



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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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)

April 21th, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984
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CHURCH OFFICE

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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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		
Vicki Whitley	JoAnna Lape	Allene Armstrong
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Gloria Hilty
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Jeff Brasfield
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	Dolores Carroll
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	Daphne Holdridge
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	Terri Evans
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Priscilla Winstead
Gary Adams	Lesla Manzella	Joe Wright
April Ballard	Blair Hamm	Franny Albano
Angel J. Curmina	Julia Neely	Pat Perry
Billy Jones	Gene Hartman	Sue Dobson
	Mary Jo Guy	Becky Watson
	John Combs	George Watson

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

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@staloysiuscc.org

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	Claudia Charme

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

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloysiuscc.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

April 16 – April 21 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	April 16	† Michael Sperando
Wednesday 12 Noon	April 17	(S) Franny Albano
Thursday 12 Noon	April 18	† Janet Goggins
Friday 12 Noon	April 19	(S) Priscilla Winstead
Saturday 4:30pm	April 20	† Mel Evans
Sunday 8:30am	April 21	(S) Joe Wright
10:00am		(S) Priscilla Winstead, † Concetta LaRussa

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. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

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 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - April 7				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & March
Offertory	\$ 1,967.00	\$ 6,122.00	\$ 23,158.45	\$ 28,773.45
Building Fund	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 6,432.00	\$ 13,480.90	\$ 12,584.40
Parish School of Religion	\$ 253.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00
Lent Offering				
	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 12,609.00	\$ 36,947.35	\$123,029.97
		\$16,289.00		

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
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) 902 5468
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
Jim Galloway (205) 516 1645
Music Ministry
Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

SECOND COLLECTION

During the weekend of April 27th and 28th, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Over the years, this annual Appeal has helped to support programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education, and ministry training in mission dioceses, including the Diocese of Birmingham. I ask you to be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at home.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER

20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors, Friday, May 17, 2024 - Highland Park Golf Course. Registration 7:45AM- SHOTGUN START 9:00AM.

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221. Please call the office for assistance.



Sunday April 21th, 2024

Reflections for Fourth Easter Sunday,

Words of the Holy Father

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a “mass”, a “multitude” for him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story, he knows each of us with our own story, each one with his or her own value, both as creatures and as people redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only he knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy. (...) Therefore, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all loves his sheep. And this is why he gives his life for them.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2024/04/21.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 28th, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 9: 26-31

Psalms 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

2nd Reading First John 3: 18-24

Gospel John 15: 1-8

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

April 22 . . . Brennan Blake, Norma Ivania Orellana,
Alma Patricia Valdes

April 23 . . . Jennifer Culver, Silvestre Alvarado Herrera,
Lucas Rivera

April 24 . . . Luis Zamora, Xochil Alvarado,

April 25 . . . Austin Brooks, Jennifer Albright Babbitt

April 26 . . . Vicky Brantley, Michaela Tomberlin,
Christian Blackwell

April 27 . . . Paula Clowdus, Cesar Cruz

April 28 . . . Carmen Serrano

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

April 24 Floyd and Susan Doss

April 26 Adam and Cori Lockhart

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 kahytortorice@gmail.com.

COME TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Sincere gratitude goes out to all who participated in our Come to Church Campaign. We were blessed with good weather, good discussions, and good people. It was a delight to have faith discussions with others in and out of our parish. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope all the prayers, medals, rosaries, bulletins, and flyers that we handed out will create a desire for some to Come to Church.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next **Night Vigil** will be **Friday of Adoration Day** May 3rd starting at **6:30PM**, follow by Mass, and then 12:15AM.

And First **Saturday of Adoration** May 4th 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.

