



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

*Seventh Sunday of Easter * May 12th, 2024*

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984
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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 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English) & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish.

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		
Vicki Whitley	JoAnna Lape	Sue Dobson
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Becky Watson
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	George Watson
Aneli Romero	JoAnn Antonio	Olivia, Payton, & Nicholas
Renea Mareno	Don Jones	Carla Briggs
Deacon Walter Henderson	Tina Artale	Joseph Kyle Herald
Judy Wesson	Lesa Manzella	Sal and Deb Pardi
Gary Adams	Julia Neely	Kathy Whited
April Ballard	Gene Hartman	Carl McDaniel
Angel J. Curmina	Mary Jo Guy	Rick Colafrancesco
Mike Robertson	Joe Wright	Rita Minor
Billy Jones	Franny Albano	Harold Dale Hennen
	Pat Perry	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella	Meredith Jones
Nancy Franklin	Dot Herald
Robert Wilson	Charlene Mareno
Sue Nielsen	Caroline Tamburello
Robert Vincent	Stephen Tate
John V. Jones Jr.	

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

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	José Emmanuel García
U.S. INTELLIGENCE	
Daniel Thomas	
Dulce Rivera	

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 14 – May 19 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	May 14	Sheila Batusic
Wednesday	12 Noon	May 15	Jordan Snelling (Graduation)
Thursday	12 Noon	May 16	
Friday	12 Noon	May 17	Kornegary Family (Safe Travel)
Saturday	4:30pm	May 18	† Mel Evans
Sunday	8:30am	May 19	(s) Carl McDaniel
	10:00am		† Michael Tortorice

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, email or by completing an office form and dropping it into the Narthex drop box. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.

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
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kelly Whitson
Yolanda Ruiz

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468
Holy Family Altar Guild
Heather Lawley (205) 410 3757
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

GOOD NEWS:

Our New Rectory is Ready

Blessing:

Saturday, May 11, at 3:00 PM

Address:

5200 Taylor Lane, Bessemer AL. 35022

The house will be OPEN for all to visit on 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th and 18th & 19th of May.

You all are welcome any time!

SUNDAY MASS CHANGE

The Parish Pastoral Council has revised the **Sunday Mass** schedules. ***Starting June 2nd***, we will have **ONLY ONE** Sunday English Mass at 9:30AM.

COME TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Sincere gratitude goes out to all who participated in our Come to Church Campaign. We were blessed with good weather, good discussions, and good people. It was a delight to have faith discussions with others in and out of our parish. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope all the prayers, medals, rosaries, bulletins, and flyers that we handed out will create a desire for some to Come to Church.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, May 13th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, **May 16th** at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.



Sunday May 12th, 2024

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Reflections for Seventh Easter Sunday,

Words of the Holy Father

Jesus, Risen and Ascended into heaven, sends his disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us. (...)

The Lord's Ascension into heaven, while inaugurating a new form of Jesus' presence among us, calls us to keep eyes and hearts open to encounter him, to serve him and bear witness to him to others. It is a matter of being men and women of the Ascension, that is, those who seek Christ along the paths of our time, bringing his word of salvation to the ends of the earth. On this journey we encounter Christ himself in our brothers and sisters, especially in the poorest, in those who suffer in their very flesh the harsh and humiliating experience of old and new forms of poverty. As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent his Apostles with the power of the Holy Spirit, so too does he send all of us today, with the same power, to establish concrete and visible signs of hope. Because Jesus gives us hope. He went to heaven and opened the gates of heaven and the hope that we will reach it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

May 13 . . . Susan Barnes, Bill Grubbs, Daniel Bello Jr,
May 14 . . . Jake Brantley, Angie Herring, Alexa Sanchez,
Margaret Campbell
May 15 . . . Alexis Pruitt, Gabriela Rozell, Rachel Manuel,
Judy Grubbs
May 16 . . . Allen Blanco, Dennis Blake, McKenzie
Epperson
May 17 . . . Christopher Vines, Joseline Gonzalez
May 18 . . . Kevin Brantley, Sherry Ciza, Asencion Garcia,
Justin Jones
May 19 . . . Sissy Tamburello

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER

20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE, FRIDAY MAY 17

Registration 7:45AM• SHOTGUN START 9:00AM.

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 19th, 2024, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Solemnity Day

1st Reading Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

2nd Reading Galatians 5: 16-25

Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15; 20: 19-23



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