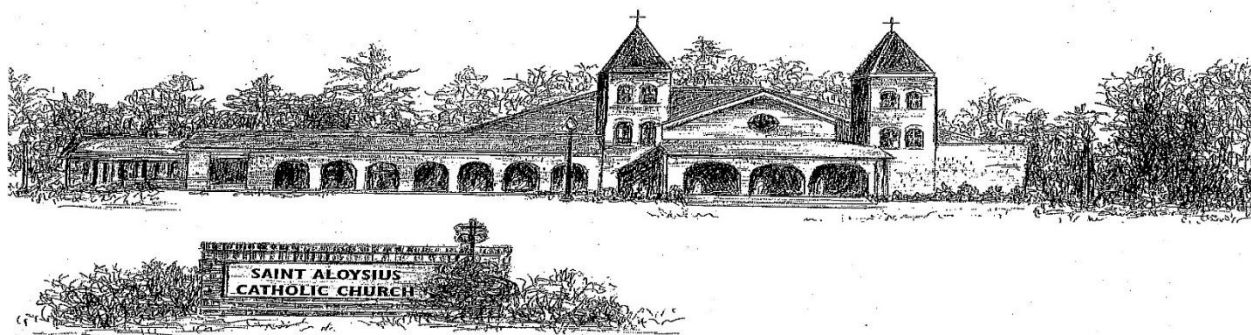




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information contact the Church Office or the priest for Baptismal Preparation.

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 the priest at least six months before your proposed date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please contact the Church Office or Fr. Jose.

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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the *first Saturday of every month*, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway MaryAnn Simonetti	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
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> Jean Sullivan Rudy Cooper	
<u>Encompass Rehabilitation Center</u> Eddie Allison	

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 throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

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

SEPTIEMBRE 20 – SEPTEMBER 26 († = Deceased)			
Sunday	9:30am	Sept. 20	† Dot Keyes
Monday	6:30pm	Sept. 21	(BD) Ginna Lopez
Tuesday	12 Noon	Sept. 22	† Karen Snelling & Mike Snelling
Wednesday	12 Noon	Sept. 23	† Nancy Franklin
Thursday	12 Noon	Sept. 24	† Ira Cobb Jr.
Friday	12 Noon	Sept. 25	(BD) Bernadette McFerrin
Saturday	4:30pm	Sept. 26	(S) Sharon Waits

*Sunday, September 27th, MaryAnn Simonetti

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 a Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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 ROSARY GROUP

All are invited to join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am during Adoration to pray the Rosary together. *All are welcome to pray the Rosary.*

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you called Matthew with a simple word and welcomed sinners to your table. Heal what is wounded in us, and free us from the pride that judges others. Give us humble and patient hearts, ready to preserve the unity of your Spirit in peace. Help us recognize the grace you have given each person and use it to strengthen your Church. May our lives carry your mercy beyond our familiar circles, so that your message may be heard and your love may gather many into one hope. Amen.

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* (205) 365 5896

Vickie Gavin, *Vice Chairperson* (205) 451 5318

Michael Tomberlin, *Secretary* (205) 260-8821

Charles Tortorice (205) 965 4066

Phillip Galloway (205) 213 4314

Kellie Whitson (205) 296 3390

Eddie Blanco (205) 432 9615

Oliver Lopez (205) 283 9169

Ginna Lopez (205) 370 3500

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, *Chairperson* (205) 515 5307

Mike Snelling, *Vice Chairperson* (205) 213 0647

Ray Mernaugh, *Secretary* (615) 972 6554

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer for parents who wish to register their children for **First Communion** or **Confirmation**.

If you feel called to serve, we encourage you to sign up; we need volunteers for **Faith and Formation** and **Children's Church** to make these initiatives a reality.

A brief, mandatory meeting for all volunteers on Sunday, September 27, after Mass.

EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH: OCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, or simply want to deepen your understanding of the Church?

You are warmly invited to join us for OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes. OCIA is a welcoming opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, ask questions, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and discover what it means to live a life of faith.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, preparing to receive the Sacraments, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, all are welcome!

Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Contact the church office 205-424-2984, or Phil Neely, pneely@j-neely.com for further information.

ARMOIRE FOR SALE

Wardrobe for sale, please contact Fr. Jose if interested. Dimensions: 66.85" H x 36.3" D (available to view in the father's office, bought for him originally but the dimensions didn't work out).

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Sept 13:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$7,086.25
Difference:	-\$2,983.75

September 13 th , 2026	
Families registered in the parish	290 / 500
Spanish Religious Education	18 / 18 / 100

Please keep the accessible entrance clear; do not park in the driveway during Masses

Thank you.

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Reflection

Christ's call reaches people where they are, as it reached Matthew at the customs house: "Follow me." Matthew rose and followed, and his response opened a place at the table for other publicans and sinners. Jesus does not wait for the sick to become healthy before receiving them. He comes as the physician, showing that the Father desires mercy and that conversion begins by allowing ourselves to be found by him.

That mercy also creates a people. The message that goes out through all the earth is carried by apostles and by every grace Christ gives for building up his Body. Unity is therefore more than agreement; it requires humility, gentleness, patience, and the willingness to support one another in charity. The one Lord gathers people who are different, wounded, and still growing into the fullness of Christ. We honor the Gospel when our words and choices make room for repentance rather than contempt. Having received mercy, we can become a merciful presence—at home, in the Church, and wherever someone is waiting to hear that Christ still calls.

https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/210926/?utm_source=www.catholicgallery.org&utm_medium=mrwidget

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

September 27th, 2026, Sunday

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Psalm: Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second: Philippians 2: 1-11

Alleluia: John 10: 27

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

September 22 Nancy Arellano

September 24 John McCullough, Cory Nabors,

Melany Farias, Ginna Lopez.

September 25 Bernadette McFerrin

September 26 Jimmy Johnson



May God's blessings fill
your life with joy, peace,
and endless love today
and always."



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



September 20 * *Jonathan and Teresa Smith*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH CARE LIST UPDATE

We are updating our parish list of the homebound, sick, and shut-in, as well as parishioners residing in nursing homes, retirement homes, or assisted living facilities. If you have any names to add or remove, please stop by the parish office or send an email to info@staloyiuscc.org. Your help ensures that our community members receive the prayer, support, and pastoral care they deserve.

INTERESTED IN FOOD, FRIENDSHIP AND GAMES?

Stay tuned for our monthly social gathering, a potluck meal following the noon Mass, featuring card games, dominoes, backgammon, checkers, and more. Further details to come...

If you have any questions, please contact *Paula Clowdus* at 205-382-0845.

TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC

Last call for our group bus trip to the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina, from October 5 to 9, 2026.

If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact us for additional information.

Joe Lovoy (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443

Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

Everyone is welcome!

MAGNIFICAT MEAL

Hosted by the "Mary, Woman of Faith" chapter, Saturday, October 24, 2026. Guest speaker: Lynn Pepe. Join us for breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:10 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:45 a.m. in an adjoining room.

Location: St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, In the parish hall:

836 8th Street S. Birmingham, AL 35205.

The parish hall parking lot is located next to the church, with access from 8th Street.

Do not park on 9th Avenue S.