

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

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

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

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Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

| WEEKEND EUCHARIST | |
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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday (English) | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday (Spanish) | 12:00 p.m. |

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

WEEKDAY LUNCH MASS
Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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 Reiu 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 | John V. Jones Jr. |
| Robert Wilson | Meredith Jones |
| Sue Nielsen | Dot Herald |
| Robert Vincent | 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@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:

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

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

| OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 2 | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| († = Deceased) | | | |
| Tuesday | 12 Noon | October 28 | *NO MASS* |
| Wednesday | 12 Noon | October 29 | *NO MASS* |
| Thursday | 12 Noon | October 30 | *NO MASS* |
| Friday | 12 Noon | October 31 | *NO MASS* |
| Saturday | 4:30pm | November 1 | ALL SAINTS' DAY |
| Sunday | 9:30am | November 2 | ALL SOULS' DAY |

NO WEEKDAYS MASS

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 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, or any choir member.

Make a Joyful Noise

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

October 26, 2025

Week 4: Continuing the Mission

Mission Does Not End with October

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action.

The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org. Hope does not disappoint and the world still needs hope.

NO WEEKDAY MASS

FATHER REJU'S VACATION

Father Reju will be on vacation for the rest of October.

*Remember, while Father Reju is away from the office, there will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**.

Saturday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual.

CLEANING DAY

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come **Saturday, November 8th**, at 8:00AM to polish the pews and wooden furniture and vacuum the pews. Polish, cloths and water provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| Parish Stewardship 2025 | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sunday, Oct. 19 | | | | |
| Fund | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Total By Fund | YTD |
| General Fund | 1,629.00 | 7,388.17 | 9,017.17 | 268,309.20 |
| Building Fund | 775.00 | 155.00 | 930.00 | 75,369.76 |
| Parish School of Religion | 60.00 | 45.00 | 105.00 | 15,559.51 |
| Total | 2,464.00 | 7,588.17 | 10,052.17 | 359,238.47 |

Total given this week: **\$10,052.17**

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Reflections from YoungCatholics.com

From the Gospel according to LUKE 18: 9-14

God Listens to the Humble

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us that God sees the heart. He listens to those who are humble and cries out for justice. He does not turn away from the poor or the weak. Instead, He cares for those who trust Him.

This Sunday shows us the difference between pride and humility. Sirach speaks of God's justice. The psalm praises God for saving the poor. Paul talks about staying faithful even in hard times. Jesus tells a parable about a tax collector who prays with a humble heart.

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to be honest before God. We are invited to trust Him, to serve others, and to admit our need for His mercy. God does not look at outward signs. He looks at a heart that seeks Him with love and truth.

[30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C \(Oct 26, 2025\) Free Resources and Reflections – Young Catholics](#)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

November 2nd, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls)

1st Reading *Wisdom 3: 1-9*

Psalms *23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

Second *Romans 5: 5-11 or Romans 6: 3-9*

Alleluia: *Matthew 25: 34*

Gospel: *John 6: 37-40*

THANK YOU

The family of **James Robert Geisen Jr.**, would like to express our deep appreciation for the mass cards, thoughts, and prayers over the past month and during this time of grief. We appreciate all of you who attended the service. Robert is home in heaven now with no pain or suffering. *Glenda Geisen.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

October 27 . . . Jerry Robinson, Jr.

October 28 . . . Austin Criss, Tyler Hurst

October 29 . . . Gabriel Lopez

October 30 . . . Shirley Artale, Amy Cruz

November 1 . . . Frances Tucker

November 2 . . . Gloria McDaniel, Taylor Land, Chris Nichols, Matt Herring



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations
on your Wedding Anniversary*

*October 28 * Eduardo Ibarra & Eloisa Flores*

CLOSING OF MONTH OF ROSARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st

11.30 am Adoration & Rosary

12.00 noon Mass in English

7.30 pm Mass in Spanish

Followed by Rosary Procession.

All are Welcome!

FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

Saturday November 1st from 4:30 AM – 4:30 PM if you would like to commit to an hour for Eucharistic Adoration, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up are welcome.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The parish community expresses its deepest condolences to the family of **Vickie Likis**, one of our church members who passed away last Sunday, September 28th. The Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00pm, visitation 1:30pm.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Married Couples and Priests
"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Enrich and Renew your Sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament!

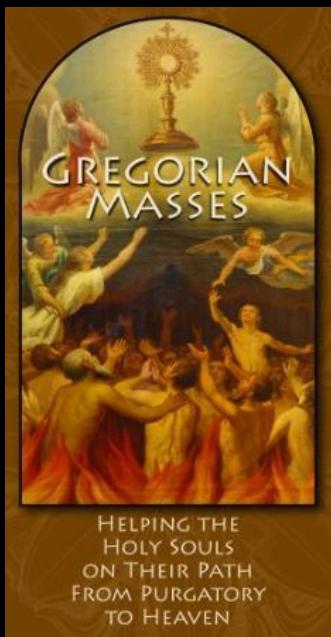
It is the perfect gift for your spouse on this Thanksgiving

Join us NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025
at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama

For more info: wwme.org
or Call: Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

For more info visit the website: <https://wwme.org/>

GREGORIAN MASS FOR THE DECEASED



Gregorian Masses are a series of 30 Holy Masses traditionally offered on 30 consecutive days, for one individual soul. The custom of offering Gregorian Masses for a particular individual soul recognizes that few people are immediately ready for heaven after death, and that, through the infinite intercessory power of Christ's sacrifice, made present in the Holy Mass, a soul can be continually perfected in grace and enabled to enter finally, into the union with the most Holy Trinity our God, in heaven.

Gregorian Masses take their name from St. Gregory the Great who was the Pope from 590 to 604. Pope Gregory himself recorded an event in his Fourth Book Of Dialogues as follows. A monk in the monastery of Saint Andrew in Rome, named Justus, confessed on his deathbed to hiding three gold coins. This was violation of vow of poverty. As a severe lesson, pope Gregory forbade the other monks from visiting Justus's deathbed and ordered him to be buried in the monastery's garbage dump along with the money. However, pope Gregory later took pity on the monk's soul and ordered that Masses be offered for him for 30 consecutive days. At the end of the 30th Mass, the deceased appeared to one of his fellow monks and announced that he had been delivered from the flames of purgatory. From this incident the tradition of Gregorian Mass was begun.

If anyone would like to request for a Gregorian Mass,
you can contact Fr Reju personally.



WHY DO WE OFFER MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD?

The ancient Jewish people believed in the efficacy of prayers and sacrifices offered for the deceased. 2 Maccabees 12:46 "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." 12:43 "He (Judas, the Army Captain) send twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead."

Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that when we offer a Mass Intention for the deceased we are not merely "remembering" them - we are uniting their souls to the supreme sacrifice of Christ on the cross. CCC 1367 "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist (Holy Mass) are one single sacrifice." We all could be enjoying the goodness of the hard work of our ancestors. By offering Mass Intentions, we continue to exercise charity toward our departed brothers, sisters and ancestors aiding their purification and hastening their entrance into heaven.

No prayer or act of devotion equals the value of the Holy Mass. When we offer a Mass Intention for someone who has died, we are giving them the most perfect gift possible - the presence and merits of Christ Himself. Saint Jerome said: "The souls of the departed are relieved by the prayers of the Holy Church and by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass." Saint Monica, before her death, told her son Saint Augustine: "Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you, that you remember me at the Altar of the Lord." Thus, we see that, offering the Mass Intentions for the deceased had been a practice of the very ancient Church. Pope Benedict XVI once said, "When we pray for the dead in the Eucharistic celebration, we ask that they may be purified by the love of God and be admitted to the eternal banquet of heaven."

You are welcome to offer the Mass Intentions for the deceased in the Office.

You can do it online also. All those names could be kept on the Altar throughout the month of November.

