

Saint Aloysius

PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*For Renee Nicle Good
Killed by ICE on January 7, 2026*

By Amanda Gorman

*They say she is no more,
That there her absence roars,
Blood-blown like a rose,
Iced wheels flinches & froze.
Now, bare riot of candles,
Dark fury of flowers,
Pure howling of hymns.*

*If for us she arose,
Somewhere, in the pitched deep of our grief,
Crouches our power.
The howl where we begin,
Straining upon the edge of the crooked crater
Of the worst of what we've been.*

*Change is only possible,
& all the greater,
When the labour
& bitter anger of our neighbors
Is moved by the love
& better angels of our nature*

R.N.G.

MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
Embracing its African American culture,
Empowering its members
And sharing its love of Christ
Through service to the community.

JANUARY 18, 2026

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Please call Parish House to include prayer intentions or announcements in Sunday Liturgy

St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

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Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator

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Parish Leadership

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Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Sr. Mary Jean's Column

In this time of moral crisis, where are the shepherds?

By Ronald E. Smith

*from the
Black Catholic Messenger*

One could take the approach that today's religious leaders are not bold enough to stand behind what they proclaim to believe and follow. For example, they are not leading the protests, demonstrations, and opposition to poor governance, immoral behavior, and divisive legislation that pits people against each other. Shouldn't Church leaders lead with the hope that their constituents and elected officials will follow? Shouldn't they be willing to suffer and even die for the faith and for the betterment of others?

Are Church leaders afraid to lead on social justice issues? Have their hearts been hardened or do they feel apathy because the issues do not directly impact their congregations? As Christians, it is our responsibility to fight for the oppressed, feed the poor, cloth the naked, shelter the homeless, educate children, and heal the sick. Need I go on?

Our nation's tax-cutting efforts over the past 25 years, combined with our rising debt, prevents our nation from fulfilling its duty to its most needy citizens. This fiscal irresponsibility has led to a failure to help our brothers and sisters who are in need at home and abroad. Our decisions to cut back on social programs and foreign aid so that wealthy people and businesses can get more tax cuts is counter to the teachings of Jesus.

When will we learn that we cannot do as prior societies have done and expect a different outcome. God's wrath can overtake us in an instant, so why do religious leaders fail to preach a message of repentance and change? Why is their voice so low, or even inaudible on these matters? The silence of the shepherds has led to a silencing of the lambs, and worse, a willingness to accept behavior that is not Christ-like. Let me offer you St. Paul's words:

"Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

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MINISTERS - January 18, 2026

LECTORS	
Annie Easterling	Deidre Whitted
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Greg Clifford	Noel Egensperger
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Kevin Ford	Dana Baker
China Brown	

MASS INTENTIONS - JAN 18-25 2026

Jan 18	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Marie M. Brewster Coach Eugene Jones
Jan 21	Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	St. Aloysius & St. Raphael Parishes
Jan 25	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Cheryl Brewster Caldwell

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henrita Broadus, Lois Bunker, Greg Clifford, Angela Comedy, Jerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jermaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Clarice, Barbara Williams, Ann White, Vermonte Wright

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If that does not move you to search your soul for the truth of Christ and what wisdom to follow, certainly the rest of the wisdom in Scripture will lead you where God intends.

At the start of the Jubilee year, I offered prayers for change. I prayed that the Trump administration would do good things and lead in a positive direction. I prayed that political leaders would work together for the betterment of the nation and world—not continue to divide us. I also prayed for religious leaders as they need all the strength they can muster to lead in this age.

Today, I offer similar prayers as the world is worse off than it was a year ago. America is further in debt, and our problems are far from being fixed. We continue to prioritize the affluent at the expense of the poor. We fail to solve our problems and we blame others for it. We tolerate immoral behavior and give praise to those who act most sinfully.

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	Jan 18	10:00 a.m. Mass - Irish Order of Hibernians Visit - The group from the east side will join us for our liturgy today. They will not stay for breakfast this year.
Monday	Jan 19	
Tuesday	Jan 20	11:30 a.m. - Mass
Wednesday	Jan 21	
Thursday	Jan 22	
Friday	Jan 23	
Saturday	Jan 24	
Sunday	Jan 25	10:00 a.m. - Mass - <u>UJAMAA Awards</u> - The school will hold the UJAMAA awards on Sunday, January 25 during the 10:00 Mass with a continental breakfast afterwards. This also marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week

Beginning in January our weekly Mass will move to Tuesdays at the same time 11:30 a.m.

COLLECTION SUMMARY 1/4/26

\$1,380.00 - Offertory
 \$354.00 - Renovations
 \$147.00 - Special Collections
 \$83,200.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/26)
 \$63,400.41 - Collections Year to Date

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth".

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

"You have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy".

Gospel - John 1:29-34

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!".

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Jan 19 - 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tue Jan 20 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wed Jan 21 - 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thu Jan 22 - 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Fri Jan 23 - 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Sat Jan 24 - 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Save the Dates

Diocesan Revival - This year we will host the revival on **February 18, 19, 20**. You will be hearing more from the committee soon. Many volunteers will be needed to help make this a wonderful experience for everyone who attends.

Funeral Mass for Cezanne Whittington - The family has requested that the date be changed to Saturday, **March 7, 2026**. As of right now, the funeral will be at 10:00 a.m. with a repast afterwards in the parish center.

SCHOOL NEWS

Keep our 8th grade students in your prayers as they make their decisions which high school to attend next year. Applications will be submitted to the Catholic H.S. this week. God bless them in their academic journey.

Best, Nancy Lynch, Principal

Why do we stand? When should we sit?

When should we sit down after communion? When the tabernacle is closed? When Father sits down? When the last person receives communion? I asked Fr. Dan about this and he offered the following advice: We stand during communion praying in support and solidarity with everyone who is receiving communion. It is proper to sit after the last person has received communion. I hope this helps to clarify our response after communion.

Sr. Mary Jean