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November 14, 2021

Thirty-third 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

❖ PRAYING FOR THE DEAD ❖

■ Our God is a merciful God. He is the Father of Mercies. Micah 7:18 says, “Who is a God like you, who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; who does not persist in anger forever, but instead delights in mercy.” If He is a God who delights in mercy, what prohibits us from begging for mercy towards our beloved ones? In John 14:13, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in our name He will give you.” Jesus never said that the prayer of the dead are futile.

Purgatory and Forgiveness After Death

■ *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) 1030 and 1031: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. 1031: The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.”

■ Matthew 12:32 says, “Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.” So hereby we rightly conclude there could be some sort of forgiveness even in the age/world to come. Faith always presupposes a mystery.

Bible on Praying for the Dead

■ 2 Maccabees 12:38-45: Judas and other soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain comrades for burial. Then they discovered they were wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple which violated the Law of Deuteronomy. 12:42, “they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out.” Judas collected two thousand silver drachmas and provided for a sin offering sacrifice. In 12:46, “Thus Judas made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved

from their sin.” Ruth 2:20 says, “May he be blessed by the Lord, who never fails to show kindness to the living and to the dead.” In 1 Peter 4:6 we read, “for this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead.”

■ In 2 Timothy 1:18, Saint Paul is praying for the late Onesiphorus as “May the Lord grant him to find mercy from God the Father on that day.”

■ In John 11:21, Martha is praying for her dead brother Lazarus, “Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” And in John 11:32, we hear the same words of prayer from Mary. In John 11:48, we hear Jesus calling out the dead one, “Lazarus, come out.” So what you think even the dead can hear the voice of God, and that God is a Merciful God! If the sisters Martha and Mary begged for God’s mercy, we can pray for the dead beloved ones.

Modes of Prayer for the Dead

■ Praying for the dead is a practice found in the earliest Christian Liturgies and encouraged by the early Fathers of the Church. This pious tradition has been continued for two millennia. Some of those practices involve:

- Remembering the death anniversaries of the beloved ones and offering Holy Mass for their intentions.
- Keep their pictures/albums at home and seeing that, offer a quick prayer, for the deceased soul.
- CCC 1371, “The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for those who have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified!”
- Wisdom of Ben Sira 7:33, “Do not withhold your kindness from the dead.”

MASS INTENTIONS

November 13 – 21

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Rosina Giardina
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Marissa Jones
Monday No Mass
Tuesday † Nick Jovings
Wednesday † Sammy Joe Ceravolo
Thursday † Frank D’Alessandro, Sr.
Friday Gary and Susan Ragsdale
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Sherman & Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Ricky & Charlene Lockhart
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

November 15: Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

November 16: Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

November 18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

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.

IRON BOWL RAFFLE

The Holy Family Altar Guild will be selling raffle squares for \$10 each for a chance to win after each quarter of the Iron Bowl game being played on November 27. Members will be in the Narthex after all weekend Masses to sell squares. Your support of the Holy Family Altar Guild is very much appreciated.

ALTAR GUILD'S "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

The Sisters in Greene County have expressed great need for cleaning supplies and toiletries for the community. If you would like to participate in the Holy Family Altar Guild's Christmas Project, please consider donating the following items: **cleaning supplies, soap, body wash, laundry detergent, deodorant, feminine products, etc.** A box will be in the Narthex for drop off through Sunday, December 12 (extended date). As always, your support and generosity is appreciated!

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

November 21 – Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$6,885.58	\$3,022.00	\$368,203.28
Building Fund	\$ 918.58	\$ 285.00	\$ 54,954.22

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. 9
Amount of Pledges Returned to Parish. . . . \$ 3,650.00
Amount of Pledges Sent to Diocese. \$21,390.00
\$25,040.00
Parish Goal. \$35,000.00
Difference. – \$ 9,960.00

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken Masses 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 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. 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**

Serene Bateh (Medical West)
Kathy Evans (Brookdale University Park)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Marilyn West

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 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 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

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes the following new members: **Abraham de Jesus Perez and Ana Quintila Plata** and children, **Lorenzo Jesus, Abraham, Ana Guadalupe, Amairany and Quintila Becerril.**

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, November 14. Come join us!

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the December calendar is Monday, November 22.

CALENDARS

Saint Aloysius Parish calendars for 2022 are available at no charge in the Narthex. One per family, please.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Adult Education Class is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

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 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.

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

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** for painting the bell and cross and cleaning the Saint Aloysius statue/pedestal by the portico. They needed a bit of sprucing up and we thank you for your hard work!!

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.

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.

VOCATIONS FAIR

A Vocations Fair to learn more about religious orders will be held this Sunday, November 14 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham). All high school and college age students, as well as young adults, are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Yaeger, Campus Minister at Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish, at marybethcm@stephenthemartyr.com

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOLY FAMILY CRISTO REY SCHOOL

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham will host an event at Cahaba Brewing Company (4500 5th Avenue South, Building C in Birmingham) this Sunday, November 14 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This free event will raise funds and awareness for the mission at Cristo Rey School. Enjoy food trucks, live music by the Kensingtons, and adult beverages. For more information, please visit www.hfcristorey.org.

RETREAT

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold the following retreats:

- *Advent Retreat, One Day* on December 8. Sr. Therese Francis Walker, M.S.B.T. will be the leader.
- *Women's Retreat – How Are the Joyful Mysteries of Miryam of Nazareth Reflected in Your Life's Journey?* on January 21-23, 2022. Sr. Chris Wiltrakis, M.S.B.T. will be the leader.

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

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Graphic Designer, Administrative Assistant, Recruiter, Cash Management Specialist, Accountant, Donation Processing Specialist, Donor Care Specialist, Closed Captioning Technician, IT Support Technician (Tier 1), Production Assistant, Non-linear Editor, Radio Producer, Safety and Security Officer, Viewer Services Representative, Bilingual Viewer Services Representative, Groundskeeper, 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.

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

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 14. . . Alexandra Farias-Barajas, Joan Dawson
November 15. Myra Antonio, Torey Stanley,
 Nicole Ceravolo, Ronal Alvarado Herrera,
 Paul Boykin
November 16. Savannah Land, Ken McSwain,
 Jenny Antonio
November 17. Terry Herring, Jordan Snelling,
 Bernarda Uriostegui
November 18. Fidencio Contreras
November 19. Joey Manzella, Junior Land,
 Sarah Hanson, Daniela Olascuaga, Pete Mangione
November 20. Rose Wilson, Mike Renta