

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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## September 21, 2025 • The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated 5:00pm (cantor)

Sunday 7:15am (quiet), 8:30am (incense), 11:00am (choir/incense)

Monday–Friday 12:10pm

**Confession/Reconciliation** (happily by appointment at unscheduled times)

Monday–Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm • Sat. 3:00 to 4:30pm

### Anointing of the Sick

For those who have reached the use of reason and are in danger of death from sickness or old age. Anointing is ordinarily preceded by Confession. Contact a priest. In emergencies, call anytime and select the emergency option.

### Baptism

The Church instructs parents to seek baptism for their child within the first few weeks after birth. First-time parents ordinarily must attend a pre-baptismal class. Contact the office, preferably during the pregnancy, to make the arrangements. Godparents must meet Church requirements.

### Holy Matrimony

Contact the Wedding Coordinator at least six months in advance. Subject to the Cathedral's wedding guidelines (on web site) and Diocesan policies.

### Funerals and Columbarium

Contact the office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home. To learn more about the columbarium including costs, call the office.

### Inquirers about the Catholic Faith

If you are visiting us and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, please contact Fox Garon, OCIA Director (see →).

### Visits to the Sick & Homebound

We would love to know about anyone who needs a visit! Please contact Susan Fay at [susan@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:susan@stpaulsbhm.org) or call the office to make arrangements.



## Saint Stephen the Martyr Chapel

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205  
(205) 933-2500 • <http://www.stsbhm.org>

Very Rev. Bryan Jerabek, Chaplain • [fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org)  
Mrs. Bernadette Elder, Campus Minister • [bernadette@stephenthemartyr.com](mailto:bernadette@stephenthemartyr.com)

**Sunday** 3:15pm Confession/Adoration  
4:00pm Student Mass followed by Meal in Social Hall  
**Tuesday** 7:00pm Confession/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction  
**Thursday** 5:00pm Confession/Holy Hour • 6:00pm Daily Mass

The Student Lounge & Chapel are open daily from 9:00am to 9:00pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm • (205) 251-1279

### The Cathedral Shoppe (gift shop)

Sunday 9:30am to 1:00pm • First Wednesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Inquiries/appointments – [TheCathedralShope@gmail.com](mailto:TheCathedralShope@gmail.com)

The Cathedral Shoppe is located on the lower level of the Cathedral Life Center (CLC).

### Cathedral Contacts (with extensions and/or email when applicable)

Pastor & Rector: Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L.  
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x104 – [fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org)

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Rev. J. Daniel Sessions – [frsessions@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:frsessions@bhmdiocese.org)

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink  
Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – [gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net](mailto:gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net)

PSR Coordinator: Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – [psr@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:psr@stpaulsbhm.org)

Youth/OCIA/Adult Ed: Mr. Fox Garon, x109 – [ocia@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:ocia@stpaulsbhm.org)

Event Coordinator: Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – [sophia@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:sophia@stpaulsbhm.org)

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High School Girls' Group: Miss Cecilia Fay – [ceciliafay16@gmail.com](mailto:ceciliafay16@gmail.com)

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Facilities Manager: Mr. Nathan Gagnon, x131 – [facilities@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:facilities@stpaulsbhm.org)

Housekeeping: Mrs. Kelleigh Taylor

### The Cathedral is on social media!

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/stpaulsbhm>

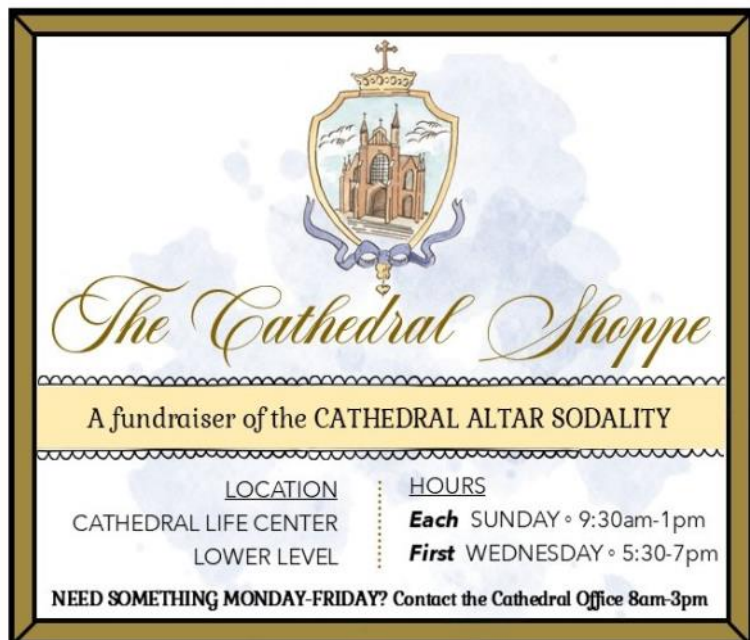
**Instagram:** <http://instagram.com/stpaulsbhm>

