



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

ADMINISTRATOR

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

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:

<i>OUR SICK</i>
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris

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

<i>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</i>
<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

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>ARMY</u>
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
	Daniel Thomas

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 9th - DECEMBER 14th († = Deceased)			
Monday	9:00am	December 8	† John Paul Guerrero
Tuesday	12 Noon	December 9	† James Hudgins
Wednesday	12 Noon	December 10	† Dot Keyes
Thursday	12 Noon	December 11	† Renea Mareno
Friday	12 Noon	December 12	† Len Gavin
Saturday	4:30pm	December 13	(S) Larry & Mary Jones
Sunday	9:30am	December 14	(S) Mary Curry (BD) Mary Ann 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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Gabriel Lopez

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 8th

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Solemnity

9:00 AM Holy Mass (English)

7:30 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

Friday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

5:00AM Mañanitas

12 Noon Holy Mass (English)

7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

Saturday, December 13th

Christmas Concert

Please join the combined **St. Aloysius Church Choirs** (English, Spanish and Indian) in a festive and joyous Concert of both sacred and secular Christmas Music.

The concert is at **6:00 PM**.

Sunday, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Confession Day

Talk with a priest from EWTN at **2:00PM**
Confessions from **2:30pm** through 6:00pm.

LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

This Christmas, we will be trying to help those in need in our own community. We will be holding a special collection on December 13th and 14th.

This assistance is intended exclusively for members of our community who are in need.

Allow yourself to be embraced by God and embrace your neighbor.

Practice the act of caring with love and generosity.

Bring light, joy, and hope to everyone around you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Nov. 30				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,471.00	6,647.00	8,118.00	311,035.29
Building Fund	440.00	145.00	585.00	81,300.26
Parish School of Religion	0.00	524.50	524.50	21,257.51
Total	1,911.00	7,316.50	9,227.50	413,593.06
Total given this week: \$9,227.50				

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent 2025

From the Gospel according to Mt 3:1-12

Don't prepare the path for the child; but prepare the child for the path.

During 1980s there has been a strong movement to remove tattoos (gang related) especially from students and young adults. The idea was to enable youths and adults to escape the stigma of past gang affiliation which is sometimes betrayed by tattoos. This movement was pioneered by the plastic surgeon Dr. Karl Stein in 1981, in Los Angeles County, California. The demand for un-tattooing was tremendous and in 1984 Valley Cable company collaborated with Dr Stein to produce the award-winning documentary "Un- Tattoo You." Those tattoos reminded the adults about the wrongs and mistakes of their past. They remained as haunting memories and those people wanted to get rid of them.

The story behind the documentary film "Un-Tattoo You" illustrates an important point. All of us have done things in our past that now we regret and would like to erase. The tragic thing about all of this is that, so many people regret what they did in the past but now they don't know what to do about it. And they tend to carry the burden of the past forever! Just as young people rejoiced at the efforts of Dr Karl Stein to remove their unwanted tattoos, so we Catholics rejoice that Jesus gave us a way to remove our sins. Advent and confession are the means to erase the wrongs of our past.

What is advent? A simple comparison of John the Baptist and Jesus would help us to understand it. John the Baptist, 'The voice crying in the wilderness' preached in the wilderness; baptized 'in water' and not with the Holy Spirit; his message was with a single focus: 'Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' Jesus preached in the towns and villages and on all sorts of topics. From everywhere people went to the 'wilderness' to listen to John. Jesus offers total and absolute forgiveness of our sins. He would like to erase the tattoos of our past. This offer is still valid and is available to those who would like to accept it. Let us go to the wilderness to listen to the voice of the Bible; to be repentant; to make a good confession and to avail the forgiveness of our sins. Advent is the time to do this.

In 1830 George Wilson was convicted of a robbing the US Mail and was a sentenced to be hanged. President Andrew Jackson issued a pardon for Wilson, but he refused to accept it. The matter

went to the Chief Justice Marshall who concluded that Wilson would have to be executed. "A Pardon is a slip of paper," wrote Marshall, "the value of which is determined by the acceptance of the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon. Hence, George Wilson must be hanged." Jesus extends His offer to everyone of us. Advent is the time we can decide whether to accept or refuse that offer.

May Jesus help us all, Amen

Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Second James 5: 7-10

Alleluia: Isaiah 61: 1

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

December 8 . . . Frank Aguiar, Brandon Hurst

December 9 . . . Rene Aseret Martinez, Jorge Padilla

December 10 . . . Brian Boyd, Mary Ann Simonetti, Don Graham, Isabel Latalladi

December 11 . . . Nancy Bryant, Randy Clowdus, Mike McCandless, Maria Williamson

December 12 . . . Earnest Brown

December 13 . . . Gertrud Hogue

December 14 . . . Jo Sharpe, Kerry Likis

ADVENT 2025

A time 'to wait with faith, to watch with love, and to hope with courage'. On Nov. 20, the bishop recorded the sixty-third installment of his Grace & Peace video series, reflecting on the season of Advent.

To read the bishop's remarks, please go to:

<https://onevoicebhm.org/advent-2025>

WOMEN OF GRACE



Be Set Free:
Healing the Wounded Heart

January 9-10, 2026
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Seminars,
Prayer,
Adoration
& Music

Johnette Bentovic Williams, Danielle Rose
and Grace Worship Ministry

ARISE WOMEN OF GRACE





Please join the combined
St. Aloysius Church Choirs
(English, Spanish and Indian)
in a festive and joyous Concert
of both sacred and secular
Christmas Music.

Saturday, December 13th,
at 6:00 PM.

We hope to see you all



2025

December Schedule

Monday, December 8th
(Holy day of Obligation)

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM English Mass (with Choir)

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Friday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00AM Mañanitas

12:00 Noon English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 13th

**St. Aloysius Family Get Together
Christmas Concert.**

St. Aloysius Church Choirs:

English, Spanish and Indian Communities together at
6:00PM, after 4:30PM Mass

Saturday, December 20th

Advent Confession Day

We would be having a talk with a priest from EWTN at 2:00PM
Confessions from 2:30pm through 6pm.



2025 – 2026 Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00PM English Mass

(Beginning with Carols at 3:30PM with Saint Aloysius Choir).

7:30PM Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 25th
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Day



The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

9:00 a.m. English Mass

10:30 a.m. Spanish Mass

Friday, December 26th

NO MASS

Sunday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM English Mass

12:00 PM English Mass

Wednesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

12:00 Noon English Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026
(Holy day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM English Mass

10:30 AM Spanish Mass