



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)

February 25th, 2024

Second Sunday Of Lent

ADMINISTRATOR

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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 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	JoAnna Lape	Frances Sanders
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Mel Evans
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Camilo Cangrejo
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	Gene Hartman
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	Mary Jo Guy
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	John Combs
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Miranda and Short families
Scott	Joanne Lape	Allene Armstrong
Ann and Bobby Sims	Lesa Manzella	Gloria Hilty
Billy Jones	Blair Hamm	Jeff Brasfield
Mary Curry	Julia Neely	
	Mary LaRussa Beverage	

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@staloyuscc.org

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

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@staloyuscc.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

February 26 – March 3 († = Deceased)		
Monday (Private Mass)	February 26	(BD) Frank Zito
Tuesday 12 Noon	February 27	(S) Renea Mareno
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 28	(S) Don Jones
Thursday 12 Noon	February 29	(BD) Jerry Mead
Friday 12 Noon	March 1 st	(S) John Godsey
Saturday 4:30pm	March 2 nd	† Tommy Dempsey
Sunday 8:30am	March 3 rd	† Vincent Petix
10:00am		(S) Frances Sanders

There will be NO MASS on Thursday, March 7th, since Father Reju will be assisting to the “Priest Continuing Education” at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham will sponsor and will host a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit, starting Sunday, Feb. 11.

ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH GOD?

Our catechism {CCC-2558} tells us Christian faith requires us to live in vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. But how? Find out in “The Gift,” a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit by current and former leaders of national or international Catholic organizations. Local prayer leaders will be present to answer questions and share their personal experience. Begins the Sunday before Lent.

St. Aloysius Parish, Sundays, Feb 11 through March 17
11:00 AM (Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass)
Point of Contact: Kathy Tortorice (205) 531-0930

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

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER

20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors

Friday, May 17, 2024 - Highland Park Golf Course

Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday:

12:00 noon, (English)

7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

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.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. For more information or to register please contact: bhamcathgrad@gmail.com. Deadline to register is March 31st.

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 available email address.

You can also give via Text Message
to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.



February 25th, 2024

Sunday Reflection – Gospel:

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. (2-3)

To see the Face of GOD while still alive on earth was unthinkable for any mortal, up until that time. But Peter, James, and John had witnessed just that. Terrified as they were; only Peter was able to react albeit without much thought! This trio of the closest apostles of Jesus now became the only ones alive to see and hear GOD! Having experienced divinity in person; we might have reacted similarly, not wanting to return to earthly reality.

We know that Moses had seen God. (Ex.34; 28-30) And Elijah had met God. (1Kings 19:11-18) Today JESUS is seen conversing with them on the Transfiguration mount! Peter, James, and John lived the rest of their lives with this sight of Heaven in their hearts. Christ Jesus is transfigured daily at Holy Eucharist for our sake. Do we see his glory?

Let us open the eyes of our hearts and ears of our spirits to see and hear the Lord GOD Almighty! Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Amen! Amen, Amen! Amen.

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-250224/>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 3rd, 2024, Third Sunday Of Lent

First Scrutiny of the Elect/ Lenten

1st Reading Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

2nd Reading First Corinthians 1: 22-25

Gospel John 2: 13-25

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 27 . . . Roger Hannah, Will Jones, Victoria Flores Merced, Teresa Alcantar

February 28 . . . Amanda McCullough, Ethan Jones, Sendi Mendez

March 1 . . . Farrah McCullough, Brooklyn Butler, Kristie Graham Love, Viola Ratcliffe

March 2 . . . Johanna Findley, Claudia Wickman, Jessica Nunez

March 3 . . . Ann Squires, Mike Bailey, Ofelia Herrera, Will Galvez

THANK YOU NOTE

Frances Sanders would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass cards, food and get well cards that were sent while recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

God bless you all!

Thank you!

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.

"LENTEN OFFERING BOX"

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season, the 40 days of preparation for Easter. We as Christian are called to deepen in our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

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.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - February 18				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & Feb
Offertory	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 3,785.22	\$ 17,887.22	\$ 40,772.62
Building Fund	\$ 303.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 4,251.00	\$ 9,866.00
Parish School of Religion	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,315.75	\$ 3,566.25	\$ 2,669.75
	\$ 1,711.00	\$ 5,257.97	\$ 25,704.47	\$53,308.37
		\$6,968.97		



GREAT NEWS

Rejoice and thank God St Aloysius...
We received the written permission to go ahead with the construction of the St Aloysius Parish Hall, from the Bishop's office. Parish Hall will be build next to the Church and close by the soccer field. It will be a total of 4000/sq. ft. area. Once we get the "Building Permit" are plan to do it in six months.

We have already opened a new Building Fund account. Please designate all your donations / contributions to "Building Fund" and it all will be Tax Free.