**Telegram:** <http://t.me/stpaulsbhm>

**YouTube:** <http://youtube.com/@stpaulsbhm>

**LinkedIn:** <http://linkedin.com/company/stpaulsbhm>





### First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

DID YOU KNOW that volunteers from the Cathedral provide dinner to the women and children at First Light one week every other month throughout the year? We invite you to share the love of Christ with those in need. The next opportunity to serve is October 12-18, 2025. For more details, please reach out to Kristy Cobb at [kristycobb@ymail.com](mailto:kristycobb@ymail.com).

### SNACK BAGS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Please consider helping us by donating snack bags for our Neighbors in Need! Our Snack Bag Ministry is a great opportunity for individuals, families and parish groups to participate in our effort to serve the 75-100 people who come to us each week for food. Please call the office for more information. Thank you! WE ARE ALWAYS SO APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

With the upcoming retirement of Priscilla Davis, we are preparing to transition to a system of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will visit our parishioners who are sick and/or homebound. Mrs. Susan Fay will coordinate this ministry. Father Jerabek will provide complete training and all materials needed. Is God calling you to serve the parish and our fellow parishioners in this way? For questions and otherwise to be considered for this role, please leave your name and number with our parish secretary, Krista Rataj. She will pass it along to Susan and to Father, who will follow-up. [krista@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:krista@stpaulsbhm.org) or (205) 251-1279. Thank you!

### VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

We want to be sure that we are reaching all of our parishioners who may be sick or homebound. If you or another parishioner you know meet that description, please drop us a line so that we can make sure you are on our list! Feel free to email Susan Fay, our Sick & Homebound Coordinator, at [susan@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:susan@stpaulsbhm.org), or call (205) 251-1279 and speak with Krista in the office. Thank you!

### A Winter Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Italy with Father Bryan Jerabek

February 2 - 13, 2026

\$3496 + \$1190 roundtrip airfare from Birmingham

Join the Very Reverend Father Bryan Jerabek on the trip of a lifetime this winter to Germany, Austria and Italy. With overnight stays in Bavaria, Salzburg, Padua, Loreto and Rome, you can expect to be awestruck by the beauty and magnificence of places so near and dear to our Catholic faith. Featuring a daily program that prioritizes daily Mass, exploration of some of Europe's greatest cities - such as Venice, Salzburg, Loreto and Rome - a General Audience with the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, and a uniquely crafted Catholic itinerary, and you have the trip of a lifetime. The package features four-star hotels, private coach transportation, a highly trained Catholic ProRome tour manager, exclusive private tours and so much more. Everything is included in the cost except one daily meal. For more information or to register, please visit [www.prorometours.com/birmingham2026](http://www.prorometours.com/birmingham2026) or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com)

### OCIA Calendar Published

All are welcome to this class, including those who are already Catholic, those who are not Catholic but are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, and those who are not Catholic and are already sure they want to convert!

For more information, contact [ocia@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:ocia@stpaulsbhm.org).

Visit our OCIA page for the full schedule:

<https://stpaulsbhm.org/education/ocia/>.

We'd be most grateful for help with meals.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DAFA62CA0FA7-57987246-ocia#/>

### 2025 Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Cathedral Fall Festival to be held after the 11am Mass on November 2nd! More details to follow. We will need candy and bingo donations, please! Your generosity is so greatly appreciated. For all those with school ages children, start planning your Saint costumes!!!

### CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP

All youth are invited on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm! Your children are welcome to invite their Catholic friends from neighboring parishes to participate (as long as they are middle school or high school aged). For more information about the youth group, go to <https://stpaulsbhm.org/education/youth-groups/>. Also, you can click on the words "THIS LINK" on that page to add your email to our mailing list and so receive timely updates!

### Cathedral Bell Ringers

Join the St. Paul Cathedral Bell Ringers—no experience needed! St. Paul's is Alabama's only church with a dedicated bell tower, featuring historic bells cast by the same foundry as the Liberty Bell and Big Ben. Interested? Meet us Sundays after 11am Mass or Mondays 6:30–8pm, or contact Amy ([akbischoff@gmail.com](mailto:akbischoff@gmail.com)) or Christopher ([cgerety3@gmail.com](mailto:cgerety3@gmail.com)) for details.

