



## ***Saint Aloysius Catholic Church***

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Gerald Holloway

Office: 205-424-2984

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### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson

205-424-2984

(e-mail: [staloysiusre@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysiusre@bellsouth.net))

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

### **DIRECTOR of MUSIC**

Mr. Tim Tipton

(texts & calls) 205-706-9500

(e-mail: [staloysius4music@gmail.com](mailto:staloysius4music@gmail.com))

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

### **CHURCH SECRETARY**

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo

205-424-2984

(e-mail: [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net))

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Saturday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Officer to be Elected

### **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 office.

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Officer to be Elected

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Father Holloway for Baptismal Preparation.

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Holloway 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.

## **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.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Thank you for your financial support of our parish this year! We are so grateful for all of your support and dedication to the work we are doing for our parish and in the community. Please consider a donation to Saint Aloysius Parish in your year-end giving! If you haven't signed up for our Online Giving yet, now is a great time to set up your end-of-year donation and a weekly offertory gift. Log in or register at our parish's website: [www.staloyusiuscc.org](http://www.staloyusiuscc.org) or text any amount to 205-708-0221.

## **COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Coffee and Donuts will not be served until further notice.

## **LADIES ROSARY GROUP**

The Ladies Rosary Group has been canceled until further notice.

## **CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting information in the January calendar is Monday, December 21.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will not be held in January.

## **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

The Church Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They will also be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 19 – 27**

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Sherman Venz  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Sunday (10:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Ira Cobb, Sr.  
Monday . . . . . † Marie Haney  
Tuesday . . . . . † Philip Antonio  
Wednesday . . . . . † Rebecca Wallace

### **Christmas Eve**

Thursday (3:00 p.m.) . . . . . † Lori Wieczorek  
Thursday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Carl McDaniel  
Thursday (6:30 p.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

### **Christmas Day**

Friday (9:00 a.m.) . . . . . Serene Bateh  
  
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † John Paul Guerrero  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . † Dudley Gullede  
Sunday (10:00 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners

## **SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Michael Lester McCandless**, who is survived by his son, Mike (Beth) McCandless, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING**

A police officer will direct traffic in our parking lot before and after the Christmas Eve Masses.

## **CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate the Liturgy for Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (bilingual). The Liturgy for Christmas Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be at 9:00 a.m.

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate the Vigil Liturgy for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Thursday, December 31 at 8:30 a.m. The Liturgy for the Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Friday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m. and Noon.



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

December 27 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$15,152.56	\$2,171.00	\$345,476.05
Building Fund	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 28,421.84
Christ. Flowers	\$ 412.12	\$ 180.00	

### SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

Saint Aloysius Parish's choir practice has been canceled until further notice.

### 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.

### 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).

### PARISH WEBSITE

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

Margaret Blake

(Medical West)

Johanna Findley

(UAB)

### 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.

Myra Antonio	Nancy Franklin	Debbie Rupert
Ann Baker	Don Graham	MaryAnna Schilleci
Serene Bateh	Mary Ann Graham	Stanley Szafransky
Ray Brasher	Catherine Hagerty	Steve Tate
Barbara Bridges	Jerry Joiner	Powell Thompson
Jack Chiarella	John V. Jones, Jr.	Irene Tutten
	Meredith Jones	Suzanne
		Wannemuehler

### Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>The Woodlands at</u>
Rudy Cooper	<u>Tannehill</u>
	Jean Sullivan
<u>Plantation Manor</u>	Kathy Whited
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 AND NURSING HOMES

Father Holloway would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

### 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**

Chairperson (officer to be elected)

Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson

Felicia Boyd, Secretary

Micha McMeans

Phillip Galloway

Patricia Rector

Vickie Gavin

Chris Waits

### **FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

The Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group is meeting online via Zoom. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930.

