



## *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

## **Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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**HISPANIC COORDINATORS**  
Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
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**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

**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.

### **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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright Frances Sanders

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Bernardine Chiarella 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 José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b> 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.*

**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>NOVEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 10</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	November 5	† Charlene Mareno
Wednesday 12 Noon	November 6	† Charlene Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	November 7	(S) Mary Adams
Friday 12 Noon	November 8	(BD) Krista Leamon
Saturday 4:30pm	November 9	(S) Kathleen Jones
Sunday 9:30am	November 10	(S) Joe Wright

**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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

**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. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

**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.

**ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES**

*Psalm 89 vs 2*

*The favors of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.*

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**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**November 10, 2024**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading First Kings 17: 10-16**

**Psalms Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10**

**Second Hebrews Hebrews 9: 24-28**

**Alleluia Matthew 5: 3**

**Gospel Mark 12: 38-44 or Mark 12: 41-44**

### **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  
Gabriel Lopez  
Phillip Galloway  
Eddie Blanco  
Kellie Whitson

### **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  
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

### **CLEANING DAY**

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00AM 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

### **EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER'S MANDATORY TRAINING**

We would be having a One Hour Training for all (Existing & Aspiring) Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is Mandatory for all, and is valid for Three years.

**November 17, Sunday,**  
Time: 8:00am – 9:00 am

Make up day:  
**December 7, Saturday**  
Time: 5:30- 6:30 PM.

***Training would be held in our Church.  
All are welcome!!!***

### **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

St. Aloysius along with Holy Family Altar Guild will be sponsoring a food drive for the holiday season! We will have reusable grocery tote bags to bring your donations back to church. Please take one tote bag per family. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, December 9.**

Thank you for your support!

### **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of *Charlene Mareno*, who passed away last *Tuesday, October 22, 2024.* Please keep *Jackie Mareno* in your prayers.

*Merciful Father, receive Charlene'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.*

### **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 November 3rd, 2024  
Father Reju Pynadath Johny

**Mark 12:28-34**

**HEART OF A RELIGION: LOVE.**

*The Law of God as a revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures (the Pentateuch) is called Tora. There are 613 laws in Torah.*

*Once a young man came to a Rabbi challenging him, if the Rabbi could teach the heart of Torah to this young man as he would stand on one foot, he would be converted into Judaism. Ultimately this young man wanted a simple answer. Rabbi told him: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah, the rest is commentary."*

*In today's Gospel a scribe is asking Jesus "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus opinion about Jewish religion is that, [Mt 23:25 "Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence."] it is concerned about the external things and not about the heart itself.*

*As for Jesus, religion is love. Love is an act of heart. 1Jn 4:16" God is Love." Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparables though, they are not equals. Jesus is saying love of God is fundamental. Only God is worthy of all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Only God is worthy of our all because he gives us all. Romans 8:32" He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him." For a disciple, loving God must be of prime importance.*

*Love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God. 1Jn 4:20 "If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."*

*Mk 12:34" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." Meaning to say he is not yet inside! Jesus appreciated the knowledge of that scribe. But made it clear: to be inside the kingdom of God (to be a disciple) knowledge is not enough. You should be practicing your knowledge; should be practically loving your neighbor. Let us try to live our faith with our all!*

*God may guide you all.  
Amen*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

November 4 . . . . Fran Kornegay, Eric Donaldson, Robert Hathcock

November 5 . . . . David Rosas, Virginia McClusky

November 7 . . . . Michael Hummel, LTC Brian Wittman, Betty Antonio, Crystal Ramirez, Chris Ratcliffe

November 8 . . . . Gary Adams, Tania Herrera, Nick Holman

November 10 . . . . Taylor Shourds Woods, Brigitte Wright, Ella Jones, Michael Jones, Steve Graham

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulation on their Anniversary to:*

November 10 . . . . John and Denise Rozas

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who contributed to Charlene Marenos's repast that took place in our parish last Saturday, October 26.

The support of our parishioners is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**INDIAN MASS**

Every third Saturday of the month Father Reju celebrates the Holy Mass in the Indian language. Next Indian (oriental) Mass will be November 16th, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and learn about this Holy Mass and it's culture. Please consider joining us for Indian meal following the Mass.

**ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH RECORD UPDATE**

We are in the process of updating our records and we need your help. If you know of any current or former members of our church who need to be updated on the sick list, have passed away, or no longer attend St. Aloysius, please let us know so we can make any changes by contacting the church office or emailing: info@staloyuscc.org. Thank you.

**PARISH STEWARSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Oct 27				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan - Oct
General Fund	1,174.00	3,501.42	4,675.42	\$ 363,339.03
Building Fund	275.00	232.00	507.00	\$ 111,692.86
Parish School of Religion	75.00	35.00	110.00	\$ 19,467.46
	1,524.00	3,768.42	\$5,292.42	\$ 484,499.35
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## NINE CONSECUTIVE NIGHT VIGILS

October 2024

*Pope's urgent call for Fasting & Prayers:*

*Pope Francis invited the entire humanity to be united in prayers and fasting for the peace in the world. Pope Francis explicitly requested prayers for an end to the war in the Middle East, specifically calling for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7th, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, to invoke peace through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.*

*The pope's call for prayers is primarily focused on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. Pope says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and Nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to, Pope says, "I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world."*

*We join together to pray for the victims of natural calamities, especially in Florida. And we pray for peace in our country and everywhere in the world.*

*With all these Special Intentions we would be having NIGHT VIGIL Services for the upcoming NINE Consecutive Fridays, starting with October 18 through December 13.*

*We will start with Holy Mass in English at 6:30 p.m., Adoration, Recite Four complete Rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin) and conclude with Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 a.m.*

*All are welcome.*

*Let us do some real Sacrifice and Penance for the World Peace!*

