



## *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 December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

### *First Sunday of Advent*

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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#### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE & DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS**

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169

Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

#### **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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright	

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

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>	
<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](mailto: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:

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

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8</b> († = Deceased)		
Monday (Private Mass)	December 2	(BD) Heather Walker
Tuesday 12 Noon	December 3	(BD) Margy Thrailkill
Wednesday 12 Noon	December 4	† Renea Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	December 5	Carlyn Smart
Friday 12 Noon	December 6	† Charlene Mareno
Saturday 4:30pm	December 7	† Len Gavin † Steve Tate
Sunday 9:30am	December 8	† Nash Allen Whitson † Rita Minor

**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.

**ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES**

*Psalm 89 vs 2*

*The favors of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.*

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**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent**

**1st Reading Baruch 5: 1-9**

**Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

**Second Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11**

**Alleluia Luke 3: 4, 6**

**Gospel Luke 3: 1-6**

### **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

Gabriel Lopez

Phillip Galloway

Eddie Blanco

Kellie Whitson

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson

Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson

Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

### **MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON**

Mother of Christ Altar Guild

Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468

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

### **EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER'S MANDATORY TRAINING**

We would be having a One Hour Training for all (Existing & Aspiring) Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is Mandatory for all, and is valid for Three years.

**Make up day:**

**December 7, Saturday**

Time: 5:30- 6:30 PM.

***Training would be held in our Church.***

***All are welcome!!!***

### **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

St. Aloysius along with **Holy Family Altar Guild** will be sponsoring a food drive for the Holiday Season!

We will have reusable grocery bags to bring your donations back to church. Please take one tote bag per family.



Also, will be collecting gift cards (Walmart, Dollar General, Aldi, Visa, etc...) to contribute to the food drive. Only gift cards will be accepted through December 15.

Food Drive donations will be accepted through **Sunday, December 9.**

**Thank you for your support!**

### **CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Most couples spend months planning, and hundreds, if not thousands of dollars preparing for the wedding. But how much time and effort are actually spent preparing for a Lifetime of Togetherness?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience which provides the engaged couple the opportunity to discuss with each other their future together in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The goal is to deepen a couple's relationship through reflection and dialogue.

January 10-12 St Bernard Retreat Center (Overnight retreat)

February 7-9 St John the Baptist (in parish retreat)

March 14-16 St Fracis Xavier (in parish retreat)

For more information or to register online, go to: [www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org) or register.cee@birmingham@gmail.com

### **ONLINE GIVING LINK**

You can make your contribution at [www.osvhub.com](http://www.osvhub.com). This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.



Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
 Father Reju Pynadath Johny

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 2025**  
**THINGS WILL CHANGE; BE HOPEFUL**

*Today we begin a new year in the liturgical calendar. The very first message of this new year is of Hope. Nothing happens on Earth unless approved and commanded by the Lord. Lamentations 3:37 "Who speaks so that it comes to pass, unless the Lord commands it?"*

*Throughout this new year, the Lord is having wonderful plans for us. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you. Plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of Hope." 29:12-13 "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me you will find me." Yes, in this new year the Lord is really going to be with us.*

*Look at the seed growing into a plant. First the seed is to be thrown (discarded!) into the ground. The seed should be ready to be decayed. The seed empties itself. And now something new and fresh is coming up, a new plant is there. From the sufferings, painful experiences of the past and present, something more energetic is coming up. Newness and a better future can arise only out of the troubles and pains of the past and present times.*

*Today's first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah. Amidst the punishments and sufferings the prophet is giving the Israelites hope for a better future.*

*Luke is writing the Gospel to the persecuted gentile Christians of the time. There, through the words of Jesus, Luke is giving hope to the persecuted church about the imminent second coming of the Lord. They are not to be frightened but to be vigilant.*

*We begin the very first day of the month of December, the opening day of New Year, with a note of Hope. God has plans for the good of everyone of us. Throughout this new year the Lord would be with us listening us and giving us company. Peace Be With You!!!*

**Amen**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

- December 2 . . . Lee Lancaster, Carmela Ezell, Liam Rivera, Donna Mai Dougil*
- December 4 . . . Bonnie Farr, Sydney McCoy, Charles Cagle, Adam Stoves, Brenda Anton*
- December 5 . . . John London McCullough*
- December 6 . . . Jena Shourds, Sheila Weaver*
- December 7 . . . Tina Nabors, Leah Renata Gonzalez*
- December 8 . . . Frank Aguiar, Brandon Hurst, Kelly Tortorice, Maria Castillo*
- December 9 . . . Rene Aseret Martinez, Jorge Padilla*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity (Holy Day of Obligation)**

- 12 Noon Holy Mass (English)
- 6:00 pm Holy Mass (English)
- 7:30 pm Holy Mass (Spanish);

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast**

- 12 Noon Holy Mass (English)
- 4:30 pm Car procession  
(meet at 4pm at Bessemer Civic Center)  
Blessings of the cars.
- 7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

**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 **Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 PM.**

**We hope to see you all there!**



**PARISH STEWARSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Nov 24				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan - Nov
General Fund	1,627.00	4,318.48	5,945.48	\$ 283,874.41
Building Fund	310.00	35.00	345.00	\$ 98,366.40
Parish School of Religion	188.00	-	188.00	\$ 16,175.36
	2,125.00	4,353.48	\$6,478.48	\$398,416.17
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## **DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, (Day of Obligation)**

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12:00 Noon English Mass (with Choir)

6:00 PM. English Mass

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

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4:30PM Car procession from Bessemer Civic Center and blessing of the cars.

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> St. Aloysius Family Get Together  
Christmas Concert.**

St. Aloysius Church Choirs: English, Spanish and Indian Communities together.

After 4:30pm Mass

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Advent Confession Day**

We would be having 3 guest priests to hear Confessions from 2pm through 6pm.

Vigil Mass would be as regular at 4.30 pm.

**Tuesday, December 24**

### **Christmas Eve**

4:00PM English Mass (Beginning with Carols at 3:30PM with Saint Aloysius Choir).

7:30PM Spanish Mass Beginning with Carols at 6:30PM

**Wednesday, December 25, (Holy Day of Obligation)**

### **Christmas Day**

#### **The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity**

9:30 a.m. English Mass

11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass

**Tuesday, December 31**

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

12:00 PM English Mass

**Wednesday, January 1, 2024 (Holy day of Obligation).**

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

12:00 Noon English Mass

6:00 PM English Mass

7:30 PM Spanish Mass





# Christmas Concert



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## NINE CONSECUTIVE NIGHT VIGILS

October 2024

*Pope's urgent call for Fasting & Prayers:*

*Pope Francis invited the entire humanity to be united in prayers and fasting for the peace in the world. Pope Francis explicitly requested prayers for an end to the war in the Middle East, specifically calling for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7th, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, to invoke peace through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.*

*The pope's call for prayers is primarily focused on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. Pope says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and Nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to, Pope says, "I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world."*

*We join together to pray for the victims of natural calamities, especially in Florida. And we pray for peace in our country and everywhere in the world.*

*With all these Special Intentions we would be having NIGHT VIGIL Services for the upcoming NINE Consecutive Fridays, starting with October 18 through December 13.*

*We will start with Holy Mass in English at 6:30 p.m., Adoration, Recite Four complete Rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin) and conclude with Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 a.m.*

*All are welcome.*

*Let us do some real Sacrifice and Penance for the World Peace!*

