



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>	
Kathleen Jones	
Sheila Zito	
Carl McDaniel	
Larry Jones	
Sam Morris	
<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Nancy Franklin	John V. Jones Jr.
Robert Wilson	Meredith Jones
Sue Nielsen	Dot Herald
Robert Vincent	Johana Findley
<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>	
<u><i>The Oaks on Parkwood</i></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@staloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@staloysiuscc.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><u>AIR FORCE</u></b>	<b><u>ARMY</u></b>
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	<b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b>
	Daniel Thomas

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@staloysiuscc.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>DECEMBER 9th - DECEMBER 14th</b>			
(† = 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	† Renae 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.

**EUCARISTIC 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](mailto: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: <b>\$9,227.50</b>				

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 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*



*Johnnie Berkovic Williams, Danielle Rose  
and Free Worship Ministry*



**MARISE**  
WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

**WOMEN OF GRACE**



# Christmas concert



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



**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,**  
**at 6:00 PM.**

*We hope to see you all*



2025

## December Schedule

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
(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 12<sup>th</sup>**

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00AM Mañanitas

12:00 Noon English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>**

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Eve

4:00PM English Mass

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

7:30PM Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

(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 26<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM English Mass

12:00 PM English Mass

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

## 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