

## *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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### ***Palm Sunday of the Lord' Solemnity Passion***

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

#### **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:**

OUR SICK		
Vicki Whitley	Mary Curry	Frances Sanders
Marty Drake	JoAnna Lape	Gene Hartman
Billy Ray Smith	Beth McCandless	Mary Jo Guy
Aneli Romero	Bill Wright	John Combs
Renea Mareno	Adam Stoves	Allene Armstrong
Deacon Walter Henderson	JoAnn Antonio	Gloria Hilty
Judy Wesson	Don Jones	Jeff Brasfield
Scott	Tina Artale	Dolores Carroll
Gary Adams	Joanne Lape	Melinda
April Ballard	Lesa Manzella	James Herald
Angel J. Curmina	Blair Hamm	Daphne Holdridge
Billy Jones	Julia Neely	Katy Holley
	Mary LaRussa Beverage	Terri Evans

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@stalloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@stalloysiuscc.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@stalloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@stalloysiuscc.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 26 – March 31</b>  († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	March 26	<b>No Mass</b> (Chism Mass at Cathedral)
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 27	(S) Gary Adams
Thursday	March 28	Holy Thursday
Friday 12 Noon	March 29	Good Friday
Saturday 4:30pm	March 30	Holy Saturday
Sunday 8:30am	March 31	<b>Easter</b>
10:00am		<b>Sunday</b>

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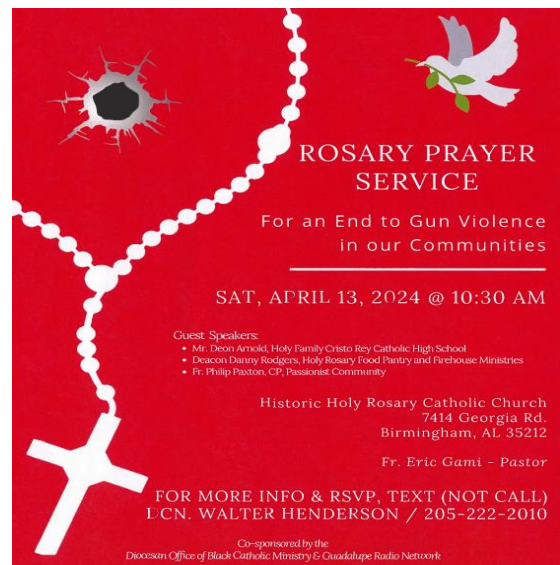
**NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS**

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).

**ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE**



**ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE**  
 For an End to Gun Violence in our Communities  
 SAT, APRIL 13, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Guest Speakers:  
 • Mr. Deon Anisold, Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School  
 • Deacon Danny Rodgers, Holy Rosary Food Pantry and Firehouse Ministries  
 • Fr. Philip Paxton, CP, Passionist Community

Historic Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
 7414 Georgia Rd.  
 Birmingham, AL 35212  
 Fr. Eric Gami - Pastor

FOR MORE INFO & RSVP, TEXT (NOT CALL)  
 L.C.N. WALTER HENDERSON / 205-222-2010

Co-sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry & Guadalupe Radio Network

### **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

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### **EASTER FUNDRAISER**

It's time again to order Baby Back Ribs \$35. The deadline for ordering is March 24<sup>th</sup>. **Pick up Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** at St Aloysius parking lot from 9:45 – 11:15 am.

### **MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

### **"LENTEN OFFERING BOX"**

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.

### **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.

### **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.



### **PARISH STEWARSHIP**

<b>Parish Stewardship 2024</b>				
Sunday - March 17				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan & March
Offertory	\$ 1,603.00	\$ 4,429.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 66,473.77
Building Fund	\$ 310.00	\$ 719.00	\$ 1,029.00	\$ 16,930.65
Parish School of Religion	\$ 155.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 4,076.40
	\$ 2,068.00	\$ 5,253.00	\$ 7,321.00	\$87,480.82
		\$7,321.00		

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Reflections for Palm Sunday

By Fr. Antony Kadavil

The Church celebrates this Sixth Sunday in Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. During this week of the Passion - - passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love and passionate forgiving – each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast. Today's liturgy combines two contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering - the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of His trial which ends in His crucifixion and death. Let us rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into our life today. Let us also weep and mourn as His death confronts us with our sin.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-04/palm-sunday-reflection-vatican-news.html>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

March 25 . . . Amy Mareno, Roxana Aguirre  
March 26 . . . Don Giglio, Bill Graham, Jose Leonel Cano  
March 27 . . . Rick Albright, Jim Franklin, Barbara Etling, Olivia Velazquez  
March 28 . . . Kristen Reid, Patrick Blanco, DeAnna Sealtiel, Stephen Lenseigne, Matteo Farias, Lorraine Taylor, Randy Coffindaffer, Eduardo Clemente.  
March 29 . . . Rose Hogg, Kaylin Farias-Barajas, Sophia Kopecki, Marshal Shoemaker  
March 30 . . . Jackson McCoy, John Hart Turner, Ray Mernaugh, Frank Thrailkill  
March 31 . . . Mason Hicks, Michelle Bradley, Tim Walker

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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March 28 . . . Carl and Angie Herring

## 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 [kahytortorice@gmail.com](mailto:kahytortorice@gmail.com).

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

***Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ***

***1st Reading*** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43




***Psalms*** 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

***2nd Reading*** Colossians 3: 1-4 or  
First Corinthians 5: 6b-8

***Gospel*** John 20: 1-9 or Mark 16: 1-7



# 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>  <b>SATURDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>          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>  <b>SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup></b>          4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and English Mass  <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>

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!

