



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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April 10, 2022

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

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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 and 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 19:28-40**

### **❖ BE A DONKEY FOR THE LORD ❖**

■ We are entering Holy Week. This week is to be observed as holy by all the faithful. Spend more time on prayer, meditation, and doing works of charity. You can meditate on different characters related with the Passion of Christ. You may be able to identify with some of them at different points of your life.

■ But most of all, with whom you identify yourself the most on this Palm Sunday? I personally would like to identify with the donkey in the scene. This donkey is so blessed that it could carry the Lord Himself. All the people were trying hard at least to touch the fringes of Jesus' garments. But here the donkey is blessed to carry the Lord! If I were that donkey!

■ This donkey, being a 'donkey' thinks that all are praising it! It thinks that the people spread their cloaks to welcome it! This donkey is never able to grasp the importance and significance of the one whom it carries. It is such a fool! It is such a proud creature. But a fool though, it was needed by the Lord.

■ We all are just like this donkey. We never realize the meaning of praises/appreciations we receive. We don't merit anything. Even this life as a human being—then everything that follows—it's all simple free gifts from God. I do forget this donor God, who is the source of all fortunes of my life and just like this donkey I, too, think that I am worthy of all these appreciations! It's a great time for realizations!

■ Lord, make me a donkey for you! Jesus needs a donkey and not a horse! Compared to donkeys, horses may be difficult to train. They are full of vigor and power. They are used for war. A donkey is so simple and humble. It carries the burdens for others. It's very obedient. It may not be that beautiful as a horse. It's very calm and quiet, a peaceful animal.

■ The Lord needs you NOT to go for a war-like horse, but to serve others as a donkey. To carry the burdens of others' lives on your shoulders. Be obedient and serve others in silence. Don't be a fool, give glory to God for His blessings. Always keep in mind, there is nothing that which was not given by God. You merited/deserved nothing. So always give thanks and praise to God.

■ Jesus tells the disciples to "untie the donkey." John 11:44 having arisen Lazarus, Jesus says, "Untie him, and let him go." In Matthew 16:19, "Whatever you untie on earth will be untied in heaven." We are asked to untie the bonds of others. Forgive others. Respect others and let them have their free space.

■ Luke is quoting Psalm 118:26, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; and verse 27, "Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar." It is a procession to the altar for sacrifice. Thus Luke is trying to prophesy that Jesus is going to the altar of Calvary for crucifixion.

■ Be a donkey of the Lord. Give glory to God. Be a humble servant of others for the Lord. Carry the burden of others. Untie the other donkeys for the sake of the Lord. Forgive all unconditionally. Merciful God bless you all in abundance. Amen.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 9 – 17**

(† = Deceased)

### **Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Susan Ragsdale

Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Frank Marino

Monday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . . Jill Vann

Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Fr. Alejandro Moral

Wednesday . . . . . † Pat Gagliano

### **Holy Thursday (no 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

Thursday (6:00 p.m.) . . . . . † Vera Jo Mundi

Thursday (8:00 p.m.; Spanish in Gym) . . . Parishioners

### **Good Friday (no 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

Friday (1:00 p.m.; Spanish) . . . . . Parishioners

Friday (6:00 p.m.) . . . . . † Anne Wren

### **Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**

Saturday (7:00 p.m.) . . . . . Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny

Saturday (9:00 p.m.; Spanish) . . . . . Parishioners

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . † Sr. Mary Vernon Gentle, R.S.M.

