Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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April 17, 2022
EASTER

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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.
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
❖ EASTER SUNDAY ❖

■ Easter is all about Resurrection. Saint Paul gives the nutshell of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures."

■ Luke 23:46 reads, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Having said this, He breathed His last." Thus, the act of dying is 'active voice.' You welcome death, but "He was raised on the third day" speaks of resurrection in passive voice. If you decide/resolve to die to your sinful life, then the Lord will raise you up to a New Life. Resurrection is an act of the Lord.

■ The one who is raised from the dead is the same person of Jesus who was buried. But at the same time, resurrection is a new form of life. There is a drastic difference and essential continuity between the lives before and after death.

■ If you plant a seed of mango you cannot expect a coconut tree to sprout! Whatever seed is planted, the same thing only will sprout. So you cannot expect, however you may live today, you will be taken to heaven after death. It will be the same person who will be raised up. So the basic question today is that, "Are you leading a life of resurrection/new life or not?" If not, then you cannot simply dream that you, too, will be welcomed to heaven.

■ So on this Easter Sunday, the Risen Lord comes to you with an invitation to lead a life worthy of resurrection. Once you bury a seed it decays. You cannot get it back again. Something new is coming up. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, "The old has gone, the new is here." Let us bury the old sinful person of ours. Be a newborn. Live a life worthy of baptism.

■ It is God the Father who raises Jesus. Therefore it is up to the Lord to lead all of us to a new life—life of resurrection. Let us ask for that great gift. But we should be willing to bury the old sinful person of ours forever. Then God can raise to new life. May the Risen Lord fill us all with His peace! Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS
April 16 – 24

(✞ = Deceased)

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

Easter Monday

Monday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Tuesday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Wednesday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Thursday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Friday. . . . . .No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Priest from EWTN
Sunday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . Priest from EWTN
Sunday (11:00 a.m.). . . . . Priest from EWTN
Sunday (1:00 p.m.; Spanish). . . . . .Priest from EWTN

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

April 17: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Father Reju will be out of town on April 18—29 so there will be no daily weekday Masses. A priest from EWTN will celebrate the Liturgy for us on April 23—24.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Church Offices will be closed on April 18 in observance of Easter Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to **Sergio Gómez Gómora**, son of Brayan Pecero Ramirez and Laura Alicia Gómez Gómora, who was baptized on April 9.

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Carolyn Norris**, who is survived by her son, J.R. (Kristi) Norris, father, Pete Gagliano, brother, Larry (Tracy) Gagliano, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 24 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to-Date
Offertory	$7,777.50	$2,862.00	$117,996.10
Building Fund	$ 680.00	$ 250.00	$ 45,581.62
Easter Flowers	$1,998.50	$ 203.00	

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

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

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

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

The Oaks on Parkwood	*Plantation Manor*
Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	Claudia Charme

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

THANK YOU FOR PALM CROSSES

A very special "Thank You!" to the following for taking the time to fold 823 beautiful palm crosses for the parish last week!

Serene Bateh
Geoff Bull
Glenda Geisen
Robert Geisen
Frances George
Bernadette McFerrin
Rita Minor
Beth Russo
Judy Webb
Rose Wilson
Priscilla Winstead

CALENDAR DEADLINE

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

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is 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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

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.

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.

38th ANNUAL BLOOMIN' FESTIVAL

Tradition is a way of life at Saint Bernard! Help keep the tradition alive by attending the 38th 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.

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 8th-11th 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 or 205-612-6111.

24TH ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

Saint Elias Maronite Parish (836 8th Street South in Birmingham) will host its 24th 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.

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.)

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

Air Force
Daniel K. Hicks
Shea Hicks
James McKinney
Lance Rosser

Army
Joseph R. Chiarella
Zach Edmonds
Blake Seidel

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

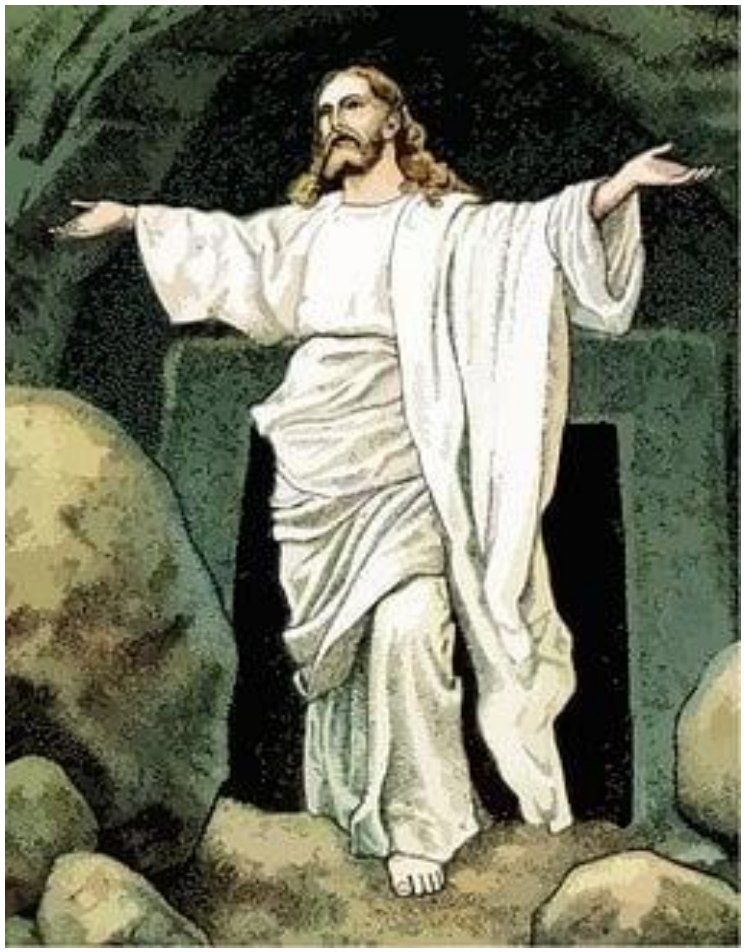
Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:
April 17. . . . . Jacob and Claire Scherzer
April 21. . . . . Chris and Sharon Waits