### NURSERY CARE

As part of our Adult Education and PSR programs (Sundays 9:45-10:45am), we offer nursery care for those who would like to attend the talks and for those who teach PSR. Please consider volunteering in the nursery once a month. For more information or to sign up, please contact Emily LaSusa ([emlasusa@gmail.com](mailto:emlasusa@gmail.com)) or Margaret Masny ([psr@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:psr@stpaulsbhm.org))

## The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle

Council #9862



*Interested in learning more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus?*

*Please visit [www.KOC9862.org](http://www.KOC9862.org) or contact*

*Andrew Maenza at 205-527-0192.*

*We are a group of dedicated men who are joined together by faith and community support.*

### PARISH POTLUCK FOR FR. MERRILL'S 75th

Our retired priest-in-residence, Fr. Charles Merrill, will turn 75 on Sunday, September 21! We are so grateful for all his help with Masses and confessions. Let's be sure to see if we can celebrate his milestone! We will have a potluck in the Great Hall of the Cathedral Life Center (CLC) that day, following the 11:00am Mass (so 12:30). The church will provide fried chicken and cake, and Fr. Jerabek plans to make a qUaDrUpLe BaTch of his almost-famous Party Meatballs — so plan to bring a side dish large enough to feed your party and/or beverages, so there is enough food for all! There will be a basket for cards. We hope you can join us!

### Cathedral Adult Education

Our Adult Education Series continues Sun, September 21st with Mr. Sean Hiller presenting *The Papacy: Old Testament & History*. Please join us at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

### MOMS & SMALLS

All moms and their little ones unborn through age 6 are invited to come to the nursery in the Cathedral Life Center (lower level — enter through 22nd street driveway gate and then go through sunken courtyard) on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am for fellowship, support, and sharing! The meeting will end with a brief prayerful visit to the church. Moms may contact Sophia Gagnon at [sophia@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:sophia@stpaulsbhm.org) for more details and to be added to the group chat.

## You are Cordially Invited!

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center  
Fund Raising Banquet

*Evils We Face & Victories Won!*

*A Real Time Address for our Her Choice Family*

Thursday, November 6, 2025, 7:00pm The Club

6:30 p.m. Seating Begins 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Reservations at [HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:HCBanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org)

*Supporting Mothers & Babies at Risk of Abortion*

### FRATERNUS

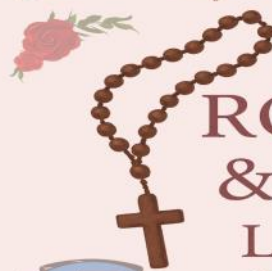
The Cathedral Fraternus Chapter is open to **all men and boys starting in the 5th grade**. The Chapter will meet every week on Wednesday evenings in the Cathedral Life Center from 6:30-8:30 PM. We share a meal, engage in a recreational activity, have prayer time, study the weekly Scripture and have small-group discussions to include such topics as: Integrity, Courage, Chastity, Honesty, Charity, Service, etc.

For more information, please go to [www.Fraternus.net](http://www.Fraternus.net) or email Charles Rumore at [fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com](mailto:fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com)

### September Relics

This month has some astonishing things: a relic of Moses, the prophet Zechariah (spelled Zachary in the book), the apostle Matthew, disciple Cleophas, AND the cross of Christ. It boggles the mind! Also included are Cosmos and Damian, Gregory the Great, Joseph of Cupertino, Cyprian, and Stephan, King of Hungary. There are 16 virgins (pray for our daughters) and 17 bishops (pray for Bishops Raica and Baker!).

*Join us for a...*



## ROSARY & ROSÉ LADIES' NIGHT

Friday, October 3  
6:00-8:00pm  
Cathedral Rectory



We are excited to announce another ladies' activity at the Cathedral of Saint Paul! All ladies are invited to come for a "Rosary & Rosé" Night on Friday, October 3 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Cathedral Rectory! Come and see this beautiful and historic space; take part in the recitation of the lovely poem by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "Why I Love You, O Mary"; pray a Rosary together for the intentions of our children, families, and vocations; enjoy some good Rosé wine and heavy appetizers/snacks, along with fellowship & fun too! No men will be present. We are asking a \$10 contribution to offset costs — payable by Venmo @stpaulsbhm or by cash at the event. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/oct-ladies>. More events to be announced soon!

### High School Girls' Book Study

Our High School Girls' Book Study continues each week with Miss Cecilia Fay leading it this semester! All high school girls are welcome. The group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm in the undercroft. For more information, contact Cecilia at [ceciliafay16@gmail.com](mailto:ceciliafay16@gmail.com) or by call/text at 205-855-8766.

