



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

ADMINISTRATOR

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CHURCH OFFICE

e-mail: info@staloyuscc.org (205) 424 2984

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

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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

| OUR SICK |
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| Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris |

| HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN | |
|--|---|
| 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> | <u>ARMY</u> |
|--|---|
| Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix | Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella |
| | <u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> |
| | Daniel Thomas |

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

| FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 1 († = Deceased) | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 12 Noon | February 24 | Camille Owens |
| Wednesday 12 Noon | February 25 | (BD) Mike Snelling |
| Thursday 12 Noon | February 26 | † Johnny Schober |
| Friday 12 Noon | February 27 | (S) Marie Lorino |
| Saturday 4:30pm | February 28 | (S) Sheila Zito |
| Sunday 9:30am | March 1 | Glenda Geison |

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 Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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.

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. Everyone who wants to pray the Rosary is welcome.

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 kahytortorice@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
Gabriel Lopez

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



February 20th March 13th
February 27th March 20th
March 6th March 27th

EVERY FRIDAY, 12noon Holy Mass followed by Stations.

English 12:00 Noon

Indian 6:45 P.M.

Spanish 7:00 P.M.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER RAY DUNMYER



You are cordially invited to the
Celebration of the Eucharist
Commemorating the
Fiftieth Anniversary of the
Ordination to the Priesthood of

Reverend Raymond A. Dunmyer

Sunday, April 12, 2026
At eleven o'clock in the morning

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
4600 Preserve Parkway
Hoover, Alabama
with a reception following.

All are welcome!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,

Email: finance@staloyuscc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| Parish Stewardship 2026 | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sunday, Feb. 15 | | | | |
| Fund | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Total By Fund | YTD |
| General Fund | 1,014.00 | 5,639.50 | 6,653.50 | 50,584.50 |
| Building Fund | 150.00 | 704.00 | 854.00 | 58,975.59 |
| Parish School of Religion | 145.00 | 375.64 | 520.64 | 1,658.14 |
| Total | 1,309.00 | 6,719.14 | 8,028.14 | 111,218.23 |
| Total given this week: \$8,028.14 | | | | |

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Matthew 4:1-11 **Desert Experience**

Today we meditate on the desert experience of Jesus. Today's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus was tempted by the devil. Mt 4:1 "At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the temptations; the Holy Spirit was with Him throughout His temptations and that's why He responded to the devil with the Word of God. At the end His divine sonship comes out more clearly.

In our life, we all go through temptations. Temptation is not only an invitation to sin; but also, a challenge to keep God away from our life. Our unfortunate and tragic life experiences also may turn out to be our temptations. In all temptations the devil tries to make us feel more happier or better, under one condition if we just take the next step without God!

On this very first Sunday of lent I have only one thing to share with you: whenever we have unfortunate things happening in our life; any unexpected tragedies challenge us...., in all the adverse circumstances of our life... we have to keep in mind that it is part of God's plan for us, that we may go through those temptations; and that He is, He would be with us. That's why he's Emmanuel.

Why do we get upset/ desperate at the moments of unexpected events (negative) in our life? Won't it be moments of our temptations? We must keep in mind the basic fact that in all our tragedies and unexpected events like loneliness, feeling of unwanted creature on the earth.... The Lord has a plan!!!! It is the Holy Spirit who leads you to the temptation. That same Holy Spirit would be with you during the temptation. And even after your times of trial; you would be shining more, like a child of God....

Let's be bold enough to face the desert experiences of our daily lives..... With the confidence that the Lord is guiding us to the temptations, He would be with us throughout the temptations; strengthening and guiding us, He would be with us after the temptations.....

Amen.

By Rev. Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

March 1st, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second 2nd Timothy 1: 8b-10

VBG Matthew 17: 5

Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Blessings

February 24 . . . , Glenda Mernaugh, Nancy Pérez
Bambi Alley

February 25 . . . Mike Snelling, Pablo Medina

February 27 . . . Roger Hannah, Victoria Flores Merced,
Teresa Alcantar

February 28 . . . Amanda McCullough, Ethan Jones

March 1 . . . Farrah McCullough, Viola Ratcliffe

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



*Eddie and Penny Allison * February 25*

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026.

For more information contact:

Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443

Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

THANK YOU

We thank the Hispanic community for their \$14,000 donation for appliances for the parish hall.

Thank you for your support.

Our account for the Building Fund is active.

Please direct all your donations/contributions to the "Building Fund" and they will be tax-exempt.

| The Three Pillars of Lent | | |
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|  PRAY Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and God. Try praying a little longer during Lent than what you normally do. |  FAST Think about what you eat and drink, and also why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit. |  GIVE ALMS Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both the giver and the recipient. |