



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **DIRECTOR of MUSIC**

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### **CHURCH SECRETARY**

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Mr. Jim Keyes                      205-910-8178  
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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 (October only)                      5:30 p.m.  
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 10:35-45**

■ In today’s test, Mark speaks of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, coming and asking Jesus for prominent chairs in the Kingdom of God. Mark wrote the gospel before 70 A.D. Matthew might have completed his gospel before 90 A.D. Now in Matthew 20:20, it is their mother who makes this request. So Matthew deliberately makes the mother the petitioner. Why? By the time Matthew writes the gospel, John has become a great missionary in Ephesus in Asia Minor and James, a great missionary leader in Judea itself. So it may be that Matthew did not want to humiliate those great leaders of the time. So he made their mother as the petitioner.

■ Who is the mother of these brother disciples? In Mark 16:1 we see the names of three women who went to anoint Jesus on the Resurrection Sunday early morning. One of them was Salome. Usually it will be the intimate relatives that go for anointing. So Salome could be intimately related to Mother Mary. When Matthew rewrites Mark 15:40 (as in Matthew 27:55-56); Mark says the name Salome as one of the three women on the way of the cross and Matthew without saying the name ‘Salome’ says and, “the mother of the sons of Zebedee.” So we can rightly conclude that one of the three women witnessing the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is Salome; she is the mother of the sons of Zebedee and she is intimately related to Mother Mary. There are certain traditions and legends saying Saint Anne had three daughters named as Mary (the mother of Jesus); Mary of Clopas, and Mary Salome. It is this Mary Salome, who is the wife of Zebedee, so mother of James and John is the sister or step-sister of Mother Mary.

■ About authority and power Jesus says in His kingdom it is not to be exercised by means of mastery over others, but by means of rendering service to others. This is the paradox of the kingdom of God. Authority is not for personal aggrandizement, but for self-giving. Jesus says about His authority in Mark 11:45, “For the

Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

■ So it is clear for Jesus that, service means giving/rendering something to the other fellow humans. It may be your time, your health, your wealth, your talents, etc. Jesus goes to the extreme of giving His own life as ransom for others. We have heard of gangs kidnapping somebody and bargaining for ransom. Ransom is the price paid for the salvation of some people. Acts 20:28 says that God obtained church with the blood of His own Son. So the price Jesus paid for us is His own blood.

■ Setting before us a model, Christ invites us to suffer vicariously. It’s an invitation to each and every Christian to suffer for another/others in such a way that the other need not to suffer. For a Christian, suffering, when accepted and offered up in union with the passion of Jesus, can remit the just punishment for omissions or for the sins of another, or for the other physical or spiritual needs of oneself or another. So each one of us is invited to suffer vicariously. When you have sufferings, offer it to God and pray for the wellness of others, and for repentance of sinners. In turn you also will be blessed on account of your vicarious suffering. Sufferings are normal. But how you take it up is what makes it salvific.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**October 16 – 24**

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . .In Remembrance of the . . . . . Children of All Ages Who Have Died in the Womb . . . . .or As Infants, Children, or Adults  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Jack Chiarella  
Monday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Debra Albright  
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Jackie Russo  
Wednesday . . . . . † Concetta “Jennie” LaRussa  
Thursday . . . . . † Rigoberto Colon  
Friday . . . . . † Pauline Vir ciglio  
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Sherman & Martha Venz  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Bernard LaRussa

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

October 24 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

**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.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$6,204.32	\$3,674.00	\$339,154.13
Building Fund	\$ 635.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 52,985.64
Sch. of Religion	\$ 461.27	\$ 285.00	

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Thank you for returning your Catholic Charities pledge card. Our response thus far is as follows:

Number of Pledge Cards Returned to Parish. . . . .	7
Amount of Pledges Returned to Parish. . . . .	\$ 2,250.00
Amount of Pledges Sent to Diocese. . . . .	<u>14,705.00</u>
	\$16,955.00
Parish Goal. . . . .	\$35,000.00
Difference. . . . .	– \$18,045.00

**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, my 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. Feel free to contact me at [staloyus4music@gmail.com](mailto:staloyus4music@gmail.com) or text me at 205-706-9500, or please see me or a cantor/choir member at Mass. God bless you! Tim Tipton, Director of Music

