



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday March 30th, 2025 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 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:

OUR SICK	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones	

HOMEBOUNDED SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<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

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> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 1st - APRIL 6th († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	April 1	Willyne Hill
Wednesday 12 Noon	April 2	† Kimberly Keyes
Thursday 12 Noon	April 3	† Charlene Mareno
Friday 12 Noon	April 4	† Josephine Tortorice
Saturday 4:30pm	April 5	† Richard Brasfield
Sunday 9:30am	April 6	FOR THE END TO ABORTION IN GEORGIA

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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.

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.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir started back to practice on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm** at the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus @ (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

Make a Joyful Noise

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday)

12 noon Holy Mass followed by Stations in March and April.

March 7th / March 28th (English) 12:00 Noon
March 14th / April 4th (Indian) 6:45 P.M.
March 21st / April 11th (Spanish) 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

2:00 pm Talk by Priest from EWTN
2:30 to 6:00 pm Confessions (English and Spanish)
4:30 pm English Mass.

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE PALMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

4:30 p.m. Blessing of Palms and Mass (English)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH Blessing of the Palms

9:30 a.m. English Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Mass

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17th

6:00 p.m. English Mass
8:00 pm Spanish Mass

Adoration to follow the 6:00 pm Mass in the Day Chapel and ending at 6:00 am Friday

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, April 18th * No Stations at 12:00 Noon*

1:00 pm Spanish Liturgical Service
2:30pm Live Way of the Cross (Spanish)
6:00 pm English Liturgical Service

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Saturday, April 19th Blessing of Holy Water and Candles.

(You may bring water and candles to be blessed)

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in English
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in Spanish

EASTER: SUNDAY OF THE

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 20th

9:30 a.m. English Mass
Easter Egg Hunt to follow this Mass
11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Start Date: Good Friday April 18, 2025

End Date: Saturday April 26, 2025

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY 2:45PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers with Adoration (Bilingual)

Sunday, March 30th, 2025

Words of the Holy Father

From the Gospel according to Luke
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

This teaching of Jesus is very important: our condition as children of God is the fruit of the love of the Father's heart; it does not depend on our merits or on our actions, and thus no one can take it away, not even the devil! No one can take this dignity away. Jesus' words encourage us never to despair.

I think of the worried moms and dads watching their children move away, taking dangerous paths. I think of the parish priests and catechists who wonder at times if their work is in vain. But I also think of the person in prison, who feels his life is over. I think of those who have made mistakes and cannot manage to envision the future, of those who hunger for mercy and forgiveness and believe they don't deserve it... In any situation of life, I must not forget that I will never cease to be a child of God, to be a son of the Father who loves me and awaits my return. Even in the worst situation of life, God waits for me, God wants to embrace me, God expects me.
(General Audience, 11 May 2016)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2025/03/30.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalms 126: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Second Philippians 3: 8-14

Verse Before the Gospel Joel 2: 13

Gospel John 8: 1-11

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, March 23				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	896.00	5,070.40	5,966.40	61,702.59
Building Fund	475.00	0.00	475.00	13,254.34
Parish School of Religion	135.00	32.00	167.00	3,538.91
Total	1,506.00	5,102.40	6,608.40	78,495.84
		\$6,608.40		

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

March 31 . . . Mason Hicks, Tim Walker, Cathy Andino

April 1 . . . Bruce Jones, Gael Farias Barajas

April 6 . . . Jerrie Salvago, Rulph Dougil, Aneli Romero

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

April 1st * *Bruce and Lisa Jones*

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER

Volunteers needed to help vacuum and polish the pews and wooden furniture. Please come on Monday, April 7th, at 9:00AM. Clean-up supplies will be provided. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you



CANDY DONATIONS

Candy donations are welcome!!! We are collecting candies and eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them to the office by Tuesday, April 15.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Josephine Renta Tortorice**, who passed away last Thursday, March 13th. She is proceeded in death by her parents; and husband Michael Tortorice. Josephine is survived by her three daughters Christine Feenker (Chris), Michelle Elliott (Kevin), and Maria Gibbs (Ted); six grandchildren and her brothers, Michael Renta (Debbie), Norman Renta (Gale), Sam Renta, Jr. (Tiffany), and Paul Renta (Yvonne). She's sister-in-law of Charles Tortorice, and cousin of Charles Ellies.

SPECIAL MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

If you or a family member with disabilities may benefit from a special needs ministry OR if you are interested in volunteering in some capacity with a special needs ministry (must be at least 14 years old), please scan the QR code to share your interest with us.



The purpose of the diocesan regional assessment is to learn the various disabilities and levels of interest for adaptive activities and programs that would enhance full and meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities and their families beyond what is currently offered in our parishes and schools. In addition, it identifies volunteers interested in serving in a special needs ministry. If you have further questions, please contact Sister Tonette Sperando, OSB, at sister.tonette@popcatholic.org or 205-822-9125 EXT 28.