### Baptismal Preparation

*The Baptismal Preparation Class is at 9:45am in the Parish Office. The remaining sessions for 2025 is October 12th and December 14th. Please call the office to sign up and for more information **before** your baby is born!*

**This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially:** Rich Dittus, Annie Marino, Craig Porter, John Glass, Harvey Little, Libby Kidd, Calvin Rumph, Michael Naro, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Russell Segui, Phillip Ratliff, Gail Stone, Alicia Fisher, Don Yeakle, Jane and Bill Hulsey, Frances Diliberto, Trudy Musulman, Margaret Beard, Chizuru Elliot, David Goodwin, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, Jim Howell, Kevin Kavanaugh, James Woodworth, David Gauntt, Veronica Dent, Penelope Hauenstein, Phillip LaSusa, Mary Ann Hurst, Justin Tribble, Joseph Coleman, Jace Bace, Henry Hardin, Cathy Burford, Taylor Joiner, Charles Gardner, Kirsten & Ed Burdick, Melissa Breland, Frances Naro, Julie McLean, Mason Harder, Lisa Bender, Sandra Houston, Emily Gunter, Will Gayton, Joseph Johnson, Joey Giangrosso, Jerome Cravey, Baker Mauer, Jennifer Manley, Linda Boggan, Nicholas Landry, Pamela Dewberry, Sherri Miles, Lisa Tucker, Shirley Sutton, Eve Moore, John Birk, Kimberly Buck, Adeline & Don Williams, Adele Eades, Michael Gollehon, Anika Smith, Ralph Thompson, Janet Joseph, Jessica Jones, Michael Howell, Tony Traficante, Carrie Towle, An Nguyen, Maureen Angelini, Thomas Perna, Jr., Kayla Garraway, Doris Robertson, Jon Serio, Susannah Blackstone, Dee Bissett, Dolly Carroll, Nina Youngblood, Leah Jane Rovey, Candice Boyland, Brandon Fisher, Mary Ann Johnson, Hans Lang, Anna DeLeon, Patrick Coyle, Kayla Perry, Addison Cox, as well as all those who have died.

**Let us pray for all of our parish family members who have been deployed.**



# Cathedral Week at a Glance, September 21-28

Sunday, September 21	Monday, September 22	Tuesday, September 23	Wednesday, September 24	Thursday, September 25	Friday, September 26	Saturday, September 27	Sunday, September 28
7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	10:00am Moms & Smalls- <i>CLC</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	3-4:30pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	5:00pm Silver Rose Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
9:45am PSR & Ad Ed- <i>CLC</i>		12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	4:00pm Children's Choir -Office	7:00pm Young Adult Happy Hour- <i>Rectory</i>			9:45am PSR & Ad Ed- <i>CLC</i>
11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>			5:15pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>				11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
12:30pm Fr. Merrill's Bday Potluck- <i>CLC</i>			6:00pm OCIA- <i>CLC</i>				12:15pm YA Lunch/ Bible Study- <i>CLC</i>
			6:30pm Fraternus- <i>CLC</i>				4:00pm Organ Concert - <i>Cathedral</i>
5:00pm Youth Group- <i>CLC</i>			HS Ladies- <i>Undercroft</i> Choir- <i>Office</i>				5:00pm Youth Group- <i>CLC</i>

## Mass Intentions

Mon, Sept. 22	12:10pm	Jason Houser +
Tue, Sept. 23	12:10pm	Ivan Piola +
Wed, Sept. 24	12:10pm	Bonnie Sellers +
Thur, Sept. 25	12:10pm	Joe Carbonie +
Fri, Sept. 26	12:10pm	Pohorelsky Family
Sat, Sept. 27	5:00pm	Mary Jo Pizzitola +
Sun, Sept. 28	7:15am	Clergy Intention
	8:30am	Renata & Miroslaw Foksinski
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
Sat, Sept. 27 5:00pm	Alessio	N Lett	B Moore	<u>Week of Sept. 28</u> R Wright
Sun, Sept. 28 7:15am	B Doran	N Keller	Payne Family	<u>Linens</u> <u>Week of Sept. 28</u> S Jordan
Sun, Sept. 28 8:30am	J Oddo	R Loveman	Campbell Family H Shannon Burckel Family L Cooper Matic Family Bledsoe Family	
Sun, Sept. 28 11:00am	J Bornemann	J Fox	Ayers Family JP Cockerham W Hungerpiller L Plaster	

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember, children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to attend church and to register as a member independent of their parents. What a great way to honor their 18th birthday! This is very important when they want to schedule a wedding where registration is required for the bride or groom (and not the parents!). Use the form below or contact the office for more information on registering with the Cathedral!

WeShare Online Giving:

<https://stpaulsbhm.churchgiving.com>



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Scan the QR code and get started!

## PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend the Cathedral on a regular basis, and have not registered; or, if you have had an address or telephone number change: we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket or bring it by the office. If you are a new parishioner, a census form will be mailed or emailed to you. If you are not Catholic, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_*New Parishioner*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_*O.C.I.A.*

\_\_\_\_\_*Leaving Parish*

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_*Address Change*

Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Work# \_\_\_\_\_