



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

OUR SICK
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
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@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 Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas 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 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

OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 19 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	October 14	*NO MASS*
Wednesday	12 Noon	October 15	*NO MASS*
Thursday	12 Noon	October 16	*NO MASS*
Friday	12 Noon	October 17	† Dot Keyes
Saturday	4:30pm	October 18	† Viktoria Cobb
Sunday	9:30am	October 19	† Concetta LaRussa † Kathy Evans

NO WEEKDAYS MASS - Annual Priest Retreat

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

World Mission Sunday: October 19, 2025

PRAYING WITH THE MISSION CHURCH

As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying for the World Mission Rosary, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world.

Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Since all diocesan priests are going on their Annual Priest Retreat at Cullman Benedictine Monastery, we will not have weekday Masses for the next week Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday October 16.

Please continue to pray for all our beloved priests.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, October 13th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901; or email to Bernadette McFerrin, Secretary at bmc3608@bellsouth.net

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The Saint Aloysius Men's Society will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday October 13th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the church. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205) 365 5896, or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205) 516 1645.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Oct. 5				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,404.00	5,653.50	7,057.50	253,001.53
Building Fund	660.00	1,771.50	2,431.50	73,824.76
Parish School of Religion	25.00	65.00	90.00	14,319.91
Total	2,089.00	7,490.00	9,579.00	341,146.20
Total given this week: \$9,579.00				

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The parish community expresses its deepest condolences to the family of **Robert Geisen Jr.**, who passed away peacefully last Saturday, September 27th. He is survived by his wife Gleda Geisen, his son Jonathan Robert Geisen, his daughter Kimberly Geisen Fitts; his three devoted sisters, Frances George, Judy Agerton, and Sara Chilton, as well as a wide circle of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones.

Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Vickie Likis**, one of our church members, who passed away last Sunday, September 28th. Her daughter, Brittney, will let us know the arrangements when they are finalized. The service will be at St. Aloysius.

Please keep these families in your prayers. Merciful Father, receive their souls and grant them eternal peace in your Paradise. May the promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise be to you, Lord, for your saving grace.

THANK YOU

The family of **James Robert Geisen Jr.**, would like to express our deep appreciation for the mass cards, thoughts, and prayers over the past month and during this time of grief. We appreciate all of you who attended the service. Robert is home in heaven now with no pain or suffering. *Glenda Geisen.*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. It is also for priests and religious who want to strengthen their relationships with their church communities.



WorldWide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples and Priests
"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament!

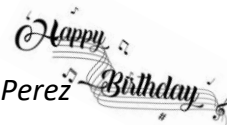
It is the perfect gift for your spouse on this Thanksgiving

Join us NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025
at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama

For more info: wwme.org
or Call: **Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607**

<https://wwme.org/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



October 13 . . . John Brantley, Gabriela Perez
October 14 . . . Kayla Hurst, Edder Cruz
October 15 . . . Mark Hulsey, Austin Richardson
October 16 . . . Bill Wright
October 17 . . . Anthony Lopez
October 19 . . . Dan Kinney

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations
on your Wedding Anniversary*

October 19 * **Gary and Mary Adams**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

October 19, 2025

Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Exodus 17: 8-13

Psalms 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Second Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2

Alleluia: Hebrews 4: 12

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

CLEANING DAY

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come Saturday, November 8th, at 8:00AM to polish the pews and wooden furniture and vacuum the pews. Polish, cloths and water provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection supports the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the poorest and most remote regions of the world and will be celebrated on October 19, 2025. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission, the education of children in Catholic schools, medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics, and the construction and maintenance of churches and parish centers.

I encourage you to respond generously, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

The mission of the Church belongs to all of us through baptism.

Sunday, October 12th, 2025

From the Gospel according to LUKE 17:11-19

GOD OF PERIPHERIES

In today's Gospel we have the miraculous healing of ten lepers by Jesus. Today's opening verse says "Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the 'border' between Samaria and Galilee. It could be a 'no man's land,' isolated, remote village between Samaria and Galilee. These outskirts or peripheries are the homeland for all sorts of crimes and sinners. Are you surprised to see Jesus in such a place? But that is His normal. Jesus, the Son of God, is mostly found in the outskirts and peripheries. Prostitutes, widows, lepers, all sorts of outcast people were His friends in these areas!

