



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATOR

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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
Father celebrates his mass privately for your intention.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Patricia Rector in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation (English & 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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

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, Chairperson
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

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 email address available.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221. Please call the office for assistance.



****FATHER REJU'S EMAIL****

We have been notified that people are receiving emails/text from Father Reju asking for help, money, a favor, etc. Father Reju will not send emails like that. If you feel that you have received an email/text in error or have a question about one, please call either the church office or send an email. Father Reju's correct email is rjupynadath@gmail.com

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Birmingham will host the 2023 Diocesan Women's Conference next Saturday, **February 11th**.

Mary: The Gate to Heaven at **Prince of Peace Catholic Church** from 8:30 a.m. – noon. Kitty Cleveland and Emily Wilson will be the guest speakers. Admission is free; however, registration is required to attend. To register, simply send an email with your name to John Martignoni at jmartignoni@bhmdioocese.org.

PRE-VALENTINE'S HALF-DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Diocese of Birmingham and Worldwide Marriage Encounter will sponsor a free, fun and engaging Pre-Valentine's Marriage Retreat, next Saturday, **February 11th**. Half-Day retreat for married and engaged couples from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Our **Lady, Queen of the Universe in Huntsville**. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicMarriage>. For more information contact Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607 or frank.kathryn.w@gmail.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend the World Wide Marriage Encounter to Renew the Romance, Revitalize your Marriage, Communicate more Openly, Find Deeper Intimacy, Focus on Your Spouse and Share the Joy with the One You Love. If you would like to recall the shared hopes and dreams you had during your initial romance phase in your relationship, you'll appreciate your time together during the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This event will be held **March 10-12, 2023**, at **St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman**. You can receive more information or register online at www.wwme.org or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do **not** bring any kind of food or drinks into the Sanctuary. Dropped candy, chewing gum, crackers, cereal and stains on the carpet have occurred. Do your best to respect God's House and the work of others who clean it and please keep it that way.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

| OUR SICK | |
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| Mary Micastrò Thomas Hammett Pete Mangione | Cintha Thaes Myra Antonio JoAnne Antonio |

| HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN | |
|---|--|
| Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald | Ramona Pitesa Charlene Mareno Caroline Tamburello Steve Tate Powell Thompson Marilyn West |

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: staloysius@bellsouth.com.

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

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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

| <u>AIR FORCE</u> | <u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> |
|---|---|
| Blake Seidel Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix William Tortorice | Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera |
| | <u>ARMY</u> |
| | Joseph R. Chiarella Jose Emmanuel Garcia |

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

MASS INTENTIONS

| February 6 th – February 12 th († = Deceased) | | |
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| Monday (Private mass) | Feb 6 th | Paula Mabrey |
| Monday (Private mass) | Feb 6 th | † Jack Chiarella |
| Tuesday 5:30 pm | Feb 7 th | Priscilla Winstead |
| Tuesday 5:30 pm | Feb 7 th | † Anne Wren |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | Feb 8 th | Steven & Caro Tate |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | Feb 8 th | † Martin LaRussa |
| Thursday 8:30 am | Feb 9 th | Tim & Kellie Whitson |
| Thursday 8:30 am | Feb 9 th | † Louise Dichiarà |
| Friday 8:30 am | Feb 10 th | † All Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday 8:30 am | Feb 10 th | † Marian Campbell |
| Saturday 4:30 pm | Feb 11 th | † Kathleen A. Evans |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Feb 12 th | † James R Franklin |
| Sunday 11:00 am | Feb 12 th | † James Bernard Dolan |
| Sunday 1:00 pm | Feb 12 th | † Roman Gonzalez A † Jorge Pacheco |

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 your offer in the Narthex drop box.

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 children's offertory envelope 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.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Samuel Joseph Gugliotta, who is survived by his daughter Mary Curry. He passed away on Wednesday January 25th, funeral was at Holy Infant in Trussville on January 31, 2023. Please keep this family in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 12th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

February 6 Isabella Antonio, John Boolos,
Adriana Arellano, Ana Guadalupe Perez
February 7 Tellis Jolivette, Jr., Jacob McGuire
February 8 Mary Walker
February 9 Trent Marshall, Pam Mello,
Vickie Likis, Dylan Cruz
February 10 Jacqueline Mareno,
Cameron Galloway
February 12 Brenda Hinton

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

February 6th – St Paul Miki Martyr
February 10th – St. Scholastica Virgin
February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick.
February 12th – World Marriage Day.

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practice is **every Wednesday** night at **6:00 p.m.** at the church. The choir **also** meets at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sundays** in the Day Chapel. If you are not able to join the choir, please sing joyfully from your seat in the pew.

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.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on **Thursdays** during Adoration **8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

RCIA and Faith formation class meets on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 p.m.** at the church. For questions, please call the office (205)424-2984 or email at staloysius@bellsouth.net.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Illuminating the path to union with God through the light of wisdom of the saints and the teachings of the Catholic Church. If anybody is interested in **Online Catholic Spiritual Direction**, please check the website: <https://spiritualdirection.com/>

GROW YOUR SPIRITUALITY

If you want to grow in our Catholic Spirituality we have online Catholic resources. We are trying to help you expand and deepen your knowledge of God's plan for the world, the Church, and your own life. Please feel free to visit the website: <https://rcspirituality.org/>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held 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.

EWTN IS HIRING FOR MANY POSITIONS IN IRONDALE

Combine your faith and career at EWTN! We have the various positions available.

For more information on job requirements, go to <https://www.ewtn.com/employment>. Please email cover letter, salary requirements and resume to humanresources@ewtn.com

LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN IS NOT TO BE PRIVATE BUT PUBLIC

In today's Gospel Jesus is giving two affirmative statements about the quality of life of a Christian. He says, you are the salt of the earth and light of the world. He is not saying that 'you have to be...' but 'You are...'

In and through baptism every Christian is given lots of spiritual gifts. As baptized, we are already, given the Gifts and Powers to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. We are, right now, the salt and the light. The capacities to be the salt of the earth and light of the world are given to us by the Lord himself at the moment of our baptism.

It points to the fact that the Baptized Christian is left with NO choice as whether to be the salt or light. It's not our choice but it is the call of God/ Vocation. We are destined to be the salt and light for others.

If the salt is kept in its packet or the light is not turned on then it becomes useless! These things are to be taken out to the public and is to be used. The qualities of salt or light are not useful for themselves but are useful for someone else!. Both of them help others in different ways and die off!

The life of a Christian is useless and meaningless if it is lived in 'private.' A Christian life is to be lived in 'public.' So that it may become a model to everyone else. Salt loses its identity (the existence as salt) once it is used for seasoning. A candle loses its existence once it is lit up! A Christian has to die off by doing good to others.

We should live our Christian Life in the public not for the purpose of mistaking the servant for the king. We have to be the sign boards leading the entire universe to the ultimate Light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ.

If no one is coming forward to join our community in order to know more and more about God and the Word of God; the reasons could be two-fold as either we are not living a witnessing life or we are not telling about our faith.

Our Christian Life is God given life to be models for others. And it is a challenge to give up our lives for the good of the others. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world may give you the courage and all the gifts to live up to His expectations! God bless you all! Amen.

