading at 4:30PM Mass on Saturday and/or 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, WE NEED YOU. We have some Lectors that are sick and/or having surgery. Several can't read anymore because they are physically unable. If you have ever wanted to participate in the Mass as a Lector now is the time.

**WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends its condolences to the family of Joseph Ciza, Jr., who went to be with the Lord on April 17, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Sherry, of 68 years; his sons, Joseph III, John (Kim), and Jimmy (Tania); his son-in-law, John Hobbs; his eight grandchildren (and their spouses); and nine great-grandchildren. Joe was a devout Catholic and attended St. Aloysius Church. *Please keep this family in your prayers.*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, April 20				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,214.00	5,939.50	7,153.50	93,449.59
Building Fund	525.00	325.00	850.00	35,829.84
Parish School of Religion	135.00	1,452.50	1,587.50	5,436.41
Total	1,874.00	7,717.00	9,591.00	134,715.84
Total given this week: <b>\$9,591.00</b>				



## THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that Saint Faustina had in 1931. According to the vision the image of Jesus was to be drawn as raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which pour forth two rays; one red and one white (translucent). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: Red for the blood of Jesus which is the life of souls and Pale for the water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of Charity, Forgiveness and Love of God referred to as the fountain of Mercy. The image was to have a depiction

*"Jesus, I trust in you!"* on it.

"My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my Mercy" (Diary, No.699)

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the First Sunday after Easter; and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Diary No. 341)

"The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy... By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary No 742) Among other things, it offers a Plenary Indulgence.

"I am giving you three ways of performing Mercy to your neighbors: the first -by DEED, the second -by WORD, the third -by PRAYER; these three levels cover the full scope of Mercy, and it is unshakable evidence that a soul loves Me. By this a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my Mercy" (Diary, No. 742)

About the Divine Mercy, Pope St John Paul II said that it's "the Easter gift that the church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity." It is a gift that God has given out of love for all of us.

### WHY 3:00 P.M.?

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke it's omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment Mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of Grace for the whole world - Mercy triumphed over justice".

(Diary 1320)



ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

*Presents*  
*Car*

# & TRUCK SHOW

AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH



**MAY 3, 2025**

9:00AM-1:00PM  
REGISTRATION @ 8:30AM  
TROPHY CEREMONY @ 12:30PM

**OPEN  
TO ALL**

**CARS  
TRUCKS**

**VENDORS ARE  
WELCOME \$25  
PER SPACE**

**FIRST 50  
VEHICLES  
RECEIVE FREE  
GOODIE BAG**

Basset Hound Rescue of Alabama will be  
present for microchipping your fur  
babies for a \$20 donation

**\$20**

**FOR FIRST  
VEHICLE.  
ADDITIONAL  
VEHICLES  
RECEIVE  
DISCOUNT**

**FREE  
ADMISSION TO  
THE PUBLIC**

**Location: 751 Academy Drive Bessemer, AL 35022**

**For more information please call 205-296-3390  
or email knzracing@gmail.com**

GREENE COUNTY MISSION TRIP – 2025

With the Guadalupan Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit

Participant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish (circle): St. Aloysius \_\_\_ St. Mark \_\_\_ St. Paul \_\_\_ OLV \_\_\_ St. Thomas \_\_\_

St. Stephen \_\_\_ Holy Rosary \_\_\_ St. Peter \_\_\_ POP \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Family Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

T- Shirt Sizes - Small, \_\_\_\_\_ Med, \_\_\_\_\_ Large, \_\_\_\_\_ XL, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 XL \_\_\_\_\_

Communication: email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to work: April 26 – May 2 excluding SUNDAY April 27

All Week: \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_

My Skills are:

Willing but limited: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted but lack experience:

(A) Electrical \_\_\_\_\_ (B) Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Roofing \_\_\_\_\_ (D) Carpenter \_\_\_\_\_

Skilled (explain) (A) Electrical \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Roofing \_\_\_\_\_

(D) Carpenter \_\_\_\_\_

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