



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – Noon (closed for lunch), 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 19th, 2026 *Third Sunday of Easter*

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984
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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper 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@staloysiuscc.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:

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 21 - APRIL 26 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	April 21	(S) Charles Tortorice
Wednesday	12 Noon	April 22	(S) Robert Hays
Thursday	12 Noon	April 23	(S) Melinda Robbins
Friday	12 Noon	April 24	NO MASS
Saturday	4:30pm	April 25	† Henry M. Andrzejewski
Sunday	9:30am	April 26	Frances Sanders

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.

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

LET US APPRECIATE FR. REJU...

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny has been our pastor for the past five years. He has done his best to help us grow as one family of God's children, and we now joyfully see and enjoy the good fruits of his dedicated service.

Fr. Reju will be leaving us on May 9th. So, he will be serving us for three more weekends before his departure.

Let us be grateful to him and appreciate all the hard work he has done for our community.

If anyone would like to offer him a gift, you may do so personally in his name as "Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny," or you may present it to the church with a note "For Fr. Reju."

Thank you all for your love and support
for Fr. Reju. God bless you all!

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends its prayers and condolences to the family of ***Kathy Whited***, a former parishioner of St. Aloysius, who passed away last Thursday, March 26th. If you wish to send a Mass card or a card of condolence to the family, you may send it to her sister Mary Ann Gross; her address is: 6085 SW 52 Ter., Lake Butler, FL 32054.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of ***Ruth Nadine Rupert***, of Bessemer, AL, passed on April 13, 2026, at the age of 96. Ruth was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother to her family.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Please keep Anthony Rupert's family in your prayers.

Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of ***Mary Curry***. We say goodbye to Mary Ruth Curry of Hueytown, Alabama, whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of many. Mary Ruth left this world on April 14, 2026, at the age of 69.

The funeral Mass will be held at St Aloysius Catholic Church on Monday, April 20th, 2026, at 1:00 PM, visitation 12:00PM-1:00PM.

Father Reju Pynadath officiating.

Obituary

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/al/hueytown/mary-ruth-curry-21397193>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, April 12				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,946.00	5,402.37	7,348.37	108,391.13
Building Fund	513.00	15,468.00	15,981.00	85,819.89
Parish School of Religion	198.00	5.00	203.00	3,391.14
Total	2,657.00	20,875.37	23,532.37	197,602.16
Total given this week: \$23,532.37				

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

In today's Gospel we have the story of Emmaus Journey of two of Jesus' disciples and one of them is Cleopas. First, we must understand the village Emmaus is very insignificant. We see the story of Emmaus Journey only in the Gospel of Luke; with the only exemption of Mark 16:12-13 "After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest...." This points to the fact that Jesus appeared to the disciples at a very insignificant countryside!

We expect great things to happen in great places. We expect God to listen to us (to our prayers) in this Sanctuary. Can we expect God meeting us at the countryside / least expected places? It is God who chooses the location of meeting point.

We have all gone through the 'Emmaus journey' experience at some point in our lives. Those two disciples were so desperate about the things that happened in the past few days. They thought, even God has forsaken Jesus and themselves. They might have been overwhelmed with fear and shamefulness. They were just running away from the hard realities of life. Have you ever thought why God has forsaken you? As you are not the leaders, nor the prominent figures in the community, do you think God may never meet you?

Jesus chooses to reveal Himself to the least of the community. Jesus joins us along the least expected paths that we travel along. "Have faith and the one you cannot see is with you" says St Augustine.

For a believer, community is of high importance. On this Emmaus Journey Jesus appeared to them as a stranger. Those two disciples were so open to share the feelings and emotions of their heart though it all were negative. They just shared their negative/ desperate feelings to a stranger! They were so kind and generous even to offer that stranger bread and bed! This shows the spirit of unity in the community. Be open to each other and trust each other. When Jesus revealed Himself to them, they became bold enough to go back to the community, from where they were actually running away! Life of a believer is to be lived in community.

