



## *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 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** ***Presentation of the Lord Feast***

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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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:

### **OUR SICK**

Robert Geisen  
Gloria McDaniel  
Kathleen Jones  
Joe Wright  
Pete Mangione

### **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
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### **NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

#### The Oaks on Parkwood

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>FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 9</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	February 4	(TG) Fr. Jhony
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 5	† Charlene Mareno † Renea Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	February 6	† Bobby Allison
Friday 12 Noon	February 7	† Carol Boakle Juliano
Saturday 4:30pm	February 8	† Steve Jones
Sunday 9:30am	February 9	† Martin LaRussa

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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](mailto: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
- 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  
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

**FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT VIGIL**

February 7<sup>th</sup>

St. Aloysius Church  
751 Academy Dr.,  
Bessemer, AL 35022

- 6:30 PM Holy Mass
- 7:15 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:20 Scriptural Rosary
- 7:50 Consecration Prayers
- 8:10 Scriptural Rosary
- 8:45 Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
- 10:45 Scriptural rosary
- 11:20 Eucharistic Procession  
Holy Rosary  
Benediction
- 11:50 Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12:00 AM Holy Mass

**FATHER REJU'S BIRTHDATE CELEBRATION**

In behalf of the Hispanic Community we want to thank everyone that contributed with Father birthday party in anyways. it was a successful time and we was able to share moments all together as a community. Thank you once again for all contributions and may God bless everyone.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

We recently mailed out 2024 Contribution Statements. Afterward, we discovered some of the donations that were given in the month of December were left off. If you need a corrected statement, please email finance@staloyuscc.org and I will mail you one as soon as possible. I apologize for the inconvenience! You may also call or text me at 256-443-4407. Jennifer Richardson, Bookkeeper

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - Jan 26				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,246.00	2,958.67	4,204.67	23,953.27
Building Fund	215.00	170.00	385.00	5,059.31
Parish School of Religion	75.00	45.00	120.00	1,361.31
Total	1,536.00	3,173.67	4,709.67	30,373.89
Total given this week:		<b>\$4,709.67</b>		

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## **Presentation of the Lord Feast**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**Father Reju Pynadath J.**

*Today we celebrate the feast of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Two things are happening in today's Gospel: purification of the mother and presentation of the first born.*

*Presentation of the first born to the Lord reminds the parents that they don't own any child. God is the owner of any child. Children are given to us in trust for a time, by God. They are entrusted to the parents, to the teachers and to the community so that we all may educate them. Education is a process whereby we help the student to discover his own capacities and abilities that may be dormant in him. Presentation of the Lord reminds us that we all are custodians of God's children and we are responsible for their self discovery.*

*Luke says the parents came to the temple for their purification. Actually it is the purification of mother after giving birth. This purification has nothing to do with sin. Giving birth is a sharing activity in the works of creation of God. As a mother delivers a child she becomes one with the Creator God. Therefore in childbearing and giving birth, mother becomes one with the divine. After giving birth she returns to normal secular life. She has to end her oneness with the divine. This is one way of looking at the purification of the mother after giving birth to her child.*

*The prophet Simeon and prophetess Anna teach us that God has a plan for everyone of us and it's fulfillment demands patient waiting. Everything happens at God's time and not at our time nor as we want them to be. Patient waiting for God's time should be backed up with constant prayer. Prayer gives us hope.*

*So, today's feast of presentation of the Lord in the temple reminds us of our own responsibilities for others. We have to submit ourselves to the plan of God which would be fulfilled at God's on time. God would purify us that we may live a holy life on Earth.*

*God bless you all,*

*Amen.*

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**February 9, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

**Psalms** 138: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 7c-8

**Second** First Corinthians 15: 1-11 or

First Corinthians 15: 3-8, 11

**Alleluia** Matthew 4: 19

**Gospel** Luke 5: 1-11

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

February 3 . . . Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny, Angela Morris,  
Denise Rozas, Nataly Anton, Adela Hernandez

February 4 . . . Jerry Higginbotham, Lauren Galloway

February 5 . . . Jocinda McSwain, Ashley Arenas

February 6 . . . Isabella Antonio

February 7 . . . Tellis Jolivette, Jr., Jacob McGuire

February 8 . . . Mary Walker, Luna Jimenez

February 9 . . . Trent Marshall, Pam Mello, Vickie Likis

## **CANDLEMAS DAY**

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## **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this coming weekend, February 9th, is the monthly Building Fund collection. The funds from this collection will go towards covering the costs associated with the construction of the Parish Hall which will be built next to the Church and near the soccer field.



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*Candlemas Day is a feast to bring your candles and have them blessed and use them throughout the year to symbolize the light brought to us. If anyone is interested in bringing their own candles to have them blessed your more than welcome to bring them this weekend.*

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

*February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Blaise.  
In the tradition of St. Blaise's Feast Day  
Father Reju will do the blessing  
of the throats during masses this weekend.*