



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

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.

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: LUKE 6:17; 20-26

❖ THE BEATITUDES ❖

■ Jesus is teaching His disciples certain characteristics of life in the Kingdom of God. If you want to go to outer space, you have to have certain training. You should know the features of zero gravity zone. You cannot enter into the Heavenly life all of a sudden. It is not an automatic happening. How do you have to prepare for that?

■ It is obviously clear that the life and value systems in Heaven are certainly different from that of this secular world. We have two lives. Life in this world and life in the world to come. The world to come is eternal. Life in this world is the training period to enter the next life. But at times we think this life as an end in itself. We are asked by the Lord to take this worldly life only as a means to eternal life.

■ In the world/life to come, the most important feature is that God is the center of everything. Without God there is nothing. Jesus is telling us that you cannot take anything you possess to the Kingdom of God, your next life. You can take with you only what you have given away in this world. If you have given some dress, food, helped even with a glass of water, you can take that virtue with you to the next world. Is it so difficult to follow?

■ Jesus says blessed are the poor! Unfortunately, you may not be that poor. What to do now? Yes, now you are asked to share what you possess with those who don't have. Your poverty really depends upon your ability to share. If you share everything, what will happen to you? You have to ask God again; you will trust God; you will become dependent on God. In Matthew 25:29, "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away." God has given you, not for yourself, but to be shared. The quantity of your blessings depends upon the ability to share. You have to become poor by sharing what you have. Then you will be the poor, blessed by God.

■ We seek God where we are. But God is not at the places wherever we seek Him. You come out of your securities; share your comforts, take a step further; then you will see God. You can meet God in the poor when you empty yourself by sharing with them. God bless you abundantly. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 12 – 20

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Vickie Stoves
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Ronnie George
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) † Philip Antonio
Wednesday Carlyn Smart
Thursday Sammy Virciglio & Family
Friday † Rolando Marrero
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Chris Holliday
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) † Martin LaRussa

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

February 14: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will be served one Sunday a month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Narthex. This month it is this Sunday, February 13. Come join us!

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius Parish on Saturday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

All members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2631 are invited to attend an important meeting next Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information, please call Joey Ceravolo, Grand Knight, at 205-966-1842.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 20 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Adeline Costabile (Shelby Baptist)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Charlene Lockhart

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$7,338.51	\$2,394.00	\$43,630.01
Building Fund	\$ 926.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 4,439.50

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

Eddie & Penny Allison	Jim & Nancy Franklin	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci
JoAnne Antonio	Rev. Len Gavin	Stanley Szafransky
Myra Antonio	Ronnie George	Steve Tate
Ann Baker	Jimmy Johnson	Powell Thompson
George Bratton	John V. Jones, Jr.	Irene Tutten
Kathy Evans	Meredith Jones	Marilyn West
	Ginger Russo	
	Mosley	

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

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.

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:

VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

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

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
Secretary (position to be filled)
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Keyes, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Mary Adams, Frances George, Micha McMeans, and Renea Mareno.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205-365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205-516-1645).

"THE WILD GOOSE" IS COMING

"The Wild Goose" is a highly acclaimed video series by Father Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., President of the University of Steubenville, showing you how you can supercharge your life with the Holy Spirit. The half-hour video is followed by group discussion. The series begins on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. following our 5:30 p.m. Mass. An online presentation of the series will be shown beginning Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in your own home. For more information, please email mhbear1@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Our Tuesday night Adult Education Class will resume in May due to our hosting "The Wild Goose" video series on Tuesdays following our 5:30 p.m. Mass.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the March calendar is Tuesday, February 22.

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Church at 7:00 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.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.



Pray More Rosaries

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God's House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE

On Friday, February 25 a young adult (ages 18-25) Mardi Gras Masquerade dance will be held in the Great Hall at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by The Chekmates. For those interested, a dance class will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share. Attire is semi-formal to formal. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Yaeger at marybethcm@stephenthemartyr.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have your New Year's resolutions started to fade? Start again now with a renewed commitment to your spouse. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage? Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. The next Weekend will be on March 25—27 at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information or to register, please visit www.wwme.org or call Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold several upcoming retreats:

- *Spending the Day in the Desert with Jesus:* March 30, led by Father Stephen J. Giorno, S.T.
- *Encountering the Divine in the Beauty Around Us:* April 1-3, led by Sister Terry Bretthauer
- *Annual Men's Retreat—Gospel of Luke:* April 29-May 1, led by Father Guy Wilson, S.T.
- *Healing Retreats:* September 2-4, led by Father Matt Linn

For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or visit www.msbt.org/btsr.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Cash Management Specialist, Accountant, Donation Processing Specialist, Program Scheduling Assistant, Application Support Specialist, Printing and Mailing Supervisor, IT Support Technician (tier 1), Non-Linear Editor, Safety and Security Officer, Bilingual Viewer Services Representative, Customer Service Representative, and Groundskeeper.** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Air Force

Blake Seidel

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Bobby and Elizabeth Williams**, who are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on February 18.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February 13. Jonathan Smith, Je’Nae Washington
February 14. Rachael Small, Tyler Bunn
February 15. Kellie Whitson, Teresa Smith,
. Richard Koehler
February 16. Johana Lopez, Cody Richardson,
. Epifania Arenas
February 17. Kimberly Hunter
February 18. George Gerson, Charles Miranda
February 19. Connie MacPherson, Melinda Turner,
. Tim Whitson