God may guide and meet us all! Amen.

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

April 26th, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second: First Peter 2: 20b-25

Alleluia: John 10: 14

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

April 20 . . . Karen Blanco, Gabriel Arellano

April 21 . . . Alejandra Rios, Brandon Lopez

April 23 . . . Jennifer Culver, Lucas Rivera

April 26 . . . Michaela Tomberlin

Birthday Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



**Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary**



April 21th * **Chris and Sharon Waits**

April 24th * **Floyd and Susan Doss**

**BLESSING OF THE NEW PARISH HALL AND
FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER REJU**

With gratitude to God and to all those who have supported our parish community, after months of planning, construction, and prayers, we joyfully announce the Blessing of the New Parish Hall on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Join us immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, for a special blessing of the Parish Hall.

Also, we invite you to join us, immediately following the 12:00 p.m. Mass, for the special blessing of the Parish Hall.

Immediately following each blessing, we will host a ***Farewell Reception for Father Reju***, thanking him for his dedication to our parish and wishing him every blessing in the journey ahead.

A money tree will be available if you would like to give Father Reju a monetary farewell gift.

We are pleased to share the updated contact information for Fr. Reju Pynadath in India:

Pynadath House

Karoor. P. O.

Chalakudy, Pin: 680697

Kerala, India

Cell phone: +919745603863

e-mail: rijupynadath@gamil.com

With a Grateful Heart... bye....

I came to St Aloysius Catholic Parish on July the 6th, 2021. I was excited and stressful. But the good Lord guided me in His own ways. Today when I look back, with St Paul, I too can profess, 1 Cor15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am."

The school was closed in the year 2018. And from then on, we had to spend \$5457/- per month on the closed down school building! That building has been rented out since the 1st day of July 2022. Besides the \$10,000/- rent per month, the school management also contributes towards HVAC & loan and grounds maintenance, utility bills, insurance, etc.

In 2018 our average monthly Revenue was \$38,6400/. In 2021, it was \$42,091/. Where as the average monthly Revenue in the past year 2025, was \$48,523/. When I took over (July 2021) in our savings account we were having \$67,557/- only! In the School (Building Fund) account we had \$287,059/. Thus, I started with a total bank balance of \$354,616/.

On 2026 April 15th, we have a Total Bank Balance of \$836,600/. We must pay little more money for the parish hall construction. The Hispanic Community contributed all the kitchen equipment and the Indian Community contributed for all the Table & Chairs needed.

Yes, my friends we have grown a lot. Thanks to your generous contributions and that of Knights of Columbus. They helped us for replacing the HVAC units in the Church, Church roof maintenance and they helped us to lay new asphalt in the parking lot etc... We could install new PA system with new Speakers in the Church. We installed new projectors and replaced all the bulbs with LED Lightings in the Sanctuary.

We have built a beautiful new rectory for the pastor and at last we have a new Parish Hall for the use of the community. I was just an instrument in the hands of God. St Aloysius is One & Single family amazingly united in their faith. This community has gone ahead in understanding, learning and living the true faith. Every year more members were added to this family through the administration of Sacraments of Christian Initiation on Holy Saturday night. The number of children coming for Catechetical Formation every year, marked as steady growth. This year we had 33 Candidates to receive their Sacraments during Easter Vigil. 31 Children received First Holy Communion and 39 received the Sacrament of Confirmation in this year. Our family is growing by the grace of God and thanks be to God for His marvellous deeds.

You all welcomed me into your hearts. You accepted me as i am. You took care of me so far and were always by my side.... I don't have words to thank you enough..... One thing i assure you.... I would be remembering all of you in my Holy Masses and prayers.... God may keep you all good in His Sacred Heart.....

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny

Blessing of the New Parish Hall and Farewell Reception for Father Reju

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Everyone is welcome!

**Let's fill our new hall with the spirit
of community from day one!**