



## *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)

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### ***Fourth Sunday Of Lent***

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984  
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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mrs. Patricia Rector 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 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

#### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday (Father celebrates his 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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>		
Vicki Whitley	JoAnna Lape	Frances Sanders
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Camilo Cangrejo
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Gene Hartman
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	Mary Jo Guy
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	John Combs
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	Allene Armstrong
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Gloria Hilty
Scott	Joanne Lape	Jeff Brasfield
Gary Adams	Lesla Manzella	Dolores Carroll
Billy Jones	Blair Hamm	Melinda
Mary Curry	Julia Neely	Ella
	Mary LaRussa Beverage	James Herald

<b>HOMEBOUNDED SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
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@staloyuscc.org](mailto:info@staloyuscc.org)*

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

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

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

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

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>March 11 – March 17</b> († = Deceased)		
Monday (Private Mass)	March 11	(S) Don Lawley
Tuesday 12 Noon	March 12	† Tommy Dempsey
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 13	(S) Renea Mareno
Thursday	March 14	(S) Debbie Rupert
Friday 12 Noon	March 15	† Mel Evans
Saturday 4:30pm	March 16	Gary & Mary Adams
Sunday 8:30am	March 17	† Virginia Lorraine Taylor
10:00am		† Victoria Cobb

**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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham will sponsor and will host a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit, starting Sunday, Feb. 11.

**ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH GOD?**

Our catechism {CCC-2558} tells us Christian faith requires us to live in vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. But how? Find out in "The Gift," a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit by current and former leaders of national or international Catholic organizations. Local prayer leaders will be present to answer questions and share their personal experience. Begins the Sunday before Lent.

**St. Aloysius Parish, Sundays, Feb 11 through March 17**  
11:00 AM (Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass)  
Point of Contact: Kathy Tortorice (205) 531-0930

## **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

## **CLEANING OF PEWS**

**MONDAY, March 11TH AT 9:00 A.M.**

Volunteers are needed to clean the pews and kneelers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845.



## **EASTER FUNDRAISER**

It's time again to order Baby Back Ribs \$35. The deadline for ordering is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pre-order now!!!

## **ROSARY CRUSADE NATIONWIDE**

Rosary Crusade Nationwide in view of the present political situation. The Crusade is very simple, it doesn't take a set time or place; just anytime you say the Rosary add The World Peace to your intentions. The rosary is a very powerful political weapon.

## **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Melvin Paul Evans, at the age of 83 years, who passed away on February 28th surrounded by his loving family. Please keep this family in your prayers. Merciful Father, receive Mel's soul and grant him Your Eternal Peace in Your Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise and Glory to You, Lord, for Your Saving Grace.

## **ONLINE GIVING LINK**

You can make your contribution at [www.osvhub.com](http://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.  
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## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday Reflection – Gospel: John 3: 14-21

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (17)

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (18)

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” (21)

In the passage today, Nicodemus has a wonderful encounter with Jesus Christ. While explaining to him about eternal life, Jesus teaches us about a great mystery! If we do what is true, we will come into the Light. St. John and the Apostles lived in the same world where the other people could not accept Christ, even though they saw him. The ones drawn to the light are able to see GOD even in the darkness! Nicodemus a renowned Pharisee himself, was able to see the Light and recognize God. (Jn 3:1-2)

Could it be that the others were just unwilling to accept Christ as their Lord; even after witnessing the signs and wonders that he performed? Having seen, they would not acknowledge! Their forefathers at Meribah and Massah had similar hard-heartedness! (Ex. 17:1-7, Num 20:1-13) God allows us to remain in hard-heartedness because he loves us to the extent that he will not overrule our free will! We are created in God’s image and likeness, God respects our free will even when we choose to reject him! Hence the choice is ours today!

Let us learn from Nicodemus. Let us ask the Dear Holy Spirit Lord to open the eyes of our soul, mind, and spirit; so that we may recognize the saving Light before us.

In Jesus’ mighty and matchless name. Amen.