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

April 17. . . . . .Jessica Vines, Floyd Doss
April 18. . . . . .Carl McDaniel, Dylan Dreveny
April 19. . . . . .Torres Marshall, Joseph Kornegay,
. . . . . .Ana Gabriela Garcia Araujo, Kevin Arellano,
. . . . . .Anna Mareno
April 20. . . . . .Karen Blanco, Gabriel Arellano
April 22. . . . . .Brennan Blake
April 23. . . Jennifer Culver, Silvestre Alvarado Herrera,
. . . . . .Lucas Rivera

He is Risen

Hallelujah



Easter Flowers

Thank you to all those who so generously donated to our Easter Flowers collection. The beautiful hydrangeas, lilies, and flowers decorating the church are in honor of and in memory of the following loved ones:

Deceased Members of the
Mother of Christ
Altar Guild
Natch & Rose Antonio
Tillie Barnhill
Fred Bateh
Joseph Bateh, Jr.
In Honor of
Sarah Katherine Bateh
Eugenia T. Batts
Ann Beasley
Sam Berry
Mr. & Mrs. William Bishop
Jake & Gloria Bivona
Jack & Lera Blake
Daniel & Alice Blanco
Larry Blaylock
Mr. & Mrs. M. F. Blaylock
JoAnne Boykin
Ray Brasher
Anthony & Lena Cacioppo
Janie & Tony Cacioppo, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cain
Bobby E. Campbell
In Honor of
George J. Campbell
Ora E. Campbell
Barbara Chastine
Annie Contorno
Hazel Contorno
Joseph P. Contorno
Lena M. Contorno
Lillie Contorno
Louise Marie Contorno
Phillip Contorno
Phillip & Louise Contorno
Velma Contorno
Veto Contorno
Carolyn Gavin Crowson
Vincent Cusimano
Ouida Edwards
Willie Findley
Thomas & Margaret Fisher
Joseph & Kate Fromhold
Martine Garner
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard M. Gavin, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Gavin
Sr. Mary Vernon Gentle
Sam & Rosalie Giambrone
Ruth Gile
The Gustin Family
Etna Gutches
The Gwin Family
Harriett Hall
David Harris
In Honor of Flori Hayes
Claude Hickey
Mr. & Mrs. James Hickey
Dan T. Hicks
Lawrence & Frances Hicks
Betty Hill
Bob Hogue
Lucille Hum
In Honor of
The Larry Jones Family
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jones
Frank & Norma Khalil
The Klein Family
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Knight
Randy Kornegay
Virginia Kornegay
Albert & Edna Kremer
George Kremer
Bobbie Krogstead
Bernard LaRussa
Concetta "Jennie" LaRussa
Martin LaRussa
Paul LaRussa
Sandra LaRussa
In Honor of
Dixie Lenseigne
In Honor of
Heather Lenseigne
In Honor of
Rosemary Lenseigne
The Livingston Family
Don & Evelyn Logan
Marshall & Gladys Logan
The Loughran Family
Davene Lovoy
JoAnn A. Lovoy
Philip S. Lovoy
Stephen A. Lovoy
Virginia J. Loyd
Matilda Lyons
Daniel McCabe
The McCutchen Family
The McDermott Family
Dr. John McMahon
Santiago & Margarita
Santa Maria
In Honor of
Mary Ann Martini
Ernie Mason
Barbara Gavin Mead
Scott Mosley
Charles Nemeth
Rose Nemeth
Diana Nesbitt
Jorge Pacheco
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Petway

The Portera Family
Bev Pruet
Frank & Edna Pruet
Mary Red
Rocky & Anne Renno
The Resha Family
The Reynolds Family
The Roberts Family
Evelyn "Dell" Russo
Frank & Josephine Russo
Jannie C. Russo
Joseph A. Russo
Natch & Frankie Russo

Kathryn Scarborough
George Schmalz
Thelma Schmalz
Thomas Schmalz
Albert & Dolly Schober
Sissy Spain
Jesse Squires
The Stanley Family
Carroll & Irene Stuart
Shannon Sutherland
Barbara Tanner
Clyde Thomason
Virginia Mary Thren

Tom Tortorice
Sal & Josephine Tosto
In Honor of
The Virciglio Family
In Honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Walker
Rowena Wiley Walker
Larry Webb
Gus Winstead
Richard & Inez Winstead
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Youngblood
Janet Zauchin
The Zito Family