Today, ten lepers met Jesus and cried for His mercy. Our Savior is found at the outskirts and peripheries of cities. In the first reading of the day, the gentile person, Naaman was miraculously healed of leprosy by being plunged down into the Jordan River for seven times at the word of prophet Elisha. And he came back to Elisha to thank him. But he was sure that it was not Elisha, nor the waters of Jordan that healed him; but the only One God of Israel! In the same way, here, the gentile Samaritan man comes back to Jesus with the faith that 'Jesus is God.' As St John says, all the miracles happening in our daily lives should deepen our faith in Jesus.

In the genealogy of Jesus as given by St. Matthew we have four women by name. 1) Rahab was a Canaanite prostitute. 2) Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, was a victim of King David's adultery. 3) Tamar, disguised as a prostitute, slept with her father-in-law, Judah, to conceive a child! And lastly, 4) the great grandmother of King David, Ruth, was a foreign Moabite woman, and outsider! Jesus' story began with people of peripheries and outskirts.

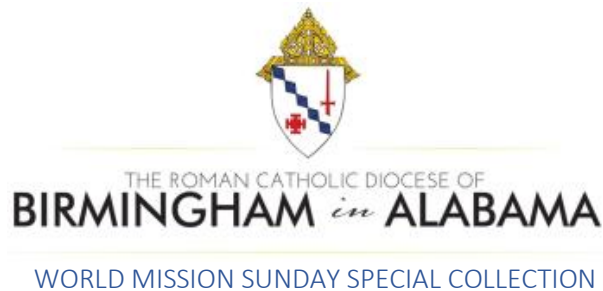
Mt 4:15-16 "... the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness...." this is what is said about 'Capernaum by the sea' where Jesus started His public ministry. Another outskirts! His friends and followers were mostly prostitutes, widows, lepers, people suffering from virulent illnesses and some tax collectors.... Most of them being people on the outskirts and ghettos.

Jesus was crucified on Golgotha which is outside the town. Our Savior Jesus is found in the outskirts and peripheries. The Samaritan leper came back, after healing, to this outskirts to meet Jesus again. There, Jesus says "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Salvation is provided on the outskirts and the periphery. He is the God of peripheries. Once salvation is granted, then it is our duty and responsibility to go back to the inner circle / center and to share our faith, our salvation experience with others.

The most important characteristic of people on these outskirts is their openness and receptivity. They are innocent and sincere people. Their humility and these attitudes that's what we all must imitate. Both gentiles in today's readings teach us about the virtues of gratitude and deeper faith in God.

Let us meet Jesus at the outskirts & peripheries of our lives. Let's be humble and open to Him! He will save us! Amen

Father Reju Pynadath J.



October 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday is a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and will be celebrated on October 19, 2025. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. Last year we were able to collect \$106,103.31. I am most grateful for your willingness and generosity to support the missions to make it such a success. This is a new year and a new opportunity to share our prayers and resources once again for this continuing commitment to spread that good news in far off lands.

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru, reminds us that The Pontifical Mission Societies are "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized [and for] supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young." His personal witness deepens the meaning of this year's celebration, inviting us all to renew our commitment to the Church's mission in the world.

It is fitting, as we reflect on our role in supporting the missions, to remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was itself once a mission territory. Just over a century ago, the faith here was still taking root, supported by the generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond, who provided financial assistance, sent priests and religious, and built the parishes and schools that formed the foundation of the Church in this country. Without that missionary support, many of the dioceses we know today would have struggled even more to grow. In those early years, American Catholics benefited from the same collection we are today invited to support, overseen by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies.

Now, it is our turn to extend that same generosity to others. We are called to support the missionaries, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders who serve in the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is still young, vibrant, and often facing persecution or poverty. These areas, spanning Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East, depend on our prayers

and financial support to sustain and expand their efforts to share Christ and his saving words and work.

The second collection supports the work of The Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest and most remote regions. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission: the formation of seminarians and religious sisters, ensuring that future priests and religious leaders are prepared to serve; the training of lay catechists, who bring the faith to communities that may not have regular access to a priest; education for children in Catholic schools, giving them not only knowledge but also a foundation of faith; medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics, offering healing and hope where healthcare is scarce; and the construction and maintenance of churches and parish centers, creating sacred spaces where the faithful can gather, worship, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Your prayers and sacrifices ensure that the light of Christ reaches the ends of the earth. The Church's mission is not the responsibility only of those who serve in distant lands; it belongs to all of us by baptism. Each time we support the missions, we affirm that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people.

I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the missionary dimension of our faith. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

In Hope, united in Christ's mission

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama