



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates the 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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris	

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:

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

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

NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 23 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	November 18	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	November 19	† Richard Brasfield † Dot Keyes
Thursday 12 Noon	November 20	† Robert Geisen
Friday 12 Noon	November 21	† Charlene Mareno
Saturday 4:30pm	November 22	(BD) Jordan Snelling
Sunday 9:30am	November 23	(S) Becky Green (S) Charlie & Baye Mareno

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.

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.

Thank You!!

We wish to express our gratitude for all those who helped vacuum and polish the pews and woodwork in the church. The support from our parishioners is much appreciated. Thank you, Geoff Bull, Randy Clowdus, Lilly Clowdus, Cindy Galloway, Lisa Jones, Bruce Jones, Glenda Mernaugh, Ray Mernaugh, Donna Ponder, Chris Nichols, Amy Russo, Beth Russo, Joe Russo, Carol Tate and Paula Clowdus.

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



Food drive

Holy Family Altar Guild and Parish Council are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Catholic Center of Concern, Guadalupan Missionary Sisters, and Multicultural Services of Greene County of Birmingham Dioceses.

We will have green reusable grocery bags, feel free to take one and fill it with non-perishable food items, but mostly cans of green beans and corn; and bring your donations back to the church.

Please take one tote bag per family.



Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Thank you for your support!



**Please join the combined
St. Aloysius Church Choirs
(English, Spanish and Indian)
in a festive and joyous Concert
of both sacred and secular
Christmas Music.**

**Saturday, December 13th,
at 6:00 PM.**

We hope to see you all

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

From the Gospel according to LUKE 21:5-19

Not a hair on your head will be destroyed....

In the first reading, prophet Malachi is speaking about God's punishment on evildoers. They would be burned in fire. And the punishment would be total and complete. But the Lord gives hope to the believer and says that He would safeguard them; He would heal them. Perseverance in faith is the key. It is said: "Persevere! You will win. Not immediately, but definitely." A.A. Milne said, "Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there someday."

When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, they immediately attempted to suppress the Catholic Church. Over the course of the next several years they killed a third of the Polish clergy and outlawed Faith Education. One Polish layman, Jan Tyranowski, decided to do something about it. He began a secret group, called the Living Rosary, to instruct people in their faith. This group had to go through a lot of struggles and obstacles. However over the course of time, 10 of the young men who attended these groups became priests! One of those priests is known to history as Pope Saint John Paul II. In all our struggles and trials we have to persevere with patience and prayer. A saint is a sinner who keeps on trying and that trying can change the world.

In today's Gospel we have Jesus' prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem Temple. But He encourages the listeners to persevere; because, God would protect them. Jesus predicts that all sorts of persecutions may fall on the believers, but He gives the Hope by assuring "not a hair on your head will be destroyed"- by your perseverance you will secure your lives!

Dr Norman Vincent Peale shares his experience of overcoming a hurricane while on a cruise in the Atlantic. His captain was so experienced that he managed to sail around the danger. Later on, the captain shared his philosophy as: 'if the sea is a smooth, it will get rough and if it is rough, it will get smooth. But with a good ship you can always ride it

out.' Our ship is our faith in Christ. With faith and perseverance we can always ride any struggles and trials out. God is with us. King Duncan says: "Perseverance is the key to success. Never give up and keep making efforts. It is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock."

Let us be Confident in our Lord, Trust Him. Not a hair from our head would be lost without Him knowing about it!

God may keep us all safe, Amen

Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

November 23rd, 2025

Christ the King Solemnity

1st Reading Second Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Second Colossians 1: 12-20

Alleluia: Mark 11: 9, 10

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 17 . . . Terry Herring, Jordan Snelling

November 18 . . . Fidencio Contreras

November 19 . . . Junior Land, Sarah Hanson, Jennifer Gardner

November 20 . . . Rose Wilson, Mike Renta

November 21 . . . Mickey Perez, Sawyer Chapman, Michael Morris, Nat Schilleci

November 22 . . . Parker Weber, Ausencio Aguirre, Fernando Maldonado

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



**Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary**



November 19 * **Oliver Lopez & Marina Gutierrez**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Nov. 9				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	2,034.00	4,708.75	6,742.75	285,007.22
Building Fund	585.00	220.00	805.00	79,224.26
Parish School of Religion	85.00	937.50	1,022.50	16,782.01
Total	2,704.00	5,866.25	8,570.25	381,013.49
Total given this week: \$8,570.25				



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