



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 January 12th, 2025 *The Baptism of the Lord*

ADMINISTRATOR

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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

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

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

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

JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 19 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 4:00 PM	January 14	NO MASS
Wednesday 9:30AM	January 15	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	January 16	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	January 17	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	January 18	† Charlene Mareno † Renea Mareno
Sunday 9:30am	January 19	† Bobby Allison † Tom Gloor Jr.

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.

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
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

FR. REJU'S VACATIONS

Fr. Reju will be on vacation in India until January 24th. If you need to contact him, send him a text message via WhatsApp at 91 974 56 03863 or through email at rjupynadath@gmail.com.

Remember there will be NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS

**The Saturday and Sunday Mass
Schedule will be as usual.**

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, January 13th, at 11:30 a.m.** in the church.

THANK YOU!!

Holy Family Altar Guild wants to thank you and everyone that contributed with gift cards, money and any other type of contribution.

May God bless everyone, and the Lord be with you.

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for me over the last 3 months as I recover from surgery and the complications that followed. Thank you for all the cards, mass cards and food.

Thank you again...
Kathleen Jones.

THANK YOU!!

We wish to express our gratitude to the **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** for the gifts given to the children of the Religious Education Class who are receiving their First Communion. As well for the Christmas gift that they gave to the needy families, they really appreciated it very much. We would like to thank them for making this Christmas unforgettable for all of them.

PARISH STEWARSHIP

<u>Parish Stewardship 2025</u>				
Sunday - Jan 5				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,636.00	6,361.12	7,997.12	7,997.12
Building Fund	1,155.00	2,320.31	3,475.31	3,475.31
Parish School of Religion	25.00	90.00	115.00	115.00
Total		8,771.43	11,587.43	11,587.43
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From the Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
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descended upon him
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AMEN

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second First Corinthians 12: 4-11

Alleluia Second Thessalonians 2: 14

Gospel John 2: 1-11

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

January 13 . . . Charles Tortorice, Deb Bailey, Amanda
Catherine McCullough, Judith Ruiz

January 14 . . . Devon-Grace Boyd, Michael Woods

January 16 . . . Trevor Marshall, Nicolas Gonzalez, Carlie
Dempsey, Tera Williams

January 17 . . . Trey Farr, Olivia Wesson, Joyce Schreiber

January 18 . . . Addison Smith, Leonardo Alvarado

January 19 . . . Emilio Medina, Maria Vasquez

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHITSON FAMILY

Baby Rory Brooke arrived last Sunday morning!! Born at 10:57a.m., 5lbs 10oz, 19 length. Mom and baby are doing great!! Daddy is in love!! Giving thanks to our God!! We thank You and Praise for this Good News, a healthy mommy and baby. We ask You bless this little one and protect her.

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 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.

For more information go to:

www.birminghamcee.org

or to register online go to:

register.cebirmingham@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. 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.





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