



# *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

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

## Sunday, March 1st, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984  
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### **BOOKKEEPER**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

Ginna Lopez (205) 424 2984  
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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

e-mail: [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto:info@staloyuscc.org) (205) 424 2984

### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano (205) 765 2936

### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

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

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

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

### **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.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris Kathy Whited

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>
<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](mailto: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:

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

**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).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MARCH 3 – MARCH 8</b> († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	March 3	Rev. Msgr. Martin Muller
Wednesday	12 Noon	March 4	NO MASS
Thursday	12 Noon	March 5	NO MASS
Friday	12 Noon	March 6	Vickie Gavin
Saturday	4:30pm	March 7	FOR THE <u>END</u> TO SURGICAL & CHEMICAL ABORTION IN <u>ALL</u> THE USA
Sunday	9:30am	March 8	† Angelo Rivera Bayon

**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.

**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 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](mailto: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

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



February 20<sup>th</sup>    March 13<sup>th</sup>  
February 27<sup>th</sup>    March 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 6<sup>th</sup>        March 27<sup>th</sup>

**EVERY FRIDAY, after 12noon Holy Mass.**

English 12:00 Noon  
Indian 6:45 P.M.  
Spanish 7:00 P.M.

### **FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION**

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 AM – 4:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

### **PARISH DIRECTORIES**

We will be distributing the parish directories following masses on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you had your photograph taken for the directory, you can pick up your directory following mass those days.

### **CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER**

Volunteers needed to help vacuum and polish the pews and wooden furniture before Easter. Please come on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00AM. Clean-up supplies will be provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CRS**

The second collection, this coming weekend, March 14 and 15, supports Catholic Relief Services' emergency assistance. Funds from this collection provide emergency aid to victims of war and natural disasters, and assist migrants and refugees in need of housing, education, and specialized legal assistance. Your support makes a difference.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper) know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,

Email: [finance@staloyusucc.org](mailto:finance@staloyusucc.org).

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, Feb. 22				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,876.00	7,023.06	8,899.06	59,483.56
Building Fund	570.00	2,422.00	2,992.00	61,967.59
Parish School of Religion	135.00	65.00	200.00	1,858.14
Total	2,581.00	9,510.06	12,091.06	123,309.29
Total given this week: \$12,091.06				

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**Matthew 17:1-9**

### **Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord**

Today's Gospel opens with the verse: Mt 17:1 "After 6 days Jesus took Peter...." Then Matthew goes to the details of the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus. So, what happened before those six days? The last part of the previous chapter gives us the details of first prediction of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. And that's what happened six days prior to Transfiguration.

Jesus new very well about His own upcoming passion, sufferings and death on the cross. In simple words transfiguration is the revelation of the Divine identity of Jesus. It is the metamorphosis of Jesus. Metamorphosis is a person changing deeply in character or life situation. This metamorphosis happens when one is confronted with the reality of imminent death.

We don't know when the last moment of our life on Earth will be. Since we are not bothered/conscious about our own death we continue the same mode of life every day. Our real identity is hidden within us. We are children of God and essentially, we are all good. Transfiguration of the Lord teaches us one basic reality of life that to bring forth our real identity; to have a total change of our way of life and character; to have metamorphosis - we should become aware of our imminent death; a kind of "Death Consciousness." This kind of Death Consciousness will make us newborn beings!

The miraculous heavenly vision is still going on. Moses and Elijah appeared. At that awe-inspiring moment, Peter started babbling some nonsense! And he didn't want to stop!! Mt 17:5 "While he was still speaking ....." Then a heavenly voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son, .... listen to him." God the Father is scolding Peter and asking him to close his mouth and listen to the Son of God! Yes, at the moments of prayer, if we would like to have a real God experience, then we should be closing our mouth. We should not be babbling so many things. Instead, we should be listening to God! Listening to God would lead to metamorphosis and heavenly visions and experiences.

In general, we should practice listening more than speaking. God may guide us for metamorphosis.....

Amen

By Rev. Reju Pynadath J.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

March 8th, 2026

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

**1st Reading** Exodus 17: 3-7

**Psalms** 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**Second** Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

**VBG** John 4: 42, 15

**Gospel** John 4: 5-42

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

*Birthday Blessings*

March 2 . . . Johanna Findley, Jessica Nunez

March 3 . . . Ann Squires, Mike Bailey, Ofelia Herrera,  
Will Galvez

March 4 . . . Stephen Tramell, Nicolas Gonzalez

March 5 . . . Ian Smart, Adam Doss

March 6 . . . Kelby Barnes, Mary Lee Thompson, Lucila  
Maldonado

## TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443

Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

## FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### The Three Pillars of Lent

 <p><b>PRAY</b></p> <p>Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and God. Try praying a little longer during Lent than what you normally do.</p>	 <p><b>FAST</b></p> <p>Think about what you eat and drink, and also why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit.</p>	 <p><b>GIVE ALMS</b></p> <p>Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both the giver and the recipient.</p>
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**About Fasting** Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a meaning of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our Faith. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Only one full meal is allowed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday which are Universal days of Fasting and Abstinence.