



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: 205 424 2984  
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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday (Father celebrates his mass privately for your intention)

Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

Father Reju is out of the country. NO weekday masses but church doors will be open at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come and pray.

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Patricia Rector in 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.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**OUR SICK**

Mary Lee	David Sanders
Cecil Brooks	Hap Purnell
Sue Brooks	Mary Catherine
Don Jones	Angie Cacciopo
Kellie Whitson	Levi Wade
Len Gavin	Myra Antonio
Jeff Brown	JoAnne Antonio

**HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Bernardine Chiarella	Dot Herald
Nancy Franklin	Ramona Pitesa
Robert Wilson	Charlene Mareno
Sue Nielsen	Caroline Tamburello
Robert Vincent	Steve Tate
John V. Jones Jr.	Marilyn West
Meredith Jones	

*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: [staloysius@bellsouth.com](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.com).*

**NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	Kathryn Szafransky
<u>Baron House</u>	
Nella Glovetti	

**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>	<b><u>ARMY</u></b>
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	Jose Emmanuel Garcia
<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 [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net) with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>May 8<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup></b> († = Deceased)			
Saturday	4:30 pm	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	† Virginia Eriksen
Sunday	8:30 am 11:00 am	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	† Louis Salvago † Abri Simonetti

**NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, email or by completing an office form and dropping it into the Narthex drop box.

**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).

**CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Saint Aloysius Parish offers 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.

**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).

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES**

Choir practice is **every Wednesday** night at **6:00 p.m.** in the church. The choir **also** meets at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sundays** in the Day Chapel. If you are not able to join the choir, please sing joyfully from your seat in the pews.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP**

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on **Thursdays** during Adoration from **11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

### 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, Chairperson  
Vickie Gavin, Vice Chairperson  
Michael Tomberlin, Secretary  
Gabriel Lopez  
Phillip Galloway  
Eddie Blanco  
Kelly Whitson  
Yolanda Ruiz

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson  
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson  
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

### 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.



### NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do **not** bring **any kind of food or drinks** into the Sanctuary. Dropped candy, chewing gum, crackers, cereal and stains on the carpet have occurred. Do your best to respect God's House and the work of others who clean it; and please keep it that way.

### MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

#### Mother of Christ Altar Guild

Diane McDowell (205) 491 7931

#### Holy Family Altar Guild

Heather Lawley (205) 410 3757

#### Knights of Columbus

Anthony Rupert (205) 428 6600

#### Men's Society

Charles Ellis (205) 365 5896

#### Music Ministry

Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

### SUNDAY MASS CHANGE

The Parish Pastoral Council has revised the **Sunday Mass** schedules. ***Starting June 4<sup>th</sup>***, the first mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second mass at **10:00 a.m.** Spanish mass will be at 12:00 Noon.

### WEEKLY MASS CHANGE

The daily mass times have changed to **12:00 p.m. (Noon), Tuesday through Friday.** Adoration will precede the mass and will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

### Fr. Reju's Visa Renewal

Fr Reju has gone to India to get his R1 Visa renewed. From April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be **NO WEEK DAY MASSES.** The Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule will be as usual, until they change on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AT OLS

Announces the celebration of monthly Mass at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church, the second Thursday of each month.** Confessions are at 6:15 p.m., Praise Music at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Individual prayer is available after Mass. **This month's Mass is May 11<sup>th</sup>.** EVERYONE IS WELCOME! For more information, contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947.

### MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet in the church on Monday, May 8th at 5:30 pm.

MAY 7TH, 2023

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Priest Celebrant: A Priest from EWTN

**FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN  
JN 14,1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17**

**Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20**

**2nd Reading First St Peter 3: 15-18**

**Gospel John 14: 15-21**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

May 8 . . . . . Angela Garrison, Billy Jones,  
Rebecca Bradley, Maria Bello

May 9 . . . . . Jeff Evans, Regina Milsap

May 10 . . . . . Steve MacPherson, Marisela  
Colin, Brandon Hulsey, Nick Tamburello

May 12 . . . . . Natalie Spidle, Suzanne Wannemuehler

May 13 . . . . . Susan Barnes, Bill Grubbs,  
Daniel Bello Jr

May 14 . . . . . Jake Brantley, Angie Herring,  
Alexa Sanchez, Margaret Campbell

**DAY FOR MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS**

St. Mark the Evangelist Our Lady of Fatima Guild will present a day for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends next Saturday, May 13; from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Birmingham. Speakers include Johnette Williams of EWTN, Tammy Bond of Wellspring Clinic, Laura Ducote of Reproductive Health Medicine and Gynecology, and Charlotte Sederstrand of St. Mark's. Registration for the day is \$15 and includes a boxed lunch from Café IZ. To register, visit [stmarkrc.org](http://stmarkrc.org). The church is located at 7340 Cahaba Valley Road.

**MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The 2023 annual conference of the Mariological Society of America (MSA) will take place on **Tuesday, May 23** at the *Benedictine Sister Retreat Center* in the Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The conference will continue Wednesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. During the conference, presentations will be given concerning themes related to the 1992 Collection of Marian Masses: Ordinary Time. The MSA meets in different parts of the country every year to give as many Catholics as possible a chance to learn about some of the latest academic work being done in the discipline of Mariology. One need not be a scholar or an MSA member to attend. The retreat center is located at 916 Convent Road, Northeast. Registration is required by May 1. To register online, visit <https://forms.gle/jYHgh5KlK87B3tBZ7>. For more information, visit [mariologicalsociety.com](http://mariologicalsociety.com).

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (MAY 21TH)**

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday.

The Ascension of Jesus is a significant event in the Christian faith. As he ascended into heaven, his disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. Jesus left them with a command to be his witnesses, spreading the message of salvation to all around them. This command was not only for the disciples but for all believers throughout history, including us today.

The Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian faith, empowering and guiding every believer. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and he continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit is not limited to personal transformation, but also equips us to carry out God's mission in the world. It gives us the strength, wisdom, and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the gospel message, and work for justice and peace.

The promise of Christ's return is a central aspect of the Christian belief, bringing hope and joy to believers. Throughout the New Testament, Christ's return is described as a glorious event that will bring about the final judgment and the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. As believers, we eagerly anticipate Christ's return, knowing that our actions and choices in this life impact our eternal destiny.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus,  
You who in your ascension  
filled the Eleven with joy,  
make us worthy of that same joy  
through your prayer and your mercy.

Lord Jesus,  
You who in your ascension  
bore our fragile humanity into heaven  
and opened for us the way that leads to Heaven,  
fill us with the joy of serenity and peace.

Lord Jesus,  
You who by ascending into heaven  
clothed us with the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
make us your witnesses in our daily lives  
telling of the joy of your Mercy.

(Prayer by Father Andrea Vena)

## **PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, May 20th, at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood, AL. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer/rosary/adoration and Holy Mass led by Fr. Balta. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at [angkolar@att.net](mailto:angkolar@att.net) or 205-410-2033. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

## **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Michael Anthony Contorno, 77, of Bessemer, passed away April 23, 2023. Michael graduated from John Carroll High School and served in the US Army. He retired from US Steel after more than 30 years. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. He is survived by his daughter Michele Contorno Smith, and other family members. Please keep these family in your prayers.

## **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31), celebrates the visit of Mary, the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth. The visit took place when Elizabeth was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, Saint John the Baptist.

## **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.

*Eucharistic adoration is a moment of intimacy, trust and friendship with God; we remember that his presence is the fruit of the love he has for us. It is the right time to renew our purpose to be holy and to respond generously to God's love.*





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At the Annunciation of the Lord, the angel Gabriel, in response to Mary's question "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34), had told her that "thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: Because no word shall be impossible with God" (Luke 1:36-27). The evidence of her cousin's own near-miraculous conception had called forth Mary's fiat: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." It is thus appropriate that the very next action of the Blessed Virgin that Saint Luke the Evangelist records is Mary's "making haste" to visit her cousin.

