



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 4th, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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		
Mary Curry	Gloria Hilty	Judy Wesson
Billy Jones	Tina Artale	Bernice Keyes
Vicki Whitley	Lesla Manzella	Blair Hamm
Marty Drake	Jeff Brasfield	Johnny McCullough
Billy Ray Smith	Deacon Walter	Scott
Aneli Romero	Henderson	Baby James Owens
Mike Wheeler	Lance & Megan Rosser	Genevieve Bruce
Miranda and	Joanne Lape	Adam Stoves
Short families	Linda Miller	Julia Neely
JoAnn Antonio	Dolores Carroll	Ann and Bobby Sims
Don Jones	Beth McCandless	Mary LaRussa Beverage
Hannan Wilson	John Combs	Frances Sanders
Allene Armstrong	Renea Mareno	Mel Evans

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 5-11 († = Deceased) 	
Monday (Private Mass)	February 5
Tuesday 12 Noon	February 6
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 7
Thursday 12 Noon	February 8
Friday 12 Noon	February 9
Saturday 4:30pm	February 10 † Bud Miller
Sunday 8:30am	February 11 (BD) Charles Tortorice
10:00am	(S) Frances Sanders

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.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

Dear Saint Pio, for fifty years every day you endured the immense pains of the Stigmata, the five wounds of Christ Crucified. In your caring goodness, intercede for (here mention name . . .) who is truly in need of miraculous assistance.

If it be God's will, I ask that the gift of complete healing, in every location of the body and from all forms of cancer, be granted to (name . . .). Comfort (name . . .) during times of pain, anguish, confusion and despair. Gracious Savior to grant (name . . .) inner peace, patience in suffering and the grace to be restored to full physical health. Through God's healing graces, grant (name . . .) a life of happiness, wellbeing and abiding love here on earth, and one day, the joy of eternal glory in God's loving embrace. Amen.

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) 491 7931
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

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 Mar 17

11:00 AM (Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass)

Point of Contact: Kathy Tortorice (205) 531-0930

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year is **February 14th.**

12 noon, & 6:00 p.m. (English); and
7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday starting February 16th,
12:00 noon, (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

A Mass marking World Marriage Day will be held Sunday, Feb. 11th, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet on **Monday February 12TH, at 11:30 AM.** in the Church.

FR. REJU'S VACATIONS

Fr. Reju is on vacations in India until February 8. If you need to contact him, or you want to send him any text message, you can do it via WhatsApp at 91 974 56 03863. ***Remember there will be NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS. The Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule will be as usual.**

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 4th, 2024

Gospel Reflection Mark 1: 21-28.

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." (38)

It is said in the reading here that Peter hunted for him. (v.36) We too might hunt for Jesus, mostly with flawed intentions. Christ came and lived among His people, visited their homes, cured their sick, and fellowshiped with them. He administered to their every need, physical and spiritual, he knew their pain and joy. He lives with us too, experiencing the highs and lows of our lives. He is here and yet he reminds us as he told Peter, "Let us go...!" The gospel we receive must be shared further because this is the Kingdom of Heaven that is a seed inside of us. But when it is shared, it grows into the tree that provides shade and fruit! (Mt. 13:31-32) That is when we will be bearing the Kingdom Fruits!

In Jesus' mighty and matchless name. Amen!

By Maryanne Cardoz-Mascarenhas

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/reflection/sunday-reflection-040224/>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 11th, 2024, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalms 32: 1-2, 5, 11

2nd Reading First Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1

Gospel Mark 1: 40-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February 5 . . . Jocinda McSwain

February 6 . . . Isabella Antonio, John Boolos, Adriana Arellano, Ana Guadalupe Perez

February 7 . . . Tellis Jolivette, Jr., Jacob McGuire

February 8 . . . Mary Walker

February 9 . . . Trent Marshall, Pam Mello, Vickie Likis, Dylan Cruz

February 10 . . . Jacqueline Mareno, Cameron Galloway, Elizabeth Phillips

MISSION SUNDAY

If you are interested in helping or learning more about the ministries, be sure to stop by after each mass the weekend of February 24-25. Any questions will be answered by those in charge of the ministries. Join us.

MAKEUP PICTURE DAY FEBRUARY 17TH 2024

OUR CHURCH FAMILY ALBUM WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!! This is our last chance to be part of the Church Family Album. Schedule your appointment online or in the office. There is absolutely NO OBLIGATION to purchase portraits. Each family will receive Absolutely Free an 8x10 Portrait of Directory Pose, and a Church Family Album featuring all participating families.

February 17th, from 12:00 NOON – 5:00PM.

We need volunteers, sign up in the office.

Thank you for your support.

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.

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 kahytortorice@gmail.com.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - January 28				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	January
Offeratory	\$ 1,127.00	\$ 4,889.87	\$ 22,885.40	\$ 22,885.40
Building Fund	\$ 280.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 5,615.00	\$ 5,615.00
Parish School of Religion	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,476.50	\$ 790.00
	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 5,229.87	\$ 30,976.90	\$29,290.40
		\$6,636.87		



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



MAKEUP PICTURE DAY FEBRUARY 17TH 2024
12:00 NOON – 5:00PM

Online Scheduling scanning the code
LAST CHANCE!!!



Do you know all fellow members by name? Are there families whom you do not know? Your Directory Committee feels that this full color Church Family Album will help you to know each other better and build stronger unity and closer fellowship.

There is absolutely **NO OBLIGATION** to purchase portraits. If you choose to order portraits, you will receive top quality studio work at competitive prices without any kind of a sitting charge.

It will contain color portraits of all the families along with a membership roster. Each family will receive Absolutely Free:

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