

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama



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October 12, 2025 • The Twenty-eighth 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 all who need a visit! Contact Susan Fay at susan@stpaulsbhm.org or call (205) 251-1279 x245 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
Mrs. Bernadette Elder, Campus Minister • 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 – TheCathedralShoppe@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. x103 – fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org
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PSR Coordinator:	Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – psr@stpaulsbhm.org
Youth/OCIA/Adult Ed:	Mr. Fox Garon, x109 – ocia@stpaulsbhm.org
Event Coordinator:	Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – sophia@stpaulsbhm.org
Sick & Homebound:	Mrs. Susan Fay, x245 – susan@stpaulsbhm.org
Fraternus (Boys/Men):	Mr. Charles Rumore – fraternuscommanderbh@gmail.com
High School Girls' Group:	Miss Cecilia Fay – ceciliafay16@gmail.com
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Wedding Coordinator:	Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – weddings@stpaulsbhm.org
Director of Music:	Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org
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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>





The Cathedral Shoppe

A fundraiser of the CATHEDRAL ALTAR SODALITY

LOCATION
CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER
LOWER LEVEL

LOCATION
HOURS
Each SUNDAY • 9:30am-1pm
First WEDNESDAY • 5:30-7pm

NEED SOMETHING MONDAY-FRIDAY? Contact the Cathedral Office 8am-3pm

Cathedral Adult Education

Our Adult Education Series continues Sun, October 19th with Susan and Ed Fay presenting ***Missionary Servants of the Poor in Peru***. Please join us at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

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.

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!

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, or call (205) 251-1279 and speak with Krista in the office. Thank you!

Planning a trip to Rome?

If you are thinking of a trip to Rome soon or during the **2025 Jubilee Year**, you may wish to consider staying in a lovely and comfortable apartment with all modern conveniences near the Vatican. During your time there you can also avail yourselves of private tours of Ancient Rome, Christian Rome, the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. For more information, please call the Cathedral office at 251-1279.

GRADUATION

The Homeschool Graduation for homeschooled students in the Diocese of Birmingham is set for Thursday, May 21st, 2026. The ceremony will be in the Great Hall on the campus of the Cathedral of St. Paul and will begin with Vespers at 5:00. For further information, please contact the Graduation Team at bhamcathgrad@gmail.com or to register for the event, please visit <https://bhamcathgrad.weebly.com/>. We look forward to another great event!

Cathedral Altar Sodality

The next Altar Sodality meeting is October 21st at 10:00am in the Multipurpose Room! Please join us the third Tuesday of each month. New members are most welcome and needed! **The Cathedral Altar Sodality**—we work, we pray, we enjoy our time together as friends! Please join us!

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

Supporting Mothers & Babies at Risk of Abortion

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.

We'd be most grateful for help with meals.

Please sign up here:

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



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) or Christopher (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 or Margaret Masny 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 or contact Andrew Maenza at 205-527-0192.

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

NOVEMBER LADIES' NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT WITH FR. PASCHAL, MFVA

Father Paschal Mary, MFVA is a friar of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. He runs the successful Etsy shop, Saint Paschal Arts (<https://www.etsy.com/shop/SaintPaschalArts>). This event, which will take place on Friday, November 14, will feature a "happy hour" in the Cathedral Rectory with Fall signature drink, wine, and snacks; then all will move to the Cathedral Life Center (CLC) (and the refreshments will follow!) to make pocket altars under Father Paschal's guidance. These cross-shaped pieces of fabric feature holy images and places to store medals and fold conveniently to fit inside one's pocket or purse. It's a fun devotional craft that you will then be able to do with children, grandchildren, friends, or to make Christmas gifts! Cost: \$10. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/novemberladiesnight>. If the Venmo payment option does not work for you (some reported this last time), RSVP anyway, then bring cash to the door. Thank you!

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 for more details and to be added to the group chat.

2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

The Diocese has announced our Parish goal of \$192,000. Please consider how much you may pledge this year! Thank you! With many gifts and good parish participation, we will meet this goal. Pledge payments will not begin until January and you will receive a monthly statement. You should be receiving your personal pledge cards in the mail very soon. Thank you for your ongoing support of Diocesan Catholic Charities!

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!

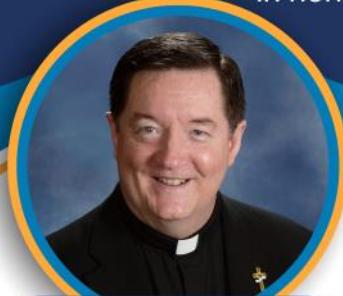
October Relics

This month we have Francis of Assisi! Teresa of Avila! Bridget of Sweden! The Apostles Luke and Thaddeus along with Simeon the prophet who held baby Jesus! But beyond the familiar names, October is a month of martyrs. Almost every saint listed this month fits that category. But on the 17th, there's a spot for the hundreds of thousands of believers killed by the Roman government. They are the ones who believed with all their hearts and planted the seeds necessary for the Church to flourish!

Please Join Us For A

Retirement Potluck

in honor of



Father Michael Adams



PLEASE BRING:

A vegetable, fruit, starch, or other side dish to share!



SCAN ME

Sunday, October 19 • 12:15pm

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 ceciliafa-y16@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: Michael Howell, Merrelyn Alexander, Donald Delisle, 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 Kavanagh, 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, October 12-19

Sunday, October 12	Monday, October 13	Tuesday, October 14	Wednesday, October 15	Thursday, October 16	Friday, October 17	Saturday, October 18	Sunday, October 19
7:15am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	10:00am <i>Moms & Smalls-CLC</i>	11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	3:45pm <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	7:15am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>
8:30am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>	12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	5:00pm <i>Mass-Cathedral</i>	8:30am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>
11:00am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i>		12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i>	4:00pm Children's Choir -Office 5:15pm <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i>		7:00pm Byrd Ensemble -Cathedral		9:45am PSR & Ad Ed-CLC 11:00am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> 12:15pm Potluck for Fr. Adams-Great Hall
12:15pm YA Lunch/ Bible Study-CLC			6:00pm OCIA-CLC				5:00pm Youth Group-CLC
			6:30pm Fraternus-CLC HS Ladies-Undercroft Choir-Office				

Mass Intentions

Mon, Oct. 13	12:10pm	Sarah Ferguson +
Tue, Oct. 14	12:10pm	Levoy Baker +
Wed, Oct. 15	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Thur, Oct. 16	12:10pm	Sharon & Joe Marino
Fri, Oct. 17	12:10pm	Kay Mingus +
Sat, Oct. 18	5:00pm	Tommy Herron +
Sun, Oct. 19	7:15am	Clergy Intention
	8:30am	Helena Foksinska & Jan Foksinska +
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
Sat, Oct. 18 5:00pm	N Lett	W Pryor	Brueggen Family	<u>Week of Oct. 19</u>
Sun, Oct. 19 7:15am	E Fay	N Keller	Ruiz Family	A Toole <u>Linens</u>
Sun, Oct. 19 8:30am	R Coffield	D Thirkill	Campbell Family Hamilton Family Gravelle Family D Adams J Collins J Maziarz	<u>Week of Oct. 19</u>
Sun, Oct. 19 11:00am	J Bornemann	B Pickard	Ayers Family M Reaves A Perez	M Masny

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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!

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<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# _____