### **JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN**

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Donor Care Specialist (full-time and part-time), Data Hygiene Specialist, Email Marketing Coordinator/Manager, Sustainer Program Manager, Legacy Giving Assistant, Legacy Giving Officer, Mission Advancement Officer, Custodian, HVAC Technician, Groundskeeper, Safety and Security Officer, and Viewer Services Representative (full-time and part-time).** 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

#### **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 [staloyus@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloyus@bellsouth.net) with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

December 20. . . . . Geoff Bull, Catherine Dickinson, . . . . . Patrick Tucker  
December 21. . . . . Vicki Kreitner, Camila Nunez  
December 22. . . . . Albert Manzella, Logan Barnes, . . . . . Cori Lockhart  
December 23. . . . . Carolyn Gwin McDermott  
December 25. . . . . JESUS, Marcie Reid, Vicki Ballard, . . . . . Mike Messer, Cathy Butt, . . . . . Carolina Beltran, Christal McMeans  
December 26. . . . . Hope Hodges, Spencer Hodges, . . . . . Payne Hodges, Bernie Spidle, . . . . . Willyne Hill, Cesar A Cruz





AS WE COME TOGETHER  
TO ADORE THE CHRIST CHILD  
THIS CHRISTMAS,  
I PRAY HIS BOUNDLESS LOVE  
WILL FILL OUR HEARTS &  
LEAD US TO ENCOUNTER HIM  
MORE FULLY IN OUR LIVES.

ON BEHALF OF BISHOP EMERITUS  
ROBERT BAKER & THE STAFF  
OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM,  
I PRAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

+ *Steven J. Raica*

MOST REV. STEVEN J. RAICA  
BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
**BIRMINGHAM** *in* **ALABAMA**

## Christmas Flowers

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

Buddy & Maxine Antonio  
Natch & Rose Antonio  
Philip Antonio  
Chris & Lena Artale  
Chris S. Artale  
Tillie Barnhill  
Fred, Johnny, & Jeanette Bateh  
Joseph Bateh, Jr.  
Joseph & Aziza Bateh  
In Honor of Sarah Katherine Bateh  
Eugenia Batts  
Mr. & Mrs. William Bishop  
Henry & Nellie Blake  
Marion E. Blake  
Michael H Blake  
Joanne Boykin  
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Brooks  
In Memory of The Cacioppo Family  
Janie & Tony Cacioppo, Sr.  
In Memory of the Canzoneri Family  
Todd Chaney  
Lyle R. Clowdus  
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Colburn  
Carolyn Gavin Crowson  
Mr. & Mrs Adrian DeVaux, Sr.  
Ouida Edwards  
Edward & Margaret English  
Bo Fendley  
Frank Fendley, Sr.  
Mamie Fendley  
Willie Findley  
Agnes Frey  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Gavin  
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard M. Gavin, Sr.  
In Memory of The Gustin Family  
Etna Gutches

In Memory of The Gwin Family  
Paul Hester  
James D. Hickey  
Luverne Hickey  
Betty Hill  
Josephine Hinds  
Judi Hobbs  
In Memory of The Andrew L. Jones Family  
Jack Keyes  
Aloysius & Gertrud Klein  
Phillip & Anna Klein  
Vinzenn & Karoline Klein  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond D. Lane  
Bernard LaRussa  
Concetta "Jennie" LaRussa  
Paul LaRussa  
Hedwig & John Lichtner  
Wayne Little  
In Memory of The Livingston Family  
Don & Evelyn Logan  
Marshall & Gladys Logan  
Matilda Lyons  
In Memory of The McCutchen Family  
In Memory of The McDermott Family  
Dr. John McMahon  
Walter E. Manasco  
Louis & Marie Manzella  
In Memory of The Mareno Family  
Frank Marino  
In Memory of the Norman Marino Family  
Barbara Gavin Mead  
In Memory of The Vincent Petix Family  
Vincent Petix  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Petway  
In Memory of The Piazza Family  
J. C. Piazza



Mike Piazza  
Sam & Grace Piazza  
Mary Red  
In Memory of The Reynolds Family  
In Memory of The Roberts Family  
Noreen Ross  
Frank & Josephine Russo  
Kathryn Scarborough  
Albert & Dolly Schober  
Karl & Anna Schröck  
In Memory of The Stanley Family  
Carroll & Irene Stuart  
Shannon Sutherland  
Barbara Tanner  
Clyde Thomason

David A. Van Duser  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Van Duser  
Kathy Wages  
In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Walker  
Rowena Walker  
Norman & Alya Wehby  
In Memory of The Wilson Family  
Aubrey & Dorothy Wilson  
Steve Wilson  
Gus Winstead  
Inez Winstead  
Richard Winstead  
Norm & Janet Zauchin  
In Memory of The Zito Family

