

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama



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## November 23, 2025 • Christ the King

### 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](mailto: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](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 – [TheCathedralShoppe@gmail.com](mailto: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 – <a href="mailto:fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org">fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org</a>
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Event Coordinator:	Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – <a href="mailto:sophia@stpaulsbhm.org">sophia@stpaulsbhm.org</a>
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Fraternus (Boys/Men):	Mr. Charles Rumore – <a href="mailto:fraternuscommanderbh@gmail.com">fraternuscommanderbh@gmail.com</a>
High School Girls' Group:	Miss Cecilia Fay – <a href="mailto:ceciliafay16@gmail.com">ceciliafay16@gmail.com</a>
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Wedding Coordinator:	Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – <a href="mailto:weddings@stpaulsbhm.org">weddings@stpaulsbhm.org</a>
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Housekeeping:	Mrs. Kelleigh Taylor

### ***The Cathedral is on social media!***

<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="http://facebook.com/stpaulsbhm">http://facebook.com/stpaulsbhm</a>
<b>Instagram:</b>	<a href="http://instagram.com/stpaulsbhm">http://instagram.com/stpaulsbhm</a>
<b>Telegram:</b>	<a href="http://t.me/stpaulsbhm">http://t.me/stpaulsbhm</a>
<b>YouTube:</b>	<a href="http://youtube.com/@stpaulsbhm">http://youtube.com/@stpaulsbhm</a>
<b>LinkedIn:</b>	<a href="http://linkedin.com/company/stpaulsbhm">http://linkedin.com/company/stpaulsbhm</a>





## The Cathedral Shoppe

Prepare the Way of the LORD!

ADVENT Candles • Wreaths • Stickers

Books • Beautiful CHRISTMAS Items!

❖ First Sunday of Advent — 11/30 ❖

LOCATION

CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER

LOWER LEVEL

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, December 7th with Dr. Christopher Barnett presenting *A Philosophical Critique of Chat GPT*. 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 prepare and serve dinner to the women and children at First Light for one week every other month? It's a meaningful way to share the love of Christ with those in need. Our next opportunity to serve is **December 14-20, 2025**. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact **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!

### 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!

### 2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

The Diocese has announced our Parish goal. And we are already at \$115,012 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!

### 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).

Please sign up here to help with meals:

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

# ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP & BLESSING

Mothers, Daughters, & All Ladies Welcome







Come make your own fresh Advent wreath!

\$40 PER WREATH

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29, 2025  
1:30 TO 4:30 PM

DESSERTS, SNACKS,  
WINE, & OTHER  
BEVERAGES SERVED

RESERVE YOUR  
SPOT TODAY



### DECEMBER ADVENT WREATH EVENT FOR ALL LADIES, INCLUDING MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

We are excited to announce an upcoming Ladies' event for making live Advent wreaths! It will take place in the CLC on the afternoon of Saturday, November 29, so that your wreath will be ready for the First Sunday of Advent — the next day! The cost is \$40 per wreath and registration is limited to 25 adult ladies. This fun event will include refreshments and all the materials needed to make a beautiful wreath for one's home. In the case of mother/daughter registrations, it is understood that they will work on one wreath together, not two separate ones. To sign up, please scan the QR code in the graphic or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2025WreathEventSignup>. Then, to pay your \$40 fee, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2025WreathEventPayment>. Ladies who intend to bring (a) daughter(s) may indicate so while RSVPing. Please note that childcare is unavailable.



Angel Tree for our  
Neighbors in Need this Christmas!

Please help us with gift card donations for  
the Catholic Center of Concern,  
First Light Shelter Women's Shelter,  
as well as the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ.  
We encourage all to please bring the gift cards to  
the Church office by Dec. 1st.

It is also possible for gift cards to be dropped in the  
weekend collection; however, please do not leave  
them under the tree. Thank you for your generosity  
this holiday season!

Please know there are no limits to this appeal.  
You may donate gift cards to Walmart, Target, Big  
Lots, Dollar General, Roses, Burger King, McDon-  
alds even if you don't take an ornament  
from our tree!





