



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Position to Be Filled

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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.; 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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 through 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.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: LUKE 4:21-30**

**❖ JESUS, A PROPHET SENT FOR ALL ❖**

■ These last weekends we were meditating on the epiphany/revelation of God in and through the person of Jesus. Last Sunday we meditated on the mission statement of Jesus: “to proclaim the Good News to the poor.” With that mission statement, today we see the inauguration and significance of Jesus’s mission.

■ It is quite interesting to note that there is a unity of all in response to Jesus. Verse 22 says, “all spoke highly of him.” So all are positive here. Verse 28, “they were all filled with fury.” Without exception, all are furious! Now what is your personal response to Jesus? Response should spring from your heart. Public at large is NOT the exemplar of your response to Jesus. According to the gospels, proper response to Jesus is Wonder/Amazement. Can you look around and see the wonders of the Lord? You should be amazed at God’s works for you.

■ What do you know of Jesus? Those people know Him as the son of Joseph. But Jesus is something more than that. He is the Son of God. What is your experience of Jesus? Do you believe Him as the Son of God?

■ Hometown people do have their own demands. They demand Jesus to perform certain miracles. It resembles my prayers to the Lord. Quite often my prayers are rather my demands to Him. But Jesus expresses His Universality. He is not an exclusive property of someone. He is not under my command to grant me my demands (prayers). So, what is my response, if He does not consent to my demands? With stories of prophet Luke is trying to portray Jesus as the Universal Prophet. Salvation/His Mission is for all.

■ Sadly, the end of the mission inauguration ceremony was tragedy! They all were furious and wanted to kill him! Yes, the mission of the Lord always presupposes pain. It invites enmity. By baptism you are a commissioned missionary. You are duty bound to proclaim Good News to the poor, which inevitably will bring in sufferings/pain/cross for you. Are you ready for that? Do you still want to be a Real Christian? If then, be bold, take up your crosses and follow the footsteps of the One who has gone in front.

■ May God strengthen you. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 29 – February 6**

(† = Deceased)

- Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Lorraine & Bill Lang
- Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . † Judi Hobbs
- Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners
- Monday . . . . . No Mass
- Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Veto Contorno
- Wednesday . . . . . Mary Adams
- Wednesday (7:00 p.m.; Spanish) . . . . . Parishioners
- Thursday . . . . . Rev. Len Gavin
- Friday . . . . . † Sr. Mary Vernon Gentle, R.S.M.
- Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners
- Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . † Joseph Giardina
- Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Davene Lovoy

**FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK**

*January 31:* Saint John Bosco, Priest

*February 2:* The Presentation of the Lord

*February 3:* Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

*February 5:* Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**✠ MASS TIME CHANGE ✠**

Beginning on February 1, our daily Mass time on Tuesdays will change from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

**✠ FEBRUARY 2 ✠**

On February 2, the Presentation of the Lord, the Blessing of Candles takes place.

Jesus, the King of Glory, comes to His temple  
to be a light for all the nations.

*(Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours  
and Celebration of the Eucharist 2022)*

All are invited to bring candles to Mass that day (8:30 a.m.) to have them blessed for personal and family use.

February 2 is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. Its purpose is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Pope John Paul II, 1997).

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$4,586.00	\$2,361.00	\$26,947.50
Building Fund	\$ 445.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,815.50

## SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken 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, our 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.

## 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 boxed 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. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

## PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at [www.staloyuscc.org](http://www.staloyuscc.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**

Jimmy Johnson

(Medical West)

## 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.

Mary Adams	Jim & Nancy	Debbie Rupert
Eddie & Penny	Franklin	MaryAnna Schilleci
Allison	Rev. Len Gavin	Stanley Szafransky
JoAnne Antonio	Ronnie George	Steve Tate
Myra Antonio	John V. Jones, Jr.	Powell Thompson
Ann Baker	Meredith Jones	Irene Tutten
George Bratton	Ginger Russo	Rose Wilson
Kathy Evans	Mosley	Marilyn West

### Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

*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  
Secretary (position to be filled)  
Micha McMeans  
Phillip Galloway  
Patricia Rector  
Vickie Gavin  
Chris Waits

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND**

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

### **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 is held on Tuesdays 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.

### **POSSIBLE EVENING PROGRAM**

You know the Father as the Provider. You know the Son as the Redeemer. Now get to know the wonders of the Holy Spirit in your life with an exciting new series. Kathy Tortorice will be in the Narthex after all the Masses this weekend to answer questions and solicit your input on the best times to hold an in-person evening program and an online virtual presentation.

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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, February 5 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](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com)

### **SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY**

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will hold a special called meeting on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

### **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 (February 12). 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.

### **INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS**

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

All members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2631 are invited to attend an important meeting on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information, please call Joey Ceravolo, Grand Knight, at 205-966-1842.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and 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](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

## **MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE**

On Friday, February 25 a young adult (ages 18-25) Mardi Gras Masquerade dance will be held in the Great Hall at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Birmingham) from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by The Chekmates. For those interested, a dance class will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share. Attire is semi-formal to formal. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Yaeger at [marybethcm@stephenthemartyr.com](mailto:marybethcm@stephenthemartyr.com).

## **RETREATS**

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold several upcoming retreats:

- *Spending the Day in the Desert with Jesus:* March 30, led by Father Stephen J. Giorno, S.T.
- *Encountering the Divine in the Beauty Around Us:* April 1-3, led by Sister Terry Bretthauer
- *Annual Men's Retreat—Gospel of Luke:* April 29-May 1, led by Father Guy Wilson, S.T.
- *Healing Retreats:* September 2-4, led by Father Matt Linn

For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or visit [www.msbt.org/btsr](http://www.msbt.org/btsr).

## **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

### **Army**

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

### **Air Force**

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

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

January 30. . . . .Analee Smith  
January 31. . . . .JoAnne Antonio, Lena Johnson,  
. . . . .Diane McDowell, Analy Sánchez  
February 1. . . . .GiGi Spidle, Nathaniel Wade,  
. . . . .Pam Brooks, Robert Vasquez Alvarez  
February 2. . . . .Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny, Jill Vann,  
. . . . .Urias Gonzalez  
February 3. . . . .Angela Morris, Denise Rozas  
February 4. . . . .Jerry Higginbotham, Lauren Galloway  
February 5. . . . .Jocinda McSwain