Sunday (10:00 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Sunday (11:30 a.m.; Spanish) . . . . . Parishioners

## **FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK**

*April 10:* Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*April 14:* Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

*April 15:* Friday of the Passion of the Lord

*April 16:* Holy Saturday

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

April 17 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$6,450.27	\$1,259.00	\$107,356.60
Building Fund	\$1,201.50	\$ 220.00	\$ 44,651.62

**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**

**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.

Eddie Allison	Rev. Len Gavin	Debbie Rupert
JoAnne Antonio	Ronnie George	MaryAnna Schilleci
Myra Antonio	John V. Jones, Jr.	Stanley Szafransky
Ann Baker	Meredith Jones	Steve Tate
George Bratton	Dixie Lenseigne	Powell Thompson
Adeline Costabile	Ginger Russo	Irene Tutton
Kathy Evans	Mosley	Marilyn West
Jim & Nancy Franklin		

**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

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15 at Noon and Live Way of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. (Spanish).

### **SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this weekend is the annual Easter Flowers collection. This collection helps offset the cost of decorating the Church with beautiful flowers at Easter.

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

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the following parishioners who helped clean the pews on Saturday, March 26. A special thanks to **Sheila Zito** who helped with supplies!

**Barbara Andrzejewski**  
**Margaret Campbell**  
**Paula Clowdus**  
**Debbie Hudson**  
**Kathleen Jones**  
**Glenda Mernaugh**

**Ray Mernaugh**  
**Donna Ponder**  
**Frances Sanders**  
**Thais Serio**  
**Kathy Tortorice**  
**Caitlin Walker**

### **CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting information in the May calendar is Tuesday, April 19.

### **ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS**

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Louise Harris, Mary Jones, Sunny Richards, and Judy Webb.

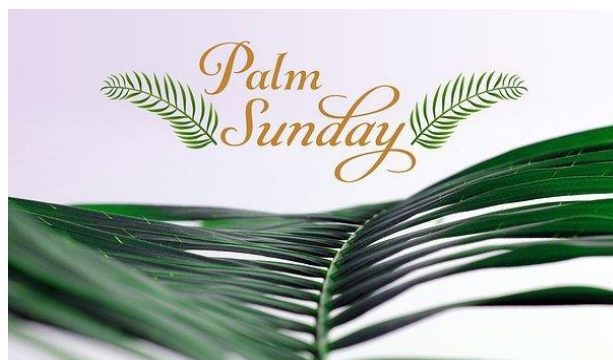
The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

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

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

### **MASS OF CHRISM**

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Birmingham) on Tuesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. This is where the priests of the diocese renew their vows and holy oils are blessed by Bishop Steven J. Raica then distributed to each parish for use throughout the year. All are welcome.



### **“THE WILD GOOSE” VIDEO SERIES**

On Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. following our 5:30 p.m. Mass, “The Wild Goose” video series will be shown with discussion afterwards.

The Wild Goose is what the Holy Spirit is called in Ireland and this program can help you revitalize your spiritual side. For more information, please email [mhbear1@gmail.com](mailto:mhbear1@gmail.com).

### **HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

Our parish’s Hispanic Community is selling certain food items after our weekend Masses: tamales, tacos, etc. The money that is collected will be used for the following purposes: 1. Religious Education – “We have over 100 children in our Catechism Class.” 2. The purpose of acting out the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday – “Fifty people are participating for this life drama.” 3. To donate some money to the church.

### **MAKING ROSARIES**

Parishioner Gloria McDaniel makes knotted cord Rosaries and needs help making them. If you would like to continue (or begin) making the knotted cord rosary, I am inviting you to attend the future classes. We are going to continue making these rosaries and give them to whomever needs a rosary, or give them to the Rosary Army who in turn gives them to the Armed Services.

We will meet every other Tuesday (next is April 19) in the meeting room near the altar from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and continue making Rosaries. We might even venture forward and make different type of corded rosaries with wooden beads. Bring a lunch and join us.

To volunteer, please text or call Gloria at 205-515-5307.

### **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.

### **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).

### **EWTN NETWORK**

EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, radio, internet, and now on your smart phone! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ’s love for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and LIVE Easter Masses from Rome, the U.S., and much more! Find your local EWTN TV or radio station by visiting [www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder/](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder/) or [www.ewtn.com/radio/affiliates-map](http://www.ewtn.com/radio/affiliates-map).