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-100324/>

## NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

Third Scrutiny of the Elect/ Lenten

**1st Reading** Jeremiah 31: 31-34

**Psalms** 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15

**2nd Reading** Hebrews 5: 7-9

**Gospel** John 12: 20-33

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

March 11 . . . Jose Alfredo Garcia, Miguel Huerta  
March 12 . . . Raegan Nichols, Julian Perez, Liliana Perez  
March 13 . . . Blane Vines, Ryan O’Neal, Yolanda Ruiz  
March 14 . . . Stan Hudson, Steve Tate, Andrew Cagle,  
Myrna Merced, Tim Rozas, Alison Stevens  
March 16 . . . Josephine Culver, Alana Hughes, Jerry  
Ragusa, Liliana Maldonado Lomeli, Valeria  
Zamora, Dulce Rivera, Brandy Zito Frost  
March 17 . . . Mayra Barajas

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

March 14... George and Winifred Bratton;  
Craig and Kim McCoy  
March 16 . . . Curtis and Vickie Stoves  
March 17 . . . Anthony “Doc” and Renea Mareno;  
Johnny and Mary Curry

## "LENTEN OFFERING BOX"

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season, the 40 days of preparation for Easter. We as Christian are called to deepen in our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Challenge everyone in the family this year and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up”. Place this "**Lenten Offering Box**" on your home where it will serve as a visible reminder to forego treats or entertainment during Lent. Place the money saved in this handy box which also collects spare change or your children's little tithes. Then bring the "Lenten Offering Box" at Easter Vigil Mass as a symbol of love and all things that we can offer to our Lord Jesus Christ in response to all the many gifts we have received.

## 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](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).



# Calendar 2024

	<p><b>EVERY FRIDAY</b></p> <p>March 1<sup>st</sup>      March 22<sup>th</sup>          March 8<sup>th</sup>      March 29<sup>th</sup>          March 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>(English) 12:00 Noon          (Indian) 6:45 P.M.          (Spanish) 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>          One Day Youth Retreat</p>
 <p>Christ invites us to respond to evil, first of all, with a serious examination of conscience and the commitment to purify our lives. We, as Catholics, should encourage and participate in the frequent reception of the sacrament of penance — especially during the season of Lent.</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>2:00 pm Talk by Priest from EWTN          2:30 to 6:00 pm Confessions (<b>English and Spanish</b>)          4:30 pm English Mass</p>
 <p><b>SUNDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY “BLESSING OF THE PALMS”</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup></b>          4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and English Mass</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> <i>Blessing of the Palms</i></b>          9:00 a.m. English Mass          12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>

# Easter Triduum



 <p><b>Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>HOLY THURSDAY “WASHING OF FEET”</b>  <b>Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>          6:00 p.m. English Mass          8:00 pm Spanish Mass</p> <p><i>Adoration to follow the 6:00 pm Mass in the Day Chapel and ending at 6:00 am Friday</i></p>
 <p><b>Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY “VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS”</b>  <b>Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>          * No Stations at 12:00 Noon*          1:00 pm Spanish Liturgical Service          2:30pm Live Way of the Cross (Spanish)          6:00 pm English Liturgical Service</p>
 <p><b>Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>EASTER VIGIL “RITE OF RECEPTION”</b>  <b>Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>          Blessing of Holy Water and Candles.          (You can bring water and candles to be blessed)          7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in English          9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in Spanish</p>
 <p><b>Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY “RESURRECTION OF THE LORD”</b>  <b>Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup></b>          8:30 a.m. English Mass          10:00 a.m. English Mass  <i>After this Mass, Easter Egg Hunt, all kids are welcome.</i>          12:00 Noon Spanish Mass</p>

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

*Presents*  
*Car*

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Join us for Bunny Fun at  
the Annual Saint Aloysius

# EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31<sup>st</sup>

After 10:00 a.m. Mass

All Children 3 Years Old  
to Age 8 are Invited.  
Bring Your Baskets!