Interested in learning more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus? Please visit: <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/about.asp?CNO=9862> 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 RELICS**

If you haven't heard of the mystic stigmatic Lucia Brocadelli of Narnia, look her up! There's also King Edmund along with Justus of England, sent by Gregory the Great to convert pagans. Gregory III is also included along with other notables: Zachary, Elizabeth and their holy son; the apostle Andrew, John of the Cross, Charles Borromeo, Martin of Tours and many more, male and female, young and old!

#### **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 [cecilifay16@gmail.com](mailto:cecilifay16@gmail.com) or by call/text at 205-855-8766.

#### **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.

#### **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!

**The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary is  
a holy day of obligation.**

**Masses will be celebrated  
at the Cathedral:  
Monday, December 8:  
6:30am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm**



**Mass on  
Thanksgiving Day  
is at 9:00am only.  
Please join us!**

*The Parish office is closed Nov. 26, 27, 28.*

# **REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS**



#### **IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS ONLINE!**

Thanks to the automations provided by our online giving platform, WeShare, we are now able to offer a form for you to request your Mass intentions, including requesting a Mass card if desired, and also pay the stipend for your request! Simply visit <https://stpaulsbhm.org/massintentions> to learn more about this tradition and follow the link to the online form from there. Of course, we always welcome your phone calls and visits to the office, and the "old fashioned" way of requesting Masses remains! But we know this new method will be of convenience for many.

#### **Baptismal Preparation**

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

**Attention Parishioners! If you would like contribution envelopes for 2026, please contact us as soon as possible. We have only 60 sets ordered for next year. We will issue on a first come/first serve basis. Thank you!**

*There are Offertory Envelopes for Children  
available in the Cathedral office.  
Please contact us or come by if you'd like a set.*

**This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially:** Mary Kaye Gubenski, Lois Daidone, Betty Spotswood, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Margaret Beard, Luke Waldrop, Betty Gadilhe, Michael Howell, Merrelyn Alexander, Donald Delisle, Annie Marino, Craig Porter, John Glass, Harvey Little, Michael Naro, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Russell Segui, Phillip Ratliff, Gail Stone, Alicia Fisher, Don Yeakle, Jane and Bill Hulsey, Frances Diliberto, Trudy Musulman, Chizuru Elliot, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, 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, 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, November 23

Sunday, November 23	Monday, November 24	Tuesday, November 25	Wednesday, November 26	Thursday, November 27	Friday, November 28	Saturday, November 29	Sunday, November 30
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>	9:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	1:30pm Advent Wreath Event- <i>CLC</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>	3:430pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
9:45am PSR & Ad Ed- <i>CLC</i>		12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>				5:00pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>							
12:15pm YA Bible Study- <i>CLC</i>							
5:00pm Youth Group- <i>CLC</i>							



## Mass Intentions

Mon, Nov. 24	12:10pm	Marigold Hamilton
Tue, Nov. 25	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Wed, Nov. 26	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Thur, Nov. 27	12:10pm	Dcn. Wally Zieverink
Fri, Nov. 28	12:10pm	Clyde Pendleton +
Sat, Nov. 29	5:00pm	Ann Chappell
Sun, Nov. 30	7:15am	Daniel Payne +
	8:30am	Clergy Intention
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
Sat, Nov. 29 5:00pm	Alessio Family	J Pinto	B Moore	Week of Nov. 30
Sun, Nov. 30 7:15am	B Doran	T Caltagirone	Payne Family	P DiPiazza
Sun, Nov. 30 8:30am	M Beasley	J Gallagher	E Myrick Hamilton Family J Maziarz L Cooper D Adams	Linens
Sun, Nov. 30 11:00am	J Bornemann	N Dysart	Campbell Family J Bandura	Week of Nov. 30

To donate to the Cathedral using Venmo, scan this QR code with your phone:



## 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.

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

\_\_\_\_ Leaving Parish

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

\_\_\_\_ Address Change