



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

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

Sunday, March 8th, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

ADMINISTRATOR

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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 (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 |
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| Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris Kathy Whited |

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

| NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS |
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| <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:

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

| MARCH 10 – MARCH 15 († = Deceased) | | | |
|--|---------|----------|------------------------|
| Tuesday | 12 Noon | March 10 | † Johny Schober |
| Wednesday | 12 Noon | March 11 | † Guntram Anderlik |
| Thursday | 12 Noon | March 12 | † Lucy Andrzejewski |
| Friday | 12 Noon | March 13 | † Frances Hood |
| Saturday | 4:30pm | March 14 | (s) Larry & Mary Jones |
| Sunday | 9:30am | March 15 | † Donald A. Neely |

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 kahytortorice@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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



February 20th March 13th
February 27th March 20th
March 6th March 27th

EVERY FRIDAY, after 12noon Holy Mass.

English 12:00 Noon
Indian 6:45 P.M.
Spanish 7:00 P.M.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, March 9th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, *President* (205) 281 1901. All meetings will begin at 11:30 am!

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER

Volunteers needed to help vacuum and polish the pews and wooden furniture before Easter. Please come on Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00AM. Clean-up supplies will be provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th
2:00 - 6:00 pm Confessions (English and Spanish)

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE PALMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and Mass (English)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th Blessing of the Palms

9:30 a.m. English Mass

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,

Email: finance@staloyusucc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| Parish Stewardship 2026 | | | | |
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| Sunday, March 1 | | | | |
| Fund | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Total By Fund | YTD |
| General Fund | 2,048.00 | 5,370.30 | 7,418.30 | 66,901.86 |
| Building Fund | 365.00 | 2,489.65 | 2,854.65 | 64,822.24 |
| Parish School of Religion | 88.00 | 61.00 | 149.00 | 2,007.14 |
| Total | 2,501.00 | 7,920.95 | 10,421.95 | 133,731.24 |
| Total given this week: \$10,421.95 | | | | |

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gospel according to John 4:5-42

JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU

The Samaritan woman meeting Jesus.

Today's Gospel presents one of the most beautiful encounters in the Bible: Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. This meeting gives us the importance of conversation with God. The scene is very simple. Jesus is tired. He sits by a well. A woman comes to draw water. And Jesus begins the conversation: "Give me a drink."

Here, God begins the conversation. The woman here, did not come searching for God or Jesus. She came only to fetch water. But Jesus was already there waiting for her. This is how God works in our lives. Many times we think we must first search for God. But the truth is: God is already waiting for us!!! He is waiting for us in prayer, in Scripture, in the Eucharist, in a moment of silence or even in a simple conversation with another person. Always keep in mind God takes the very first step, not we!

Even in our dryness, don't give up, for the Lord will quench our thirst with living water. She carried pain, mistakes, and probably shame. That is why she came to the well at noon, when no one else may be there. But Jesus does not condemn her. He speaks with her, listens to her and gives her hope. Today Jesus tells us don't ever give up: when your prayers feel empty, faith feels weak and God seems silent and distant. All those times Jesus says: "Come to me. I will give you living water."

After meeting Jesus the woman became a missionary. This is something beautiful. She runs back to her village and says "come and see a man who told me everything I have done." She became a missionary. A woman who hid from people, now shares hope with everyone. When we have the real encounter with Christ, naturally we would become missionary. We may invite the other person "come and see."

In today's world the people in and around us are thirsty: thirsty for kindness, thirsty for listening, thirsty for encouragement, thirsty for understanding and thirsty for hope. If we can start a conversation filled with compassion we may be better instruments to quench those thirsts of the other. We have to assure to the other I will give you living water.

Jesus is waiting for us at the well and speaks to us if you feel tired, if you feel empty, if you feel dry..... "Don't give up come to me I will give you living water....." God may meet us, Amen. Amen

By Rev. Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

March 15th, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading First Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

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

Second Ephesians 5: 8-14

VBG John 8: 12

Gospel John 9: 1-41

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Blessings

March 9 . . . Priscilla Winstead, Taurino Jimenez

March 10 . . . Elizabeth Vazquez

March 11 . . . Jose Alfredo Garcia

March 12 . . . Julian Perez, Liliana Perez

March 13 . . . Ryan O'Neal, Yolanda Ruiz

March 14 . . . Santiago Lopez Bautista, Stan Hudson,
Myrna Merced, Tim Rozas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



*March 14 * Craig and Kim McCoy*

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CRS

The second collection, this coming weekend, March 14 and 15, supports **Catholic Relief Services'** emergency assistance. Funds from this collection provide emergency aid to victims of war and natural disasters, and assist migrants and refugees in need of housing, education, and specialized legal assistance. Your support makes a difference.

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443

Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

| The Three Pillars of Lent | | |
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|  PRAY Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and God. Try praying a little longer during Lent than what you normally do. |  FAST Think about what you eat and drink, and also why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit. |  GIVE ALMS Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both the giver and the recipient. |