



# ***Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish***

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

## **Sunday, January 25th, 2026**

## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez

Gabriel Arellano

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### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

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>  |  |
|--|--|
| Carl McDaniel<br>Larry Jones<br>Mary Jones<br>Sam Morris |  |

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

| <b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES<br/>/ ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b> |  |
|---|--|
| <u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u><br>Rudy Cooper<br>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:

| <u>AIR FORCE</u>   | <u>ARMY</u>   |
|--|---|
| Daniel K. Hicks<br>Shea Hicks<br>James McKinney<br>Lance Rosser<br>Gabriel Petix | Blake Seidel<br>Brandan Engel<br>Luke Thomas<br>Joseph R. Chiarella |
|  | <u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>  |
|  | Daniel Thomas   |

*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>JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> –FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup></b><br>(† = Deceased) |         |            |                    |
|---|---------|------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday   | 12 Noon | January 27 | NO MASS            |
| Wednesday   | 12 Noon | January 28 | NO MASS            |
| Thursday  | 9:00am  | January 29 | NO MASS            |
| Friday  | 12 Noon | January 30 | NO MASS            |
| Saturday  | 4:30pm  | January 31 | (BD) Joann Antonio |
| Sunday  | 9:30am  | February 1 | (S) Mary Jones     |

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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  
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

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of preparation for Easter, following the example of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert, not to mention other periods of 40 days or 40 years of great significance, such as the flood that lasted 40 days and 40 nights, the Israelites' 40-year journey through the desert, and the 40 days that Moses fasted on Mount Sinai, or Elijah on Mount Horeb.

On this day, priests place ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of the faithful to symbolize their belonging to Jesus Christ and their repentance for their sins.

This year, Ash Wednesday is February 18.  
It is not a holy day of obligation.

### **TRIP TO NASHVILLE**

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443  
Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2025 Contribution Statements are being mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,  
Email: [finance@staloyuscc.org](mailto:finance@staloyuscc.org).

### **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

A Mass honoring all consecrated religious will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 11 a.m.

### **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

A Mass marking World Marriage Day will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 8th.

The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North in Birmingham.

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

| Parish Stewardship 2026           |               |                   |               |           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Sunday, Jan. 18                   |               |                   |               |           |
| Fund                              | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Total By Fund | YTD       |
| General Fund                      | 1,914.00      | 6,256.00          | 8,170.00      | 27,266.00 |
| Building Fund                     | 1,015.00      | 132.50            | 1,147.50      | 40,205.09 |
| Parish School of Religion         | 160.00        | 431.50            | 591.50        | 821.50    |
| Total                             | 3,089.00      | 6,820.00          | 9,909.00      | 68,292.59 |
| Total given this week: \$9,909.00 |               |                   |               |           |

**Sunday, January 25th, 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Matthew 4: 12-23**  
**FISHERS OF MEN**

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." And the Psalmist makes it vividly clear that: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?" "Dispelled is darkness," says Isaiah. By saying so he affirms that the darkness is there always. There is a saying: "Light is not the absence of darkness, but darkness is the absence of light. No matter how hard we try and mask it, darkness is always there." Jesus is that great light who dispells the darkness.

In the second reading St. Paul upholds the unity of believers. Believers maybe baptized by different ministers. But the Gospel that they believe is one and the same. The Cross of Christ being the center of that Good News. Therefore the Gospel is the unifying factor of all the believers.

In today's Gospel we read about the beginning of Mission and ministry of Jesus. Matthew is presenting Jesus as the 'great light' that dispells darkness. Jesus calls four of His disciples, Simon and Andrew and James and John. All the four were fishermen and were engaged in fishing at the time of Jesus' calling. Call of Jesus happens when we are engaged in our ordinary daily routine works. We should be very attentive in our daily lives that we may listen the voice of Jesus. Jesus need not necessarily be calling us when we pray, meditate or even when we are in the church!

They were working hard to catch fish. Their instrument was net. They were carried by the boats. Now Jesus is calling them. They heard the voice of Jesus amidst their busy daily schedule. Jesus wanted to teach them how to catch men. For this, first of all, they had to leave their nets and boats. Fish is everything for them, their hunger, their thirst, their wealth and their whole life. And it is of this world. Jesus is demanding us today to change our focus from this worldly things to the heart of men.

We should try to find out what all things carry us in our lives. Am I carried by wealth, beauty, fashion, health, prosperity and good fortunes in life? They are the boats that carry you in your life. We should be ready to leave all those carriers in order to follow Jesus.

Jesus Himself was the trainer for those disciples. He was catching men by teaching, sharing the Good News and curing the illnesses. Ultimately Jesus was having a heart for the needy. In order to be worthy of heaven we should examine the focus of our own hearts: focused on this worldly things (boats) or focused on the needs of the other?

The Great Light of the world may guide us,

God Bless you all.  
Father Reju Pynadath J.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**February 1st, 2026**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st Reading** Zephaniah 2: 3; Zephaniah 3: 12-13

**Psalm** 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

**Second** First Corinthians 1: 26-31

**Alleluia** Matthew 5: 12a

**Gospel** Matthew 5: 12a

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

January 26 . . . Beth McCandless, Mary Garrison,

January 28 . . . Errol Maguire

January 29 . . . Austin Land, Dale Bailey, Shannon  
Donaldson, Jesus Lopez

January 31 . . . JoAnne Antonio, Lena Johnson, Diane  
McDowell, Analay Sanchez

February 1 . . . Gigi Spidle, Pam Brooks, Robert Vasquez



PAX

With gratitude to God,  
the Monks of Saint Bernard Abbey  
invite you to a Thanksgiving Celebration  
in honor of  
**ABBOT MARCUS J. VOSS, O.S.B.**  
and his years of service to St. Bernard.

Friday, February 6, 2026  
Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:00 p.m.  
Festive Dinner to follow in Dining Hall

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RSVP by January 30  
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or 256-739-6682