



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

April 7th, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

ADMINISTRATOR

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CHURCH OFFICE

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates his 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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK		
Vicki Whitley	Mary Curry	Frances Sanders
Marty Drake	JoAnna Lape	Gene Hartman
Billy Ray Smith	Beth McCandless	Mary Jo Guy
Aneli Romero	Bill Wright	John Combs
Renea Mareno	Adam Stoves	Allene Armstrong
Deacon Walter Henderson	JoAnn Antonio	Gloria Hilty
Judy Wesson	Don Jones	Jeff Brasfield
Scott	Tina Artale	Dolores Carroll
Gary Adams	Joanne Lape	James Herald
April Ballard	Lesa Manzella	Daphne Holdridge
Angel J. Curmina	Blair Hamm	Terri Evans
Billy Jones	Julia Neely	Priscilla Winstead
	Mary LaRussa Beverage	Joe Wright

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella	Meredith Jones
Nancy Franklin	Dot Herald
Robert Wilson	Charlene Mareno
Sue Nielsen	Caroline Tamburello
Robert Vincent	Stephen Tate
John V. Jones Jr.	

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

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>Plantation Manor</u>
Rudy Cooper	Claudia Charme
Jean Sullivan	

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	José Emmanuel García
U.S. INTELLIGENCE	
Daniel Thomas	
Dulce Rivera	

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 9 – April 14 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	April 9	(s) JoAnne Antonio
Wednesday 12 Noon	April 10	Ian Goggins
Thursday 12 Noon	April 11	† Janet Goggins
Friday 12 Noon	April 12	† Virginia Taylor
Saturday 4:30pm	April 13	(s) Mary Jones
Sunday 8:30am	April 14	† Mel Evans
10:00am		(s) Priscilla Winstead

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. You can also register on **Online Giving App** and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 10:00 AM** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - March 31				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Month To Date	Jan & March
Offeratory	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 6,356.35	\$ 58,478.72	\$ 81,364.12
Building Fund	\$ 880.00	\$ 1,813.80	\$ 15,069.45	\$ 20,684.45
Parish School of Religion	\$ 253.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 5,588.90	\$ 4,692.40
Lent Offering				
	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 8,448.15	\$ 79,137.07	\$106,740.97
		\$12,123.15		

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
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kelly Whitson
Yolanda Ruiz

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468

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
Jim Galloway (205) 516 1645

Music Ministry
Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR ST ALOYSIUS FAMILY

Let us welcome the St Aloysius Family, all the new members that received their Sacraments of initiation last Saturday, Easter Vigil:

Darwin E. Valle,
Anthony Chad Bohanon
Blake Sanders (Great-granddaughter of Melvin Evans),

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

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

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Birmingham Catholic Homeschool Graduation registration is now open to all Catholic Homeschoolers in the Diocese of Birmingham to be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

ROSARY CRUSADE NATIONWIDE

Rosary Crusade Nationwide in view of the present political situation. The Crusade is very simple, it doesn't take a set time or place; just anytime you say the Rosary add The World Peace to your intentions. The rosary is a very powerful political weapon.

ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE



ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at 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.



Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7th, 2024

Reflections for Second Easter Sunday,

Gospel: John 20:19-31

By Pope Francis

In the redeeming contact with the wounds of the Risen One, Thomas showed his own wounds, his own injuries, his own lacerations, his own humiliation; in the print of the nails he found the decisive proof that he was loved, that he was expected, that he was understood. He found himself before the Messiah filled with kindness, mercy, tenderness. This was the Lord he was searching for, he, in the hidden depths of his being, for he had always known He was like this. And how many of us are searching deep in our heart to meet Jesus, just as He is: kind, merciful, tender! For we know, deep down, that He is like this. Having rediscovered personal contact with Christ who is amiable and mercifully patient, Thomas understood the profound significance of his Resurrection and, intimately transformed, he declared his full and total faith in Him exclaiming: "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28). Beautiful, Thomas' expression is beautiful! (Regina Caeli 12 April 2015)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2024/04/07.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 14th, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalms 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9

2nd Reading First John 2: 1-5a

Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

April 8 . . . Victor Flores, Bryson Clifton, Guadalupe Nuñez, Blanca Landaverde

April 9 . . . Taylor Ryan

April 10 . . . Serene Bateh, Reid Jones, Rafael Farias, Clara Aguilar, Oliver Lopez, Deana Bello

April 11 . . . Nick Manzella, Marilyn Ellis, Bernice Quinn

April 12 . . . Louise Harris

April 13 . . . Alejandro Cruz

April 14 . . . Claude Stabile, John Culver

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.

HER CHOICE BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTER 20th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors, Friday, May 17, 2024 - Highland Park Golf Course. Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM.

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize foursomes to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a Hole Sponsor, \$500.00, or a half Hole Sponsor, \$250.00. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.



The DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that Saint Faustina had in 1931. According to the vision the image of Jesus was to be drawn as raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which pour forth two rays; one red and one white (translucent). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: Red for the blood of Jesus which is the life of souls and Pale for the water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of Charity, Forgiveness and Love of God referred to as the fountain of Mercy. The image was to have a depiction "Jesus, I trust in you!" on it.

"My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my Mercy" (Diary, No.699)

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the First Sunday after Easter; and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Diary No. 341)
"The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy... By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary No 742) Among other things, it offers a Plenary Indulgence.

"I am giving you three ways of performing Mercy to your neighbors: the first -by DEED, the second -by WORD, the third -by PRAYER; these three levels cover the full scope of Mercy, and it is an unshakable evidence that a soul loves Me. By this a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my Mercy" (Diary, No. 742)

About the Divine Mercy, Pope St John Paul II said that it's "the Easter gift that the church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity." It is a gift that God has given out of love for all of us.

WHY 3:00 P.M.?

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke it's omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment Mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of Grace for the whole world - Mercy triumphed over justice". (Diary 1320)



ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

Presents
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BIKE SHOW

AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH



OPEN
TO ALL

CARS
TRUCKS
BIKES

VENDORS ARE
WELCOME \$25
PER SPACE

APRIL 20, 2024

9:00AM-1:00PM
REGISTRATION @ 8:30AM
TROPHY CEREMONY @ 12:30PM

FIRST 50
VEHICLES
RECEIVE FREE
GOODIE BAG

Basset Hound Rescue of Alabama will be
present for microchipping your fur
babies for a \$15 donation

\$20

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