



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth 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.

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, Thursday, & 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.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Memorare to Saint Joseph

O God, who by Thy ineffable Providence did vouchsafe
to choose Blessed Joseph for the spouse of
Thy most holy mother,
grant we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate
as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: MARK 8:27-35

■ The Gospel of Mark is broadly divided into two parts. The first part (Mark 1:1—8:30) is trying to describe the identity of Jesus. Until the 8th chapter, even the demoniacs confess that Jesus is the Son of God; but no human confesses that. There are all together 16 chapters in this gospel. And exactly in the middle of the gospel (i.e., Mark 8:29), we have the confession of Peter as Jesus is the Messiah/the Christ. This is the first time a human person professes the identity of Jesus as Christ/Messiah.

■ It's a great lesson that even Satan professes Jesus as Son of God. Who is Jesus to you?

■ Now, Peter inspired by the Holy Spirit, confessed Jesus as the Messiah. But in no time Jesus Himself calls Peter "Satan"! What a tragedy. You may be a spiritually enlightened person; rather a good Catholic. But Peter's experience is a warning that 'Satan' is a greater possibility you have within yourself. So always be aware of the fact that you could turn out to be a Satan at any moment of your life. Genesis 4:7 states, "Sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you..." Beware!

■ The way Mark has placed this profession of faith in the gospel is very interesting. Mark 8:22-26 is the preceding text wherein we have healing of a blind man. Verse 25 says, "He saw everything clearly." The following text of today's reading tells about the transfiguration of our Lord (Mark 9:2-9).

■ So we should open up our eyes to see Jesus. It is His own free gift to us—the Spiritual Vision. It is otherwise called Faith. So we should ask for Faith. Then only we can confess Jesus as Christ as Peter did. The following transfiguration story tells you, if you have faith then you can have real and vivid God experience.

■ Our spirituality and faith could be challenged at the face of the cross. You tend to be more human at the times of cross/suffering. We do really pray to get rid of the diseases and sufferings or hardships of life. Is it not the same thing Peter also did? But then Jesus rebuked him and call him a Satan! So beware; cross is a measuring rod. It's kind of exams we undertake to prove our faithfulness.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 11 – 19

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Margaret Blake
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Pat Lambert
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday No Mass
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) † Joe Giardina
Wednesday † Jonathan Doane
Thursday † Jeanette Laney
Friday † Orlando Colon
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Chuck Reynolds
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Billy Monte
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

September 13: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

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



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

September 19 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16—4:3

Mark 9:30-37

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$5,292.20	\$2,324.00	\$297,133.74
Building Fund	\$1,084.20	\$ 400.00	\$ 49,819.37

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you have not been in a choir for a while or ever, come give it a spin! See any choir member, cantor, or Tim Tipton if you have any questions. Your presence and voice will be welcomed!

Tim Tipton, Director of Music (205-706-9500 *texts and calls* or music.staloyisus@gmail.com)

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.

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.

PARISH WEBSITE

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



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Recently Discharged From Hospital

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 Myra Antonio Ann Baker Barbara Bridges Marian Campbell Nancy Franklin	Rev. Len Gavin Ronnie George John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones Ricky Lockhart Ginger Russo Mosley Debbie Rupert	MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutton Suzanne Wannemuehler Rose Wilson
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Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

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

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.

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.

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
Felicia Boyd, Secretary
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius on Saturday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes **Oliver Lopez and Marina Gutierrez** as new members.

BISHOP'S DISASTER FUND

The Diocese of Birmingham is accepting donations to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti and the recent flooding in Tennessee. Donations are accepted online using the link to *Bishop's Disaster Fund* (www.bhmdiocese.org) or send a check to the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, P.O. Box 12047, Birmingham, AL 35202-2047; note on your check *Haiti or Bishop's Disaster Fund.*

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

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.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the annual *One Voice* collection for the new bi-monthly magazine published by the Diocese of Birmingham. The annual subscription is \$17.00 per family.

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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will not meet in September.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, September 13 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2631** will not meet in September.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will not be served until further notice.

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.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Recruiter, Accountant, Director of Mission Advancement Services, Spanish Radio Producer, Associate Producer/Call Screener, Broadcast Technician Trainee, Traffic Assistant, Closed Captioning Technician, Production Assistant, Viewer Services Representative, HVAC Technician, Maintenance Technician, Custodian, and Fulfillment Center Associate (temporary).** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will resume offering in-person retreats again in the Fall:

- *Beginning Again, A Blessed Lunch:* September 18, Fellowship and Wisdom for Living with Sister Gail Lambert, M.S.B.T.
- *Rosary Pilgrimage to the Grotto—For Our Nation and World Peace:* October 3
- *Living Abundantly: Reducing Stress and Living Well:* October 20, led by Father Mike Kerin

For more information or to register, please contact Sister Gail Lambert, M.S.B.T. at 1-334-855-4474 or btstr@msbt.org.

MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL

Saint George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish (425 16th Avenue South in Birmingham) invites all to their 39th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on September 23—25 from 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The festival will also have drive-thru from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In addition to delicious homemade food and pastries, church tours will be conducted throughout the day until 8:00 p.m. Vendors include a variety of handmade crafts, Byzantine icons, olive wood items from the Holy Land, and more. Ten percent of proceeds will benefit local and diocesan charities. For more information, please visit www.saintgeorgeonline.org or on Facebook.

WORLD MISSION YOUTH FAIR

The diocesan Office for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith will host a World Mission Youth Fair at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on Saturday, October 23. The event is for youth in grades 5-8 and will include food, games, and a raffle. The fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with the 4:00 p.m. World Mission Sunday Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Steven Raica. For more information, please contact Christina Wright at propfaith@bhmdiocese.org or 205-332-9072.

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

Blake Seidel

Air Force

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 the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

September 12. George and Stephanie Gerson

September 15. Jerry and Janie Joiner (Happy 54th!!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

September 12. Ashley Broyles, Tre Smith

September 13. Piper Metcalf, Karma Brooks,

. Linda Maloy, Jisell Garcia Araujo, Judson Driscoll,

. Rachel McMeans Miller, Gary Williams

September 14. Martha Hamrick, Angie Cacioppo,

. Angelina Canul

September 16. Berneice Keyes, Lance Rosser,

. Keyla Medina, Jimmy Freeman, B. J. Butler

September 17. Sandy Brantley, Emily Reno,

. Amanda Turner

September 18. Therese Monte, Esbeyda Flores

**Come Be Served By the
Saint Aloysius Men's Society
At Their 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday, September 18
8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.**

**NEW LOCATION: PARISH CAFETERIA
(Bessemer Applebee's Closed for Renovation)**

☒ Donations Greatly Appreciated ☒

Proceeds benefit Saint Aloysius Catholic Church