



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023

SIXTH 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Mary Micastrro Thomas Hammett Pete Mangione Cinthya Thaas	Myra Antonio JoAnne Antonio Mary Catherine

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald	Ramona Pitesa Charlene Mareno Caroline Tamburello Steve Tate Powell Thompson Marilyn West

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 Kathryn Szafransky

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 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

February 13 th – February 19 th († = Deceased)		
Monday (Private mass)	Feb 13 th	Cark Addison
Monday (Private mass)	Feb 13 th	Carlyn Smart
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Feb 14 th	Paula Mabrey
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Feb 14 th	† Jack Chiarella
Wednesday 8:30 am	Feb 15 th	† James R Franklin
Wednesday 8:30 am	Feb 15 th	† Anne Wren
Thursday 8:30 am	Feb 16 th	Stephen Earwood
Thursday 8:30 am	Feb 16 th	† Martin LaRussa
Friday 8:30 am	Feb 17 th	† All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 8:30 am	Feb 17 th	David Sanders
Saturday 4:30 pm	Feb 18 th	† Kathleen A. Evans
Sunday 8:30 am	Feb 19 th	Priscilla Winstead
Sunday 11:00 am	Feb 19 th	Kathy & Charles Tortorice
Sunday 1:00 pm	Feb 19 th	† Roman Gonzalez A

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.

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.

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.



LENT PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Prayer: pray to seek God's will in your own life.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Almsgiving: during Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving."

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The celebration of the Eucharist, with the distribution of ashes, will be held at our Parish at **8:30a.m. and 6:30p.m.** (English mass), and **7:30p.m.** (Spanish mass).

****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 emails like that. If you feel that you have received an email/text in error or have a question about one, please call either the church office or send an email. Father Reju's correct email is rijupynadath@gmail.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend the World Wide Marriage Encounter 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. 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 during the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This event will be held **March 10-12, 2023**, at **St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman**. You can receive more information or register online at www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

EWTN IS HIRING TO FILL POSITIONS IN IRONDALE

Combine your faith and career at EWTN! We have the various positions available.

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

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.

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023

FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

Today Jesus is telling us that he has come to fulfill the law. St Paul in his letter to Romans 13:8 says "one who loves another has fulfilled the law." So if we want to live according to the word of God; if we want to fulfill the commandments in our lives; the most simple and the only way is to love your neighbor. In Mark 12:31, Jesus says the second most important commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself".

Our Lord has given us the two most important commandments: 'Love of God' and 'love of neighbor'. In Gen 3:9 "Where are you?"- God asked the man. In your relation to God, Where are you? In Gen 4:9 "Where is your Brother?" The Bible never asks the question 'how are you?' but instead it asks "where is your brother?" and it could be translated as 'how he is doing?' We must be concerned more about the well-being of our neighbor than ourselves.

So, the center point of today's teaching is the importance of relations. It is easy to begin a relationship; but it is not easy to maintain it. First and foremost, we have to accept the other as they are. It is easy to find fault in others. But it is more important to know that God lets others live as they are! If so, why should I find fault with others? Why should I engage in any dispute with them?

Respect the uniqueness and individuality of others. We must always leave space for others. Let others speak from their own perspective. Let's try to respect them. Let's keep a safe distance from others' space to ensure their privacy.

Let us join our Lord Jesus in his efforts to fulfill the law, by loving our neighbor as a person being concerned about the well-being of the other more than ourselves. God Bless you all. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

Psalms *103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

Gospel *Matthew 5:38-48*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 13 Jonathan Smith, Je'Nae Washington

February 14 Rachael Small, Tyler Bunn

February 15 Kellie Whitson, Teresa Smith,
Richard Koehler

February 16 Johana Lopez, Cody Richardson,
Epifania Arenas

February 17 Kimberly Hunter

February 18 George Gerson, Charles Miranda

February 19 Connie MacPherson, Melinda
Turner, Tim Whitson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Bobby and Elizabeth Williams who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this February 18th.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet on **Monday February 13, at 5:30p.m.** in the church. **Please note the time change.**

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practice is **every Wednesday** night at **6:00 p.m.** in 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 pews.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on **Thursdays** during Adoration from **8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

