

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Kathleen Jones	
Sheila Zito	
Carl McDaniel	
Larry Jones	
Sam Morris	
HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Nancy Franklin	John V. Jones Jr.
Robert Wilson	Meredith Jones
Sue Nielsen	Dot Herald
Robert Vincent	Johana Findley
NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS	
<u><i>The Oaks on Parkwood</i></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@staloysiuscc.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	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
	Daniel Thomas

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

DECEMBER 2nd - DECEMBER 7th		
(† = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	December 2	(S) Stephen Tramell (S) JoAnne Antonio
Wednesday 12 Noon	December 3	(BD) Margy Threlkill
Thursday 12 Noon	December 4	† Francis Petway † Angelo Rivera Bayon
Friday 12 Noon	December 5	(S) Stephen Earwood (S) Beckie Green
Saturday 4:30pm	December 6	† Renea Mareno † Dot Keyes
Sunday 9:30am	December 7	† Nash Allen Whitson † Robert Geisen

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 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

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 8th

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity

9:00 AM Holy Mass (English)

7:30 pm Holy Mass (Spanish);

Friday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

5:00AM Mañanitas

12 Noon Holy Mass (English)

7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

Saturday, December 13th

Christmas Concert

Please join the combined **St. Aloysius Church Choirs** (English, Spanish and Indian) in a festive and joyous Concert of both sacred and secular Christmas Music.

The concert is **at 6:00 PM**.

Saturday, December 21st

Advent Confession Day

Talk with a priest from EWTN at **2:00PM**

Confessions from **2:30pm** through 6:00pm.

MEN'S RETREAT

All are invited to a Men's Retreat on Sat, Dec 6 for ages 18+. We will start with Mass at 8:30 am in the church and continue in Guadalupe Hall. Fr. Eric is leading the retreat. Lunch will be served so we would appreciate an RSVP to this email or sign up on the signup sheet in front of the first pew in the church. This is not just for St. Barnabas parishioners but open to all men of the diocese. Please spread the word and encourage your friends to go!

If you have any questions, contact the office:

Angie Dailey, Office Manager of St. Barnabas Catholic Church (205) 833-0334

MEN'S RETREAT

SAT, DECEMBER 6

MASS 8:30AM

RETREAT 9:00 AM

ST. BARNABAS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent 2025

From the Gospel according to Matthew 24: 37-44

Today we begin the new liturgical season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming" or "arrival."

We all have dreams in our lives. The driving force of our life is the dream we have about tomorrow! The first reading from prophet Isaiah speaks about God's dream of the future of the world. 'Instructions of the Lord' would come from Zion and the 'Word of the Lord' would come from Jerusalem. There will be no more wars and weapons will not be necessary. "Let us walk in the light of the Lord!" Is the invitation from the prophet Isaiah.

In the second reading St. Paul is trying to wake us all up! He requests us to be awake; throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of Light. Control the desires of flesh and put on Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to 'stay awake' for we do not know when our Lord, the Son of Man will come.

'Stay awake' means to be 'open' and 'attentive' to God and others. The only way to actualize the dream of God about the world (first reading) is that we be open and attentive to others (their needs.) "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." Henry Newman.

Jesus is asking us, "So too, you also must be prepared, for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." How are we to be prepared? By making the present a time of fidelity. St Francis Assisi was hoeing his garden one day. A philosopher asked him: "What would you do if you learned you would die before the sun sets?" St Francis replied: "I would finish hoeing my garden. I would be faithful to what I am doing now." Bonhoeffer was asked by critics "Why do you expose yourself to all this danger? Jesus will return any day, and all your work and suffering

will be for nothing." Bonhoeffer replied "If Jesus returns tomorrow, then tomorrow I will rest from my labors, but today I have work to do. I must continue the struggle until I am finished."

So, "Stay awake" and "Be prepared" all mean to say, "make the present a time of fidelity." Be committed to the good works of the day; and be open and attentive to the needs of our brethren; and that is the message of Advent.

Let us continue to do good work for others and the Lord would come and meet us any moment! Amen.

Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Romans 15: 4-9

Alleluia: Luke 3: 4, 6

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



December 2 . . . Carmela Ezell, Donna Mai Dougl

December 4 . . . Bonnie Farr, Sydney McCoy,

Charles Cagle

December 5 . . . John London McCullough

December 6 . . . Jena Shourds, Sheila Weaver

December 7 . . . Tina Nabors

ADVENT 2025

A time 'to wait with faith, to watch with love, and to hope with courage'. On Nov. 20, the bishop recorded the sixty-third installment of his Grace & Peace video series, reflecting on the season of Advent.

To read the bishop's remarks, please go to:

<https://onevoicebhm.org/advent-2025>

WOMEN OF GRACE

Be Set Free: Healing the Wounded Heart

January 9-10, 2026

Hosted by Arise Worship Ministry and Women of Grace

5-Part Retreat for Men and Women

Seminars, Prayer, Fellowship, and Music!

Seminars with EWTN television and radio host:
Johnnette Benkovic Williams



Discover the healing power of Our Lord and be set free!

To Register and for More Info:

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Visit: www.womenofgrace.com/events

Call: 1-800-558-5452

Email: info@womenofgrace.com

*\$45 includes Sat lunch, Clergy and Religious are free.



Music with Catholic recording artist:
Danielle Rose

Event Location:

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
7340 Cahaba Valley Road
Birmingham, AL 35242



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(English, Spanish and Indian)
in a festive and joyous Concert
of both sacred and secular
Christmas Music.

Saturday, December 13th,
at 6:00 PM.

We hope to see you all

Happy Thanksgiving

weekend and Blessed

Advent Season!





2025

December Schedule

Monday, December 8th
(Holy day of Obligation)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM English Mass (with Choir)

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Friday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00AM Mañanitas

12:00 Noon English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 13th

St. Aloysius Family Get Together Christmas Concert.

St. Aloysius Church Choirs:
English, Spanish and Indian Communities together at
6:00PM, after 4:30PM Mass

Saturday, December 20th

Advent Confession Day

We would be having a talk with a priest from EWTN at 2:00PM
Confessions from 2:30pm through 6pm.

2025 – 2026 Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00PM English Mass

(Beginning with Carols at 3:30PM with Saint Aloysius Choir).

7:30PM Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 25th

(Holy Day of Obligation)



Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

9:00 a.m. English Mass

10:30 a.m. Spanish Mass

Friday, December 26th

NO MASS

Sunday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM English Mass

12:00 PM English Mass

Wednesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

12:00 Noon English Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026

(Holy day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM English Mass

10:30 AM Spanish Mass