

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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October 5, 2025 • The Twenty-seventh 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 – 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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Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Michael Adams
x104 – fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Krista Rataj, x100 – krista@stpaulsbhm.org

Priest in Residence: Rev. Charles Merrill – charlesramon.merrill@gmail.com

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink
Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net

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 – fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com

High School Girls' Group: Miss Cecilia Fay – ceciliafay16@gmail.com

Young Adults: Miss Katelyn Yaeger – youngadults@stpaulsbhm.org

Wedding Coordinator: Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – weddings@stpaulsbhm.org

Director of Music: Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org

Assistant Organist: Mr. James McGalliard – james@stpaulsbhm.org

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Bookkeeper: Mrs. Elaine Arnold, x102 – bookkeeper@stpaulsbhm.org

Facilities Manager: Mr. Nathan Gagnon, x131 – 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>





The Cathedral Shoppe

A fundraiser of the CATHEDRAL ALTAR SODALITY

LOCATION	HOURS
CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER LOWER LEVEL	Each SUNDAY • 9:30am-1pm First WEDNESDAY • 5:30-7pm

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

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!



Ministry TO THE SICK

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!

DID YOU KNOW...

the Cathedral's **Saint Joseph's Guild** offers comfort to grieving families and friends by hosting a meal in the Cathedral Life Center immediately following Funeral Masses?

Help is needed with set up, clean up, and meal preparation. Are you able to assist? Please call the Cathedral office for more information or to volunteer for this fulfilling ministry.

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 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at 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.

We'd be most grateful for help with meals.

Please sign up here:

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



ANNUAL Fall Festival & ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

2nd NOVEMBER
AFTER THE 11AM MASS

ALL WELCOME!

CAKE WALK
COSTUME CONTEST
PLEASE DONATE CANDY & BINGO PRIZES
FUN & GAMES FOR ALL AGES

PLEASE RSVP
PLAN TO BRING A DESSERT, DRINK, OR FRUIT TO SHARE

FREE EVENT



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.

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

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.

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!

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 or email Charles Rumore at fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com

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!

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!).

RED MASS

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals and the public they serve to the annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 Third Avenue No., Birmingham, AL.

The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice. This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The Red Mass came to the United States in 1877 and has been celebrated in Alabama since 1974.

The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Deacon Rick DiGiorgio, 205-422-8734, rdigiorgio@corywatson.com.

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!

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 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: 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 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, October 5-12

Sunday, October 5	Monday, October 6	Tuesday, October 7	Wednesday, October 8	Thursday, October 9	Friday, October 10	Saturday, October 11	Sunday, October 12
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 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				11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
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3:00pm Pet Blessing -Rectory Yard			6:30pm Fraternus- <i>CLC</i>				
5:00pm Youth Group- <i>CLC</i>			HS Ladies- <i>Undercroft</i> Choir-Office				

Mass Intentions

Mon, Oct. 6	12:10pm	Special Intention
Tue, Oct. 7	12:10pm	Koprucki Family
Wed, Oct. 8	12:10pm	Cathy Sellers +
Thur, Oct. 9	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Fri, Oct. 10	12:10pm	Special Intention
Sat, Oct. 11	5:00pm	Tracy Cross
Sun, Oct. 12	7:15am	Clergy Intention
	8:30am	Rogowiec Family
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
Sat, Oct. 11 5:00pm	Alessio Family	J Pinto	B Moore	<u>Week of Oct. 12</u>
Sun, Oct. 12 7:15am	B Doran	T Caltagirone	Payne Family	<u>Linens</u>
				<u>Week of Oct. 12</u>
				R Lee
Sun, Oct. 12 8:30am	J Oddo	T Leipert	R Bowron Burckel Family Matic Family L Cooper E Bledsoe H Shannon T Flowers	
Sun, Oct. 12 11:00am	J Martin	J Hooks	Hooks Family J Bandura L Plaster JP Cockerham	

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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>



It's Safe. It's Simple. It's Convenient!
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# _____