



## *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

*April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Mrs. Patricia Rector 205 424 2984  
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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 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		
Vicki Whitley	Mary Curry	Gene Hartman
Marty Drake	JoAnna Lape	Mary Jo Guy
Billy Ray Smith	Beth McCandless	John Combs
Aneli Romero	Bill Wright	Allene Armstrong
Renea Mareno	Adam Stoves	Gloria Hilty
Deacon Walter Henderson	JoAnn Antonio	Jeff Brasfield
Judy Wesson	Don Jones	Dolores Carroll
Scott	Tina Artale	James Herald
Gary Adams	Joanne Lape	Daphne Holdridge
April Ballard	Lesla Manzella	Terri Evans
Angel J. Curmina	Blair Hamm	Priscilla Winstead
Billy Jones	Julia Neely	Joe Wright
	Mary LaRussa Beverage	Franny Albano

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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

April 16 – April 21 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	April 16	† Michael Sperando
Wednesday 12 Noon	April 17	(S) Franny Albano
Thursday 12 Noon	April 18	† Janet Goggins
Friday 12 Noon	April 19	(S) Priscilla Winstead
Saturday 4:30pm	April 20	† Mel Evans
Sunday 8:30am	April 21	(S) Joe Wright
10:00am		(S) Priscilla Winstead, † Concetta LaRussa

**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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**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 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

**PARISH STEWARSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - April 7				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & March
Offertory	\$ 1,967.00	\$ 6,122.00	\$ 23,158.45	\$ 28,773.45
Building Fund	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 6,432.00	\$ 13,480.90	\$ 12,584.40
Parish School of Religion	\$ 253.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00
Lent Offering				
	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 12,609.00	\$ 36,947.35	\$123,029.97
		\$16,289.00		

### **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) 902 5468  
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

### **COME TO CHURCH CAMPAIGN**

Sincere gratitude goes out to all who participated in our Come to Church Campaign. We were blessed with good weather, good discussions, and good people. It was a delight to have faith discussions with others in and out of our parish. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope all the prayers, medals, rosaries, bulletins, and flyers that we handed out will create a desire for some to Come to Church.

### **CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION**

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

### **HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER** **20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE**

***We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors, Friday, May 17, 2024 - Highland Park Golf Course. Registration 7:45AM· SHOTGUN START 9:00AM.***

*Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · [golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org).*

### **ONLINE GIVING LINK**

You can make your contribution at [www.osvhub.com](http://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.



Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Reflections for Third Easter Sunday,

*Words of the Holy Father*

### **Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48**

*In the Upper Room, the Risen Christ presents himself in the midst of the group of disciples and greets them: “Peace to you!” (v. 36). But they are frightened and believe “that they saw a spirit” (v. 37), the Gospel says. Jesus then shows them the wounds on his body and says: “See my hands and my feet” — the wounds — “that it is I myself; handle me” (v. 39). And to convince them, he asks for food and eats it before their astonished eyes (cf. vv. 41-42). There is a detail here, in this description. The Gospel says that the Apostles “still disbelieved for joy”. The joy they felt was such that they could not believe that this was true. And a second detail: they were bewildered, astonished; astonished because the encounter with God always leads you to astonishment: it goes beyond enthusiasm, beyond joy; it is another experience. And they were joyful, but a joy that made them think: no, this cannot be true!... It is the astonishment of God’s presence. Do not forget this frame of mind, which is so beautiful.*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2024/04/14.html>

### **NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**April 21<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading** Acts 4: 8-12

**Psalms** 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

**2nd Reading** First John 3: 1-2

**Gospel** John 10: 11-18

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

*We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.*

April 15 . . . Donna Wilson, Becky Colpack, Hawk Andrzejewski, George Mugoya, Angel Alcantara  
April 16 . . . Will Shourds, Carol Tate, Roger Ballard, Jackie Higginbotham, Anthony Alesce, Angel Carmina Santoyo  
April 17 . . . Jessica Vines, Floyd Doss  
April 18 . . . Carl McDaniel, Dylan Dreveny, Alma Aviles  
April 19 . . . Torres Marshall, Joseph Kornegay, Ana Gabriela Garcia Araujo, Kevin Arellano, Anna Mareno, Esperanza Garcia Aviles  
April 20 . . . Karen Blanco, Gabriel Arellano, Luz del Carmen Juarez  
April 21 . . . Alejandra Rios

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.*

April 9 . . . Rafael and Yolanda Farias  
April 16 . . . Buster and JoAnne Antonio  
April 17 . . . Jacob and Claire Scherzer  
April 21 . . . Chris and Sharon Waits

### **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).

### **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Judith "Judy" D'Alessandro Holt, age 60, passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, with the Funeral Mass following at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Rev. Robert Sullivan will officiate the service. Please keep this family in your prayers. Merciful Father, receive Judy's soul and grant her Your Eternal Peace in Your Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise and Glory to You, Lord, for Your Saving Grace.

<https://obits.al.com/us/obituaries/birmingham/name/judith-holt-obituary?id=54842365>



*On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of “Car & Bike Show” we would be putting up a “Welcome to St Aloysius Catholic Church Table”.*

*We would like to give out Catholic Religious items as a gifts on that occasion (totally as Free Gifts). So if you have any Rosaries, Prayer Cards, Catholic Bibles, Catholic Books, etc. to be donated, please feel free to bring them to the office before April 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*Thank you,  
Father Reju*



ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

Presents  
*Car*

# BIKE SHOW

AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH



OPEN  
TO ALL

CARS  
TRUCKS  
BIKES

VENDORS ARE  
WELCOME \$25  
PER SPACE

**APRIL 20, 2024**

9:00AM-1:00PM  
REGISTRATION @ 8:30AM  
TROPHY CEREMONY @ 12:30PM

FIRST 50  
VEHICLES  
RECEIVE FREE  
GOODIE BAG

Basset Hound Rescue of Alabama will be  
present for microchipping your fur  
babies for a \$15 donation

**\$20**

FOR FIRST  
VEHICLE,  
ADDITIONAL  
VEHICLES  
RECEIVE  
DISCOUNT

FREE  
ADMISSION TO  
THE PUBLIC

Location: 751 Academy Drive Bessemer, AL 35022

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