

## *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 May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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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

#### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

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

#### **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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones

<b>HOMEBOUNDED SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>
<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](mailto: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:

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

## 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).

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MAY 6<sup>th</sup> - MAY 11<sup>th</sup></b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	May 6	(BD) Anna Catherine Casey
Wednesday 12 Noon	May 7	† Karen Snelling
Thursday 12 Noon	May 8	† Charlene Mareno
Friday 12 Noon	May 9	† Jose Franco Herrera
Saturday 4:30pm	May 10	† Barbara Land
Sunday 9:30am	May 11	† Alice 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 Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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

## **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

## **LECTORS NEEDED**

If anyone is interested in reading at 4:30PM Mass on Saturday and/or 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, WE NEED YOU. We have some Lectors that are sick and/or have surgery. Several can't read anymore because they are physically unable. *If you have ever wanted to participate in the Mass as a Lector now is the time.* Please send an email to [gloria\\_mcdaniel@outlook.com](mailto:gloria_mcdaniel@outlook.com).

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup>, is the monthly **Parish School of Religion** collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring the maintenance of our buildings.

## **SPECIAL MINISTRY ASSESSMENT**

If you or a family member with disabilities may benefit from a special needs ministry OR if you are interested in volunteering in some capacity with a special needs ministry (must be at least 14 years old), please scan the QR code to share your interest with us. The purpose of the diocesan regional assessment is to learn the various disabilities and levels of interest for adaptive activities and programs that would enhance full and meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities and their families beyond what is currently offered in our parishes and schools. In addition, it identifies volunteers interested in serving in a special needs ministry. If you have further questions, please contact Sister Tonette Sperando, OSB, at [sister.tonette@popcatholic.org](mailto:sister.tonette@popcatholic.org) or 205-822-9125 EXT 28.



## **JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju from November 6 – 15, 2025.



For more details, click the link below:

<https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=74921>



**Sunday, May 4th, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**BRING WHAT YOU HAVE!**  
**Jn 21:1-19**

Today's Gospel presents Jesus appearing to the disciples a third time. Following the resurrection Jesus appeared to the disciples twice and confirmed that He is alive. But still, we see the disciples under the leadership of Simon Peter decided to go back to their old profession, 'fishing.' That too, John specifies, at night! For John, night is the time of evil. And at dawn, John says, Jesus appeared on the shore!

Following the command of Jesus, the disciples had a miraculous catch of fish. Reaching back to the shore, the disciples saw Jesus already having fish and bread on charcoal fire. But still Jesus is asking them: "Bring some of the fish you just caught." And they did. This is what we do in our Holy Mass, the "Presentation of Gifts." Jesus is demanding every one of us to bring whatever 'we have' as we come to the Table of the Holy Mass.

Last Sunday we meditated on Jesus reconstituting the faith of Saint Thomas. Today Jesus is trying to reconstitute the faith of St Peter. Whenever I offend someone, I hurt him and I would be having a wound in myself. This is the act of sin. And we may have guilt (wound) that may haunt us forever! Peter denied Jesus three times. And he is carrying the guilt of it. Now Jesus is trying to reconstitute his faith through a "One-on-One dialogue." Jesus addresses him very much personally by calling him Simon and not Peter. Through this One-on-One dialogue Jesus is strengthening Peter, by taking off his guilt. Though Peter denied Jesus, Jesus did not give up on Peter.

Through baptism Jesus made us special. Through his unfailing care, protection and provisions He has proven very well that He is really alive and is our loving God. But still we did deny Him, we have turned back to the sinful ways of our life, we have a lot of guilt of hurting others.

Though we have given up Jesus He did not give up on us. He wants to reconstitute our faith in Him. Today's Gospel teaches us the means and ways for this. We should enter into a one-on-one dialogue with Jesus, that is "Confession." We should bring to Him our own lives with all its weaknesses and strengths. Accepting that offering He would provide us the Heavenly Meal (His own Body and Blood) and that would strengthen us. It is the Risen Lord who is calling us back. Let us all come back to Him, Confess our sins, present to Him as we are, receive His Body and Blood and be reconstituted in faith. Let us live a life worthy of Resurrection.

May the Risen Lord bless us all, Amen.  
 Father Reju

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*May 11, 2025, \* Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**1st Reading** Acts 13: 14, 43-52

**Psalms** 100: 1-2, 3, 5

**Second Reading** Revelation 7: 9, 14b-17

**Alleluia** John 10:14

**Gospel** John 10: 27-30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

May 5 . . . Johnny Antonio, Bruno Martinez

May 6 . . . Johnny Curry, Lesa Manzella

May 7 . . . Hunter Land, Andrea Lopez

May 8 . . . Billy Jones, Rebecca Bradley, Maria Bello



May 9 . . . Jeff Evans, Regina Milsap

May 10 . . . Marisela Colin

**ROHLING 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

You are cordially invited to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Monsignor Paul L. Rohling Sunday May 18th, 2025

Mass at 11:00 am at Our Lady of the Valley Church with a reception following in the Social Hall

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church  
 554 Double Oak Lane  
 Birmingham, AL 35242

**WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends its condolences to the family of Joseph Ciza, Jr., who went to be with the Lord on April 17, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; his sons, Joseph III, John, and Jimmy; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Joe was a devout Catholic and attended to St. Aloysius Church.

*Please keep this family in your prayers.*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - April 27				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,086.00	3,765.50	4,851.50	98,301.09
Building Fund	100.00	6,569.00	6,669.00	42,498.84
Parish School of Religion	0.00	25.00	25.00	5,461.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186.00</b>	<b>10,359.50</b>	<b>11,545.50</b>	<b>146,261.34</b>
Total given this week: <b>\$11,545.50</b>				