



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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

JANUARY 15th, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATOR

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday
Father celebrates his mass privately for your intention.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English & 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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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

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, Chairperson
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

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 email address available.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221. Please call the office for assistance.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

RCIA and Faith formation class meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the church. For questions, please call the office (205)424-2984 or email at staloysius@bellsouth.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Mary Micastrro Mabel Sagrario Dot Herald	Charlene Mareno Thomas Hammett

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Jim & Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Marilyn West	Ginger Russo Mosley Ramona Pitesa Charlene Mareno Stanley Szafransky Caroline Tamburello Steve Tate Powell Thompson

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: staloysius@bellsouth.com.

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

<u>Air Force</u>	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
Blake Seidel Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix William Tortorice	Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera
	<u>ARMY</u>
	Joseph R. Chiarella Zach Edmonds Jose Emmanuel Garcia

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 16th – January 22th

(† = Deceased)

Monday (Private mass)	Jan 16	† Anne Wren
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Tuesday 5:30 pm	Jan 17	† Bobby Cambell
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Jan 17	† Carmen Stacks
Wednesday 8:30 am	Jan 18	† Anne La Russa
Wednesday 8:30 am	Jan 18	† Karen Snelling
Thursday 8:30 am	Jan 19	Antonio Graffeo
Thursday 8:30 am	Jan 19	Mary Jones
Friday 8:30 am	Jan 20	† All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 8:30 am	Jan 20	† Ronnie George
Saturday 4:30 pm	Jan 21	Mickey Perez † Sherman&Martha Venz
Sunday 9:00 am	Jan 22	JoAnne Bryant Lape
Sunday 11:00 am	Jan 22	† James R Franklin
Sunday 1:00 pm	Jan 22	† Candelaria Perez Steven & Carol Tate

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 your offer in the Narthex drop box.

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.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers children's offertory envelope for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office.

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The choir also meets at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in the Day Chapel. If you are not able to join the choir, please sing joyfully from your seat in the pew.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

January 16 Trevor Marshall, Nicolas Gonzalez, Carlie Dempsey, Tera Williams
 January 17 Trey Farr, Olivia Wesson
 January 18 Addison Smith
 January 19 Emilio Medina, Maria Vasquez
 January 20 Rebecca Langley
 January 21 Pam Little
 January 22 Susan Blake, Zack Hurst, Mike Wesson, Airi Arellano, Susan Frost, Thomas Smith

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

January 21 Joe and Sherry Ciza

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

January 17th – ST ANTHONY , ABBOT
 January 21th – ST AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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. **Next Adoration Day will be Saturday February 4th** from 4:30am – 4:30pm. If you would like to commit to an hour, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild meeting date has changed. The next meeting will be on **Monday January 16**, at 6:00p.m. in the church. Note the date change from January 9.

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 ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet every Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

JANUARY 15, JOHN 1:29-34

BE A LAMB

John 1:36 "Behold, the Lamb of God " and John 1:29 "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Here the word 'sin' is used in singular which means 'not believing in Jesus Christ.' Jn 1:33 "He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." Yet, did Jesus himself baptize anyone? Jn 3:22 "After this Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing." ...Vs 26, the disciples are telling John the Baptist that Jesus is baptizing there and everyone is going to him.

Leviticus 1:3 speaks of burnt offerings made as "atonement" for the one who offers it. 1:10 "If a person's burned offering is from the flock, that is, a sheep or a goat, the offering must be a male without blemish." The Hebrew verb used for 'to make atonement' is 'KIPPER' and it refers specifically to the removal of sin and impurity.

Isaiah 53:7 Speaks of Jesus as "Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers..." John in his Revelations speaks of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Rev 5:6 "... a Lamb that seemed to have been slain." Vs 12 "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." The book of Revelation includes over twenty-nine references to a lion-like Lamb, slain but standing!

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who yielded up his life for our atonement. There is no putting away of sin without sacrifice. There is only one sacrifice that can put away sin; that is the Lamb of God. Jn 17:3 "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."

According to Pope Francis, "to take away" the sin of the world, literally means 'to lift up' or 'to take upon oneself.' We are familiar with 'take away!' The Pope continues "What does it mean for the Church, for us today, to be disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God? It means, replacing malice with innocence, power with love, pride with the humility and status with service." May the Lamb of God Save us all! Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Psalm 26,1.4. 13-14

2nd Reading Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of James R. Franklin. Please continue to pray for this family, that God will lift them up and give them strength to get through this sorrowful time.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Invites all married couples to Renew the Romance, revitalize your Marriage, communicate more Openly, Find Deeper Intimacy, Focus on Your Spouse and Share the Joy with the One You Love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a 44 hour getaway for married couples where they can focus on each other. If you would like to recall the shared hopes and dreams you had during your initial romance phase in your relationship, you'll appreciate your time together on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend in the diocese of Birmingham is scheduled on March 10-12, 2023, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. You can get more information or register online at www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

EWTN IS HIRING

Combine your faith and career at EWTN! We have the various positions available in Irondale. For more information on job requirements, go to:

<https://www.ewtn.com/employment>. Please email cover letter, salary requirements and resume to humanresources@ewtn.com

****FATHER REJU'S EMAIL****

We have been notified that people are receiving emails/text from Father Reju asking for help, money, a favor, etc. Father Reju will not send an email like that. If you feel that you have received an email/text in error or have a question about one, please either call the church office or send an email. Father Reju's correct email is rjupynadath@gmail.com

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring any kind of food or drinks into the Sanctuary. Dropped candy, chewing gum, crackers, cereal, and stains on the carpet have occurred. Do your best to respect God's House and the work of others who clean it and please keep it that way. Everyone thanks you!

