

# *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 17th, 2026

### *Ascension of the Lord Solemnity*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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We expect a new pastor in July. In the meantime, substitute priests will be celebrating mass for us on the weekends.

#### **BOOKKEEPER**

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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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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 (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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway

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

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>
<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@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> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<b><u>ARMY</u></b> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
<b><u>MARINE</u></b> Grace Oldham	<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>MAY 23 &amp; MAY 24</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	May 19	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	May 20	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	May 21	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	May 22	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	May 23	Mike Snelling
Sunday 9:30am	May 24	† Jack Keyes

**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.

**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**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Saturday of every month, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
*All are welcome to spend time before Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

**SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP**

Please join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30am to pray the rosary. We will continue to meet this one day of the week until the new priest provides his schedule.  
*All those who wish to pray the Rosary are welcome.*

### **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

### **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends its prayers and condolences to the family of *Pete Gagliano*, a former parishioner of St. Aloysius, who passed away last Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. *Please keep his family in your prayers.*

***The funeral Mass will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, May 22nd, 2026, at 11:00AM, visitation 10:00AM-11:00AM.***

### **THANK YOU**

Fr. Reju has returned to India after serving as our pastor for 5 years. Keep praying for him.

We expect a new pastor in July. In the meantime, substitute priests will be celebrating mass for us on the weekends.

***Thank you all for your patience and support.  
Please continue praying for vocations and for the new priest who will be coming.  
May God bless you all!***

### **MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

We are happy to share the good news that all Saturday Masses will continue as normally scheduled. We have been blessed to secure a priest to celebrate the Masses moving forward.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and prayers during this time. We are grateful to God and for allowing us to continue gathering in worship.

We look forward to celebrating the Holy Mass with all of you each Saturday. Your love and support for our parish community are truly appreciated.

*May God continue to bless you and your families.*

Saturday, May 16th, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Thomas  
Sunday, May 17th, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. Muscolino  
12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. Manoj

Saturday, May 23rd, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Manoj  
Sunday, May 24th, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. Tokarz  
12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. Manoj

Saturday, May 30th, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Manoj  
Sunday, May 31st, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. Muscolino  
12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. Manoj

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, May 10				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,599.00	4,118.26	5,717.26	134,822.98
Building Fund	585.00	125.00	710.00	90,297.54
Parish School of Religion	60.00	728.15	788.15	5,593.94
Total	2,244.00	4,971.41	7,215.41	230,714.46
Total given this week:			<b>\$7,215.41</b>	

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## *Ascension of the Lord Solemnity*

### *Gospel according to Matthew 28: 16-20*

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.*

*When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.*

*Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

#### **What is Ascension?**

The Ascension of the Lord is the Christian belief that Jesus Christ, 40 days after His Resurrection, was taken up—body and soul—into Heaven, where He is exalted at the right hand of the Father.

It is one of the major feasts of the Christian liturgical year, celebrated by Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, and many other traditions.

The event is recorded in Luke 24:50–53, Mark 16:19, and Acts 1:6–12.

#### **Why the Ascension matters:**

Christ's exaltation: Jesus, who lived as a servant, now reigns as Lord of all.

Beginning of His heavenly ministry: The Ascension marks the start of Christ's ongoing work of intercession for humanity.

Promise of His return: Angels tell the disciples that Jesus will come again "in the same way" they saw Him go.

#### **When it is celebrated**

Traditionally 40 days after Easter, always on a Thursday but some dioceses and denominations transfer it to the following Sunday (Ascension Sunday) for pastoral reasons.

#### **The 10 days after: Ascension to Pentecost**

The period between Ascension and Pentecost is called Ascensiontide, a time of joyful expectation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## *Ascension of the Lord Solemnity*

### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**1st Reading:** Acts 2: 1-11

**Psalms:** Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Second:** First Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-23

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

May 18 . . . Sherry Ciza, Justin Jones


May 21 . . . Sam Morris, Ian Stoves

May 22 . . . Julian Anton

May 23 . . . Rinda Stanley, Lisa Jones, Malkia Mugoya,  
Andrea Bautista



### 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

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### FR. REJU CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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