### **NAZARETH HOUSE APOSTOLATE**

Nazareth House, a diocesan apostolate with persons having intellectual and development disabilities, is a program of religious education, liturgy and advocacy found throughout the diocese. Nazareth House is recruiting current Catholic 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders to serve as teachers/catechists for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in its Saturday morning program for the 2022-2023 school year. Earn approximately 80 community service hours; college admissions notice this unique volunteer work.

The program is held at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School (2 Xavier Circle in Birmingham) and catechists must commit to most Saturday mornings (10:00 a.m. until Noon) during the school year calendar. For more information, please contact Sarah Houser at [sawisely@gmail.com](mailto:sawisely@gmail.com) or 205-612-6111.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE & WORSHIP**

John Carroll Catholic High School and Arise Ministries presents “Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship” on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. at the high school. There will be prayer teams, student testimony, and confessions. Special guest will be singer/songwriter Sarah Kroger. All are welcome.

### **38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLOOMIN' FESTIVAL**

Tradition is a way of life at Saint Bernard! Help keep the tradition alive by attending the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on April 23—24 on the beautiful grounds of Saint Bernard Prep. School in Cullman. Everything from pottery and ceramics, to stained glass, woodwork, birdhouses, jewelry, clothing, dolls, brooms, fresh ground cornmeal and grits, to funnel cakes, kettle corn, roasted almonds, fudge, cookies, and *Saint Bernard's Best* bread will be available. The world-famous Ave Maria Grotto will have reduced admission (\$4.00 per person) for the entire weekend. Prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the Festival. Admission is \$7.00 per person at the gate. For more information, please visit [www.bloominfestival.com](http://www.bloominfestival.com).

### **RETREATS**

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

- *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).

### **24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL**

Saint Elias Maronite Parish (836 8<sup>th</sup> Street South in Birmingham) will host its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese Food and Cultural Festival on April 29—30. Delicious homemade Lebanese food will be for sale in addition to tours of the church, the only Maronite church in Alabama. **\*\*Only credit/debit cards will be accepted\*\*** The Amin Sultan Band will perform nightly from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Twenty-five percent of all proceeds go to local and national charities other than Saint Elias. To date, the Festival has donated over \$602,000 to other charities from Festival proceeds! For more information, please visit [www.stelias.org/festival](http://www.stelias.org/festival).

The annual Saint Elias Cedar Run 5K will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Cedar Shake Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. benefitting Just Keep Smiling, an organization that assists families with children in medical crisis ([www.steliascedarrun.org](http://www.steliascedarrun.org).)

### **JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN**

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Benefits Specialist, Administrative Assistant (National Catholic Register), Cash Management Specialist, Accountant, Legacy Giving Assistant, Donation Processing Specialist, Application Support Specialist, Printing and Mailing Supervisor, Program Scheduling Assistant, IT Support Technician (Tier 1), IT Support Technician (Tier 2), Senior Network and Systems Administrator, Safety and Security Officer, Bilingual Viewer Services Representative, Customer Service Representative, Groundskeeper, Custodian, and Maintenance Technician.** Job requirements can be viewed at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to [humanresources@ewtn.com](mailto:humanresources@ewtn.com).

### **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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Buster and JoAnne Antonio**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on April 16.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

April 10. . . . . Serene Bateh, Reid Jones, Rafael Farias, . . . . . Clara Aguilar, Oliver Lopez  
April 11. . . . Nick Manzella, Marilyn Ellis, Bernice Quinn  
April 12. . . . . Louise Harris  
April 13. . . . . Alejandro Cruz  
April 14. . . . . Claude Stabile, John Culver  
April 15. . . . . Becky Colpack, Hawk Andrzejewski, . . . . . George Mugoya, Angel Alcantara  
April 16. . . . . Will Shourds, Carol Tate, Roger Ballard, . . . . . Jackie Higginbotham, Anthony Alesce