



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – Noon (closed for lunch), 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984
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BOOKKEEPER

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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CHURCH OFFICE

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169
Gabriel Arellano (205) 765 2936

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway	

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

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<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:

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

MAY 5 – MAY 10 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	May 5	(BD) Anna Catherine Casey
Wednesday 12 Noon	May 6	(S) Breagan Popee
Thursday 12 Noon	May 7	† Karen Snelling
Friday 12 Noon	May 8	Fr. Reju Pynadath J.
Saturday 4:30pm	May 9	† Jose Franco † Len Gavin
Sunday 9:30am	May 10	(BD) Paula Clowdus

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

LET US APPRECIATE FR. REJU...

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny has been our pastor for the past five years. He has done his best to help us grow as one family of God's children, and we now joyfully see and enjoy the good fruits of his dedicated service.

Fr. Reju will be leaving us on May 9th.

Let us be grateful to him and appreciate all the hard work he has done for our community.

If anyone would like to offer him a gift, you may do so personally in his name as "Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny," or you may present it to the church with a note "For Fr. Reju."

Thank you all for your love and support for Fr. Reju. God bless you all!

We are pleased to share the updated contact information for Fr. Reju Pynadath in India:

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Kerala, India
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MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month.

Next meeting is **Monday, May 11th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901. All meetings will begin at 11:30 am!

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Since our priest is about to depart for his home country, there will be **no weekday Masses** until a new priest is designated by the Diocese of Birmingham to our Parish. If you had scheduled a Mass intention for a weekday, it will be rescheduled for a weekend.

Regular Saturday and Sunday Masses will continue as usual.

Please continue to pray for our beloved priest, Fr. Reju.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, April 26				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,074.00	5,286.65	6,360.65	120,386.36
Building Fund	185.00	400.00	585.00	87,244.89
Parish School of Religion	75.00	216.00	291.00	4,627.79
Total	1,334.00	5,902.65	7,236.65	212,259.04
Total given this week: \$7,236.65				

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Gospel of John 14:1-12

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks the words that feel like a deep breath for a troubled heart: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He does not say: life would be easy. He does not promise that storms will not come. But he tells us something far greater: You are not alone, you are not without a destination. There is a Place prepared for you, and there is a Way. There is a Person who is the Good shepherd and he would walk with you.

In today's Gospel Jesus was speaking about him leaving the disciples. Their world felt like it was collapsing. Their dreams become untrue, they fear about the future. Uncertainties and fearfulness filled up in their hearts. We also could be having such experiences of uncertainties and anxieties about future. We may not know what next, where to turn for help! We may ask with Thomas: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" and the Masters answer is very clear: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Jesus is not saying, I will show you a way, I will teach you a truth... but he says, "I am." Thus, Christianity is all about a Relationship. The way is not a map; but a person. The truth is not a concept; but a living reality. The life is not just existence; it is eternal communion with God. Don't complicate spirituality. Jesus simplified everything: Stay with me, Trust me, Walk with me and that is the Way.

Philip asked Jesus a question: "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." The answer pointed to the oneness of the Son and the Father. Relationship is the key. God the father is not a distant reality. There is a place prepared for us, and God decides that we be there with Him.

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do" says Jesus. How can we do the works of Jesus? Every act of love, kindness, every word of truth, every moment of forgiveness becomes a continuation of the works of Jesus.

Do not be troubled in heart. That Good shepherd will take care of us. Let us trust in him. Trust when the path is unclear. Trust when the future is uncertain. Trust when we don't have all the answers. Because the Way is not something we figure out ourselves; it is Someone who walks with us. And at the end of that journey there is a place already prepared for us. A reunion. It is going to be a personal welcome: "I will come back and take you to myself." This is the heart of our faith, the heart of our hope. That is why we trust in our Good shepherd.

"Jesus, I Trust in Thee" Amen.

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

May 10th, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm: Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Second: First Peter 3: 15-18

Alleluia: John 14: 23

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

May 4 . . . Claire Scherzer, Eric O'Neal

May 5 . . . Jhair Romero.

May 6 . . . Johnny Curry, Lesa Manzella

May 7 . . . Hunter Land, Andrea Lopez

May 8 . . . Billy Jones, Maria Bello

May 9 . . . Jeff Evans

May 10 . . . Marisela Colin

Birthday Blessings



THANK YOU NOTE

Anthony Rupert wishes to express his deepest gratitude to all of you—his friends and family, as well as Ruth's—for the cards, Mass cards, messages, and condolences received regarding his sweet mother, Ruth.

Please continue to keep Ruth's soul and her family in your prayers. May God bless you.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,
THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES THAT

JOHN STEPHEN GARDINER
JOHN PAUL STEPNOWSKI
ANDREW GRESHAM VICKERY

HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE
SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND
WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST FOREVER
THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS AND
THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE

MOST REVEREND STEVEN J. RAICA
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

SATURDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF MAY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
2120 3RD AVENUE, NORTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

With a Grateful Heart... bye....

I came to St Aloysius Catholic Parish on July the 6th, 2021. I was excited and stressful. But the good Lord guided me in His own ways. Today when I look back, with St Paul, I too can profess, 1 Cor15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am."

The school was closed in the year 2018. And from then on, we had to spend \$5457/- per month on the closed down school building! That building has been rented out since the 1st day of July 2022. Besides the \$10,000/- rent per month, the school management also contributes towards HVAC & loan and grounds maintenance, utility bills, insurance, etc.

In 2018 our average monthly Revenue was \$38,6400/. In 2021, it was \$42,091/. Where as the average monthly Revenue in the past year 2025, was \$48,523/. When I took over (July 2021) in our savings account we were having \$67,557/- only! In the School (Building Fund) account we had \$287,059/. Thus, I started with a total bank balance of \$354,616/.

On 2026 April 15th, we have a Total Bank Balance of \$836,600/. We must pay little more money for the parish hall construction. The Hispanic Community contributed all the kitchen equipment and the Indian Community contributed for all the Table & Chairs needed.

Yes, my friends we have grown a lot. Thanks to your generous contributions and that of Knights of Columbus. They helped us for replacing the HVAC units in the Church, Church roof maintenance and they helped us to lay new asphalt in the parking lot etc... We could install new PA system with new Speakers in the Church. We installed new projectors and replaced all the bulbs with LED Lightings in the Sanctuary.

We have built a beautiful new rectory for the pastor and at last we have a new Parish Hall for the use of the community. I was just an instrument in the hands of God. St Aloysius is One & Single family amazingly united in their faith. This community has gone ahead in understanding, learning and living the true faith. Every year more members were added to this family through the administration of Sacraments of Christian Initiation on Holy Saturday night. The number of children coming for Catechetical Formation every year, marked as steady growth. This year we had 33 Candidates to receive their Sacraments during Easter Vigil. 31 Children received First Holy Communion and 39 received the Sacrament of Confirmation in this year. Our family is growing by the grace of God and thanks be to God for His marvelous deeds.

You all welcomed me into your hearts. You accepted me as I am. You took care of me so far and were always by my side.... I don't have words to thank you enough..... One thing i assure you.... I would be remembering all of you in my Holy Masses and prayers.... God may keep you all good in His Sacred Heart...



Fr Reju Pynadath Johny