



## *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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

*April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### *Fifth 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	JoAnna Lape	Gloria Hilty
Marty Drake	Beth McCandless	Jeff Brasfield
Billy Ray Smith	Bill Wright	Dolores Carroll
Aneli Romero	Adam Stoves	Priscilla Winstead
Renea Mareno	JoAnn Antonio	Joe Wright
Deacon Walter Henderson	Don Jones	Franny Albano
Judy Wesson	Tina Artale	Pat Perry
Gary Adams	Lesia Manzella	Sue Dobson
April Ballard	Julia Neely	Becky Watson
Angel J. Curmina	Gene Hartman	George Watson
Mike Robertson	Mary Jo Guy	Olivia, Payton, & Nicholas
Billy Jones	John Combs	Carla Briggs
	Allene Armstrong	

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@staloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@staloysiuscc.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@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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

April 30 – May 5 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	April 30	(S) Priscilla Winstead
Wednesday	12 Noon	May 1	
Thursday	12 Noon	May 2	† Bobbie & J. T. Land
Friday	12 Noon	May 3	† Mel Evans
Saturday	4:30pm	May 4	† Len Gavin
Sunday	8:30am	May 5	(BD) Anna Catherine Casey
	10:00am		† Michael Tortorice
	12:00pm		(BD) Patricia Rector

**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).

**EUCHARISTIC 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. **Next Adoration Day** will be **Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30am – 4:30pm. If you would like to commit to an hour, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up, you will be 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).

### **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

### **GOOD NEWS:**

#### **Our New Rectory is Ready.**

Blessing: Saturday, May 11, at 3:00 PM  
Address: 5200 Taylor Lane, Bessemer AL. 35022

The house will be OPEN for all to visit on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

You all are welcome any time!

### **FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT VIGIL**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday:**

12:00 Noon Mass in English,  
6:30 PM Mass in English,  
Night Vigil,  
12:15 AM Mass in Spanish.

### **FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 AM – 4:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
You all are welcome.

### **HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER**

#### **20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE**

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Reflections for Fifth Easter Sunday,

*Words of the Holy Father*

*Gospel: John 10: 11-18*

*Jesus insists on the verb “to abide”. He repeats it seven times in today’s Gospel reading. Before leaving this world and going to the Father, Jesus wants to reassure his disciples that they can continue to be united with him. He says, “Abide in me, and I in you” (v. 4). This abiding is not a question of abiding passively, of “slumbering” in the Lord, letting oneself be lulled by life: no, it is not this. The abiding in him, the abiding in Jesus that he proposes to us is to abide actively, and reciprocally. Why? Because the branches can do nothing without the vine, they need sap to grow and to bear fruit; but the vine, too, needs the branches, because fruit does not grow on the tree trunk. It is a reciprocal need; it is a question of reciprocal abiding so as to bear fruit. We abide in Jesus and Jesus abides in us. (...)*

*After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus’ disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love. Attached to Christ, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and thus we can do good to our neighbor, we can do good to society, to the Church. The tree is known by its fruit. A truly Christian life bears witness to Christ.*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2024/04/28.html>

## NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48.

**Psalms** 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

**2nd Reading** First John 4: 7-10

**Gospel** John 15: 9-17

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

April 29 . . . Tony Russo.

April 30 . . . Tommy Land, Joe Zalewski

May 1 . . . . Collin Thrailkill.

May 2 . . . . Mary Sandra Virciglio, Luke Campbell

May 3 . . . . Tristen Brantley, Braeden Carney, John Rozas, David Garcia Araujo.

May 4 . . . . Claire Scherzer, Alexis Arvay, Eric O’Neal, Daniel Garcia Araujo, Wilber Pino.

May 5 . . . . Johnny Antonio, Bruno Martinez, Patricia Rector, Anna Catherine Casey, Jhair Romero.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

April 29 . . . Jack and Charlene Mareno;  
Steve and Sandy Miranda

April 30 . . . Jason and Jena Shourds

May 1 . . . Bill and Pam Mello

May 5 . . . Tellis and Sandy Jolivette

## 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.

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to baby Charlotte! She was born April 23, 2024. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. Mommy and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Zach and Caroline Whitson. Please keep them in your prayers.

