



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

ADMINISTRATOR

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

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
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Sam Morris

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
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

DECEMBER 2nd - DECEMBER 7th († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	December 2	(S) Stephen Tramell (S) JoAnne Antonio
Wednesday 12 Noon	December 3	(BD) Margy Thrailkill
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.

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 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

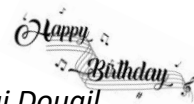
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Romans 15: 4-9

Alleluia: Luke 3: 4, 6

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



December 2 . . . Carmela Ezell, Donna Mai Dougil

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: Johanne Williams 	Music with Catholic recording artist: Danielle Rose 	
Discover the healing power of Our Lord and be set free!		

To Register and for More Info:
Scan the QR Code -----
Visit: www.womenofgrace.com/events
Call: 1-800-558-5452
Email: info@womenofgrace.com
\$45 includes Sat lunch, clergy and Religious are free.

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



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St. Aloysius Church Choirs
(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