

## ***Saint Aloysius Catholic Church***

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 9:00 am – Noon

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

***AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

### ***The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast***

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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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 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		
Jeff Eysoldt Roger Ballard Ana Margarita Vazquez Elizabeth Phillips Rose Gugliotta David Sanders Joanna Lape	Shirley Cartee Adam Doss Gloria McDaniel Marilyn West Rebecca Hughes Frank Zito Katie Goolsby Jerry (Curly) T.	Morris & Anita Studdard Carol Tate Jamie Brown Robert Arnold Jeri Jones Deacon Walter Henderson

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones	Dot Herald Ramona Pitesa Charlene Mareno Caroline Tamburello Steve Tate Marilyn West

*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)

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan <u>Baron House</u> Nella Globetti	<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme Katheryn Szafransky



## 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 Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella Jose Emmanuel Garcia
U.S. INTELLIGENCE	
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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

 August 8 <sup>th</sup> - August 13 <sup>th</sup>  († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	August 8	(S) Katie Goolsby
Wednesday 12 Noon	August 9	(BD) Ann McMahon
Thursday 12:00 Noon NO MASS (PRIVATE MASS)	August 10	† Sherman & Martha Venz
Friday 12:00 Noon NO MASS (PRIVATE MASS)	August 11	† All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4:30pm	August 12	† Len Gavin
Sunday 8:30am	August 13	† Dottie Keyes
10:00am		Frank Zito

## 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.

## 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).

## CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office.

## 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).

## SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on **Thursdays** during Adoration from **11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

### **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, Chairperson  
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) 491 7931  
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  
Music Ministry  
Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

### **SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES**

St Aloysius Choir is taking a summer break. Choir practice will start back on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MONTHLY MASS AT OLS**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama announces the celebration of monthly Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church the second Thursday of each month. Come worship and praise and enjoy coming together to give glory to God. Confessions are at 6:15 pm, Praise Music at 6:30 pm and Mass begins at 7:00 pm. Individual prayer is available after Mass. **This month's Mass is August 10.** EVERYONE IS WELCOME! For more information, contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947

### **FATHER COYLE MEMORIAL**

The memorial Mass marking the 102nd Anniversary of Father James E. Coyle's death for the faith will be celebrated Friday, **August 11** at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10 a.m. Celebrants will be Bishop Raica and Archbishop Thomas Rodi. A reception will follow. For more information, please visit [fathercoyle.org](http://fathercoyle.org) or call 205.447.8796. The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North, in Birmingham.

### **LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL RETREAT**

The Legion of Mary Our Lady of Joyful Hope Birmingham Curia will hold its annual retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Talladega, **Saturday, August 12** beginning at 10 a.m. with Mass and concluding at 2 p.m. The retreat director will be Bishop Emeritus Robert Baker. For more information, please contact the church at 256-362-5372. The church is located at 722 East Street, South.

### **"FISHERS OF MEN" DINNER**

The Guadalupe Radio Network in Alabama will hold its 5th annual "Fishers of Men" Dinner at the Vestavia Country Club. Thursday, **August 24** doors open at 6 p.m., starting with a social hour. The dinner and begins at 7 p.m. Nationally renowned retreat director, parish mission preacher, and author, Father Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy will be the keynote speaker. This year's honorees for the "Fishers of Men" Catholic Award are Laney and Gary Gagnon for their tireless work in Catholic evangelization. For further information or to register, contact Marty Matulia at [Marty@GRNonline.com](mailto:Marty@GRNonline.com) or at 832-971-9240. Registration and tickets are also available at [www.GRNonline.com](http://www.GRNonline.com).

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**TRANSFIGURATION**

**Spirituality leads to Transfiguration &  
Transfiguration leads to Sufferings.**

We used to ask others: "Do you hear me?" Still, they may not act as we want. Why? Hearing is an action complete in itself. Where as; "Listening" demands an action on what you hear. In this scene of Transfiguration God commands the disciples: "Listen to him." They are given the mandatum to act as Jesus asks them. Disciples were frightened to hear the miraculous voice from the clouds. They were so terrified that they were flat on the ground!

But they were never frightened to hear the voice of the Lord Jesus. He was like a good friend, comforter, strength etc. For what Jesus went to the mountain? Lk 9:28 answers "to pray." So prayer is the moment of our Transfiguration. At the end of the 16th chapter Matthew gives us the first prediction of The Passion of Christ.

It is followed by the transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus was in need of strength and power to go through the passion and the crucifixion. That was the intention of His prayer on the mountain. Therefore all the prayers, experiences of transfiguration, should strengthen us to go through the sufferings and crucifixion.

Secondly the disciples came down the mountain with the Lord Jesus. Our prayers should help us to walk along with Jesus. Together with the Lord they came down to the suffering people. There a parent was begging the Lord to have pity on his son. Jesus then listened to that prayer and healed his boy.

All our spiritual experiences, transfigurations, should lead us to the suffering people and to our own cross and sufferings. Spiritual highness is to be translated into the deeds of pity. Our prayer/ spiritual life should find expressions in our deeds of charity. If we are not really concerned about the sufferings of the other then we are not really spiritual.

Be transfigured; be a Blessing....  
Amen.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** *First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a*

**Psalm** *Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14*

**2nd Reading** *Romans 9: 1-5*

**Gospel** *Matthew 14: 22-33*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

August 7 . . . . . Tony Manzella, Milton Weathers,  
Anthony Artale, Pat Arnett, Maria Montoya,  
Lynn Howard, Pam Davidson, Edgar Canul,  
Robert Wilson, Rickey Kornegay, Kevin Hudson,  
Ariana Hernandez.

August 8 . . . . . Alan Davis, Brad Stevens

August 9 . . . . . Eric Rozell, Marie Johnson

August 10 . . . . . Toni Giardina, Love-Light Niyongabo,  
Irvin Nanco

August 11 . . . . . Reggie Rosser, Donna Ponder, Teagan  
Brantley, Neisy Hernandez

August 12 . . . . . Craig McCoy, Jim Galloway

August 13 . . . . . Marcia McCullough, Cathy Morris,  
Michelle Jimenez, Nayely Albarran

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

August 7 . . . . . Jim and Nancy Franklin

August 13 . . . . . Torres and Falencia Marshall

**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. **Next Adoration Day** will be **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</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.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our speaker, Jennifer Molina, is the author of "Grandma Taught Me to Love Mary." Tickets are \$20 and include a catered breakfast. They are available online at:  
<http://BirminghamMagnificat.org> or by contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259 or from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door or after August 20th.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religious Education Classes start **the first Sunday of September**. The classes will be from 8:45 – 9:45am. Remember that we need volunteers, please contact Patricia Rector for more information at (205) 424 2984.

# **RCIA CLASSES**

***Begins: September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023***

***Time: 8:45a.m. to 9:45 a.m. EVERY SUNDAY***

***Please invite and encourage your friends and other peoples to attend our RCIA classes.***

***Separate classes for English and Spanish communities.***

***Parishioners please come forward as volunteers to assist RCIA Programs .***

***Contact Patricia Rector for more information at  
(205) 424 2984***

***Fr. Reju Pynadath***





## 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.