**PARISH WEBSITE**

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



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

Eddie & Penny Allison	John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones	MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky
Myra Antonio	Ricky Lockhart	Steve Tate
Ann Baker	Heath "Booty" McMeans	Powell Thompson
Barbara Bridges		Irene Tutten
Nancy Franklin	Ginger Russo	Suzanne Wannemuehler
Rev. Len Gavin	Mosley	Rose Wilson
Ronnie George	Debbie Rupert	

**Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living**

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

*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

### **FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK**

*October 18:* Saint Luke, Evangelist

*October 19:* Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

*October 20:* Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

*October 22:* Saint John Paul II, Pope

*October 23:* Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

### **SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the following families: **Marian Campbell**, who is survived by her son, Michael (Pam) Campbell, brother, Walter "Pete" Gurosky, three grandchildren, and other family members; and **Lavon Christmas**, who is survived by her brother, Marcellus (Kimberly) Bierman, and other family members. Please keep these families in your prayers.

### **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

The Solemnity of All Saints, not a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. The Feast of All Souls on Tuesday, November 2, will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish).

All Souls envelopes were included in the monthly envelope packets mailed to registered parishioners. Extra envelopes are available on the cabinet behind the Baptismal font. Names may be written on a piece of paper and placed in these envelopes. All Souls envelopes will be on the altar during the month of November.

### **HOW LONG IS A PERSON SUPPOSED TO FAST?**

From Fr. Francis Hoffman, J.C.D., Executive Director of Relevant Radio: The Church asks us to fast for one hour before Communion, but there are no indications of how long to fast after Communion. Growing up, I was taught that the "species" of the holy Eucharist remains in us (in our stomach) for 10 to 15 minutes until digested; for that reason, pious common sense suggests not eating or drinking for 10 to 15 minutes after holy Communion. Here is what the Code of Canon Law states: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine.

"A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them.

"The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." (Canon 919).

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

During the month of November, Father Reju will visit local cemeteries to bless the grave of your loved one(s) on any day of the week except Monday. To schedule a blessing, please contact the Church Office.

### **MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

During the month of October ONLY, Mass will be celebrated on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. (see bulletin insert).

### **SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND**

The second collection next weekend will be the annual World Mission Sunday collection. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Offering envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please see the attached letter from Bishop Raica.

### **CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting information in the November calendar is Tuesday, October 19.

### **ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

### **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.

### **RCIA / ADULT EDUCATION**

RCIA / Adult Education Classes are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the *Day Chapel*. These classes are for anyone who has questions about Catholicism or who did not receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office.

### **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***

### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Our membership list needs updating! We have a database of registered parishioner e-mail addresses to use when we communicate news with the parish. Several of these e-mails have bounced back, meaning the addresses are not valid. Please contact the Church Office to update your e-mail address.

### **CLOSING OF MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

This year, Month of the Rosary closes on October 31, a Sunday. To celebrate this occasion, there will be a bilingual Mass at 5:00 p.m. An outdoor bilingual Rosary and Procession will follow, weather permitting. Children and adults are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint. There will be treat bags of cookies and candies for the children. Come and join in the prayerful rosary procession with lighted candles and let us seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

The Mass schedule for Sunday, October 31 will be 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only. Saturday, October 30, will be at 4:30 p.m. as normal.

### **SPECIAL INTENTION OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER**

We need your generous help to arrange treat bags of cookies and candy for children. We may need to support the children to be dressed up like a saint on October 31. Throughout the month of October, we may try to keep fresh flowers on the altar and in front of the Blessed Mother. So for all these, your generous donations are welcome. You may put it in the collection basket kept at the entrance of the sanctuary.

### **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!!

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. (October only), 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.

**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](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:propfaith@bhmdiocese.org) or 205-332-9072.

**SACRED MUSIC CONVOCATION**

The Office of Sacred Liturgy is hosting a Diocesan Sacred Music Convocation for musicians and choir members to learn about the importance of Sacred Music and how we can best serve the musical needs of our parishes. The event is free and will be held on Saturday, October 23 at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Materials and meals provided by the Office of Sacred Liturgy. To register, please contact Francisco Carbonell at [fcarbonell@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:fcarbonell@bhmdiocese.org).

