



## ***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, August 31st, 2025

## **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez

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205 434 7169

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### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

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 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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Robert Geisen Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel

<i><b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b></i>	
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>	<b><u>ARMY</u></b>
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
	<b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b>
	Daniel Thomas

*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>SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 7</b> († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	September 2	† Len Gavin
Wednesday	12 Noon	September 3	† Angelo Rivera Bayon
Thursday	12 Noon	September 4	† Don Meadows
Friday	12 Noon	September 5	(BD) Aaron Gavin
Saturday	4:30pm	September 6	† Terry Brantley
Sunday	9:30am	September 7	† Bernadine Chiarella

### 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 is taking a summer break from practicing on Wednesday nights. **The choir will resume Wednesday night practice on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

### 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

### 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

### MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901, or email to Bernadette McFerrin, Secretary at [bmcf3608@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmcf3608@bellsouth.net)

### FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT VIGIL &

### FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

Friday **September 5<sup>th</sup>**: 6:30 PM Mass in English, Night Vigil, and 12:15 AM Mass in Spanish.

The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament of the First Saturday of the month will be held on **Saturday, September 6**, from 4:30AM – 4:30PM. If you would like to commit to an hour, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up, you will be welcome.

### (NEW DATES)

### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju on **April 13, 2026**.

**Last day to reserve  
your seats:**

December 30, 2025.

(Easter: April 5, 2026)

For More Info call:  
(832) 406-7050, or  
1-844-400-9559,

Email:

[info@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:info@nativitypilgrimage.com),

Website:

<https://trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/reju-2025>



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, August 24				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,526.00	4,293.06	5,819.06	213,293.48
Building Fund	880.00	185.00	1,065.00	65,683.51
Parish School of Religion	135.00	515.00	650.00	11,337.41
Total	2,541.00	4,993.06	7,534.06	290,314.40
Total given this week: \$7,534.06				

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**From the Gospel according to LUKE 14:7-14**

### **BEAUTY OF SELF EMPTYING**

*Is there anyone among us who doesn't want to go to heaven? Last week we meditated on the concept: "Take an extra effort," in order that the Lord may remember us and open the narrow gate of heaven for us.*

*Today's first reading from Sirach 3:17-29 helps us to continue the same meditation. To go to heaven, we should find favor with God. Here we read: "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." And this first reading concludes by saying: "Alms atone for sins." If we are searching for the easiest shortcuts to heaven, then it would be self-emptying and alms giving!*

*Coming to the Gospel of the day, Luke 14:7-14, Jesus is telling us a parable. First, take care not to be confused as to, whether Jesus was speaking about a real thing, that was happening at that time. He was not, but instead he was telling a 'parable'/a story!!! In that story, told by Jesus, the 'wedding banquet' represents our own lives. And now the question would be who we should invite and treat the most as our guests. Hospitality is seeing God in the stranger and welcoming him as our esteemed guest. To this end, Jesus is telling us that 'we have to humble ourselves in order to lift up someone else.' We should give up our seats to uplift the self-esteem of a poor person. We should be uplifting the lowly who otherwise will not come to the front.*

*It is interesting to note what would happen if we do not humble ourselves. Mt 23:12 "All who exalt themselves will be humbled." If we don't humble ourselves, we may not be favored by God. James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Job 22:29 "For God abases the proud, but he saves the lowly."*

*St Paul in his letter to Philippians 2:6-8 speaks about self-emptying of Son of God. He says, though Jesus existed in the form of God, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.... The Greek word used here is 'KENOSIS' means Self Emptying! This kenosis is our way to go to heaven. May the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself, help us to humble ourselves in order to uplift someone else and thereby we may inherit the eternal life!*

Amen

Father Reju Pynadath J.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**7 September 2025, Sunday**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** Wisdom 9: 13-18b

**Psalms** 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

**Second** Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

**Alleluia:** Psalms 119: 135

**Gospel** Luke 14: 25-33

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

September 1 . . . Oscar Velazquez, Francia Casal  
September 2 . . . Shane Green, Abby Andre  
September 3 . . . Lisa Land, Nina Sellers, Julia R. Neely  
September 4 . . . . . Buster Antonio, Pauline Vines,  
Brandon Smith, Dalton Troncalli,  
Douglas Torres, Angela Arnold Brown  
September 5 . . . . . Aaron Gavin  
September 6 . . . Emilie Medina  
September 7 . . . Sue Brooks, Nick Lambert, Linda  
Rackley, Mike Richards, Ian  
Blake, Maria Guadalupe Landa

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary*

September 1 \* *Jim and Diane Thomas;*

### **DONOR INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

Starting this month forward we will be collecting information for Donations given to the church for deceased loved ones especially when want to let the family members know we have showed our love for them through our donations. This is why we have decided to make a donor information list so we can make sure everyone gets notified about your donations. We will be requiring this information from everyone that donates:

- Donors name to be notified, address, phone #, amount donated, if check we will need check #, and lastly what should the donation be used for.
- Names of individuals to be memorialized.
- Family/ Relatives names to be notified of donation and address.

This will be a great help since we want to make sure everyone gets notified about every contribution made for our loved ones. Thank you and blessings.



# Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



MILAN  
ASSISI  
ROME  
MEDJUGORJE

APRIL 13 – 22, 2026

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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