

# Saint Aloysius

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026



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Fr. Daniel Schlegel.....Presbyteral Moderator  
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Melissa Morris .....Parish Council  
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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.

**School News** - Make a joyful noise was the theme of our Spring Concert and that is what our students did! Students came together in song with solos, duets, and harmonizing to celebrate our school year! Thank you to our Music teacher, Mrs. Patton for bringing out the joy in our school community.

Respectfully, Nancy Lynch, Principal

## 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.

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



## *Sr. Mary Jean's Column*

### A moral call to defend Black voting rights: How Catholics should respond

By Efran Menny - 12 May 2026  
Black Catholic Messenger

Continued from last week - Therefore, a greater federal law had to be enacted to secure voting access. This was the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Though many believe that the VRA guaranteed the vote for African Americans, a series of U.S. Supreme Court decisions have since narrowed the scope of its power. City of Mobile vs. Bolden (1980) and Shaw v. Reno (1993), for example, made it difficult to challenge voting systems and maps that weakened Black representation. Shelby County v. Holder (2013), a massive assault on the VRA, removed the requirement that states with histories of voter discrimination get federal approval before changing voting policies. Since striking federal oversight in voting, an influx of restrictive bills and policies have impacted voters and complicated democracy.

The latest decision from the high court stands on the foundation of tinkering and removing sections of the VRA, a dismantling of its core concepts over time. Even as we are still processing *Callais*, Republican governors and lawmakers are already moving to gerrymander more aggressively. These swift movements only demonstrate how eager they are to eliminate Black political power.

Ultimately, this has created a generational experience of political struggle. Every generation of Black Americans have encountered hurdles to voting. These new threats by state legislatures in the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling immediate repudiation and taking a stand for Black racial justice.

The trend of high court rulings consistently reversing the VRA has only intensified with President Donald Trump's appointments to the Supreme Court. He was able to nominate three conservatives to a lifetime appointment, cementing a powerful conservative majority intent on rolling back voting access.

Many of the justices embrace originalism, a legal interpretation that sees the U.S. Constitution as fixed in its meaning. In reviewing this philosophy, we know that it has excluded Black Americans from full partici-

pation in American freedom since the inception of the Constitution. Since the Court continues to diminish the reach of Black political power, this leaves many wondering: Can its highest court truly uphold civil rights?

It was Roger B. Taney, the first Catholic on the Supreme Court (and its first such chief justice), who left an atrocious stain on the courts with the Dred Scott v. Sanford decisions, where he declared that Black people couldn't be citizens and had none of the related rights. This dehumanizing ruling reinforced a racial hierarchy and furthered the oppression and subjugation of a class of citizens already at the oppression and subjugation of a class of citizens already at the bottom of the nation's social standing.

It is true that Catholics like William J. Brennan Jr., a justice who served more than three decades, emerged as a liberal force that spearheaded civil rights rulings and legal protections in the 20th century. However, most of the Catholic justices appointed since his retirement in 1990 have been staunchly hostile to Black voting rights.

### **Continued in next week's bulletin**

**Efran Menny** is a husband, father, and a regular contributor to BCM. His work is informed by his experience as an educator and his studies in social work. He has a passion for elevating topics on justice and theology for Black Catholics.

### **MINISTERS - May 24, 2026**

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# MAY 24, 2026

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	May 24	10:00 a.m. - Mass Pentecost Sunday
Monday	May 25	
Tuesday	May 26	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution
Wednesday	May 27	11:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Thursday	May 28	
Friday	May 29	
Saturday	May 30	
Sunday	Jun 1	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Jun 2	5:30 p.m. Scripture Gathering - Guild Room
Tuesday	Jun 3	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution

## SUNDAY READINGS

### 1st Reading - Acts 2:1-11

*"The Holy Spirit turns fearful disciples into courageous witnesses, speaking the language of love to all nations".*

### 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 (or Galatians 5:16-25)

*"many gifts, one Spirit-we are diverse parts of one Body in Christ".*

### Gospel - John 20:19-23

(or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

*"Jesus breathes peace into our locked rooms and sends us forth with the Holy Spirit".*

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

**Mon May 25** - Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
(or Acts 1:12-14); John 19:25-34

**Tue May 26** - 1 Peter 1:10-15; Mark 10:28-31

**Wed May 27** - 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45

**Thu May 28** - 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52

**Fri May 29** - 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26

**Sat May 30** - Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33

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Marilyn Anthony, Margaret Atwell, Barbara Bridges, Evelyn Davis, Vyrdy Hopes, Paulette Jones, Everette Matlock, Sr., Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Etta Reynolds, Vivian Watkins, Lavonia Williams

## MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 24-JUNE 7, 2026

May 24	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
June 7	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory

### Save the Date

**Friday, June 19 - 10:00 a.m.**  
*Juneteeth Celebration  
 at St. Dominic's*

**Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 a.m.**  
*Mass with Bishop Malesic.  
 Close of 125th Anniversary year.*

**Saturday, June 27 - 12:00 p.m.**  
*Mass - Funeral for Rosemary McKeon - Repast in  
 church hall following Mass. All are invited.*

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