

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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## November 30, 2025 • First Sunday of Advent

### Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated 5:00pm (cantor)

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

Monday–Friday 6:30am & 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 • <https://bhmccatholic.com>

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 & Holy Hour

Tuesday 7:00pm Confession/Adoration & Benediction

Thursday 7:00pm Confession/Adoration & Benediction

Friday 7:00pm Confession/Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 7:00pm Confession/Adoration & Benediction

Check <https://bhmccatholic.com> for winter break schedule exceptions!

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.  
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Parish Secretary: Mrs. Krista Rataj, x100 – [krista@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:krista@stpaulsbhm.org)

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Rev. J. Michael Adams – [fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org)  
Rev. Cecil Spotswood

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)

Sick & Homebound: Mrs. Susan Fay, x245 – [susan@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:susan@stpaulsbhm.org)

Fraternus (Boys/Men): Mr. Charles Rumore – [fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com](mailto:fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com)

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

Young Adults: Miss Katelyn Yaeger – [youngadults@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:youngadults@stpaulsbhm.org)

Wedding Coordinator: Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – [weddings@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:weddings@stpaulsbhm.org)

Director of Music: Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – [ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org)

Assistant Organist: Mr. James McGalliard – [james@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:james