**HER CHOICE BANQUET**

Her Choice Birmingham Women’s Center will hold a Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday, October 26 at The Club (1 Robert S. Smith Drive in Birmingham) at 7:00 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Patricia Sandoval, an international pro-life and chastity speaker. There is no charge, but an appeal will be made to help support Her Choice’s mission of helping women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life. To register or donate, please contact [hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org) or 205-447-8796.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE**

Join Father Bryan Jerabek of the Cathedral of Saint Paul on a pilgrimage to the south of France on November 13—23. This trip features overnight visits to sites and shrines found in France, including Toulouse, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Nice, and more.

The trip includes stays in four-star hotels, private transportation, tours led by master guides, most meals, and daily Mass. The cost is \$4,290.00 per person with airfare from Atlanta included. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims. For more information, please visit the trip webpage at [www.prometours.com/france](http://www.prometours.com/france).

**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](mailto: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:

October 19. . . . . Gary and Mary Adams (Happy 53<sup>rd</sup>!!)

October 19. . . . . Thomas and Shannon Smith

October 23. . . . . Ricky and Charlene Lockhart

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

October 17. . . . . Briley Brooks, Elizabeth Beard

October 18. . . . . Victor Martinez

October 19. . . . . Dan Kinney

October 20. . . . . Isabella Hinton

October 22. . . . . Nick Whitson, Zac Bush,

. . . . . Claire Cagle, Cathy Wittman

October 23. . . Mary Ann Graham, McKenzie Thompson,

. . . . . Sarah Brasfield, Tom Berryman,

. . . . . Santiago Medina

## Prayers During the Month of October

During the month of October (1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>), names of registered parishioners will be listed each week in the bulletin. All parishioners will be remembered on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Prayers will be lifted up for the individuals or families listed each day. Rest assured that you do not have to attend Mass when your name or your family's name is listed. Prayers will be given regardless of your attendance. If you have any special Mass intentions, please contact Father Reju or the Church Office. May God bless you all.

### October 18 (5:30 p.m.)

Carolyn Gwin McDermott

Gloria McDonald

Diane McDowell

Rod and Bernadette McFerrin

Kenneth and Judy McKinney

Ann McMahan

Heath "Booty" and Micha McMeans

Ken and Jocinda McSwain

Pat Mead

The Medina Family (Pablo, Keyla, Emilie, Pablo,  
Paola, and Emilio)

The Mello Family (David, Pam, McKenzie  
Thompson, and Devin Thompson)

Ray and Glenda Mernaugh

The Metcalf Family (Patrick, Amy, Piper, and  
Judah)

### October 19 (5:30 p.m.)

Regina Milsap

The Miranda Family (Steve, Sandy, Alex, and  
Chris)

Theresa Monte

Russell and Maria Montoya

The Morales-Cruz Family (Victor, Johana, Hector,  
Amy, Edder, and Aylin)

Brent and Angela Morris

The Morris Family (Michael, Cathy, Alex, and  
Katie)

The Mugoya and Niyongabo Family

(George, Love-Light, Malkia, and Aziel)

Sammy and Karen Mundi

The Mylius Family (Matt, Christy, Savannah, and  
William)

Cory and Tina Nabors

Tim and Sandra Naish

The Nichols Family (Chris, Mikey, and Raegan)

### October 20 (8:30 a.m.)

Janet Pitts and John Hutson

The O'Neal Family (Eric, Sean, and Ryan)

The Olascuaga and Uriostegui Family (Daniel,  
Bernarda, Ashley, Dayana, and Daniela)

Nancy Olvey

Jack and Camille Owens

Mickey Perez

The Aguilar and Perez Family (Manuel, Gabriela,  
Nancy, and Julian)

The Perez and Beltran Family (Carolina, Mayra,  
Nancy, Esbeyda, Yasmin, and Gerardo)

Ramona Pitesa

The Plaster Family (Andrew, Christie, Andy, Luke,  
and Lillian Grace)

Rosalee Pocopanni

Donna Ponder

The Pruitt Family (George, Donna, Daniel,  
Andrew, and Alexis)

*October 21 (8:30 a.m.)*

Harry "Hap" Purnell

Bernice Quinn

The Radice Family (Brad, Carrie, Kevin,  
Kristin, Marin, and Ryan)

Jerry Ragusa

The Rector Family (Patricia, Michael, Jonathan,  
and Jacob)

Tom and Marcie Reid

Mike and Deborah Renta

Mike "Chop" and Sunny Richards

The Richardson and Casal Family (Cody, Francia,  
Santiago, and Austin)

The Rivera and Saucedo Family (Luis, Paulina,  
Angie, Luis, Mia, and Liam)

The Rivera and Vazquez Family (Raul, Elizabeth,  
Dulce, Crystal, Elizabeth, and Alejandra)

The Rivera and Cruz Family (Alejandro, Doris,  
Alejandro, and Allison)

The Rivera Family (Andy, Maria, Adrian, Gabe,  
and Lucas)

*October 22 (8:30 a.m.)*

Jill Rizzo

Jerry and JoAnn Robinson

Jerry Robinson, Jr.

Chris Rogers

The Rosas Family (David, Ana, David, and Noel)

The Rosser Family (Reggie, Kacie, and Lance)

The Roszell Family (Casey, Cindy, and Elise)

The Rozas Family (John, Denise, Sophia Kopecki,  
and Betty)

The Rozell Family (Gabriela, Raymond, and Eric)

Anthony and Debbie Rupert

The Russo Family (Joe, Beth, Tony, and Amy)

The Ryan Family (Ernie, Shelley, Taylor, and  
Payton)

Sharon Saber

The Salvago Family (Jerrie and Stephanie)

*October 23 (4:30 p.m.)*

The Sanchez and Betancourt Family (Hector,  
Isabel, Alexa, and Analy)

David and Frances Sanders

The Scherzer Family (Jacob, Claire, and Arnie)

Nat Schilleci

Don and Rosemary Schmalz

Don and Sherrie Schmalz

The Sealtiel Family (Jennifer and Deanna)

Clyde and Nina Sellers

Carmen Serrano

Jo Sharpe

Sissy Tamburello and Margaret Glass

B. J. Short

The Shourds Family (Jason, Jena, and Will)

*October 24 (8:30 a.m.)*

Mary Ann Simonetti

James and Christa Sligh

The Small Family (Stacy and Rachael)

Ian and Carla Smart

The Smith Family (Jonathan, Teresa, Mary T.,  
Elisa, Caroline, and Analee)

Fonza Smith

The Smith Family (Thomas, Shannon, and  
Addison)

The Snelling Family (Mike, Karen, and Jordan)

The Spidle Family (Bernie, GiGi, Daniel, and  
Natalie)

Ann Squires

Claude Stabile

Rinda Stanley

The Stevens Family (Brad, Alison, Bella, and  
Skyler)

## MASS TIMES IN OCTOBER

### October 11-24:

Monday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish)

### October 25-30:

Monday, October 25: No Mass (Diocesan Priests' Retreat)

Tuesday, October 26: No Mass (Diocesan Priests' Retreat)

Wednesday, October 27: No Mass (Diocesan Priests' Retreat)

Thursday, October 28: 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 29: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 30: 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, October 31:

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. (Bilingual) With Rosary and Procession



## Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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### Office of the Bishop

October, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**World Mission Sunday** – the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church – will be on **October 24** this year. This important day in the life of the Church universal fortifies our understanding of our shared call to mission, bestowed upon us at Baptism.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme: **"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"** (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father shares his zeal, reminding us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith!

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call – *through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously* to the collection for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** on that special day. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, serve the poor – and speak of our shared faith in all corners of the world.

"The global pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people," reminds Pope Francis. This year, as the world recovers from the loss and the challenges that resulted, let us respond with reciprocal generosity to the fullest extent that we are able.

If you were unable to support missionaries last year due to difficulties arising from the pandemic and assembly, I urge you to double your generosity for those most in need. As we rebuild our lives, help us to also reach out in solidarity and support for the Mission Church, and the work and witness of missionaries in the Pope's missions.

In this spirit, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

*For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit [missio.org/resources](http://missio.org/resources) for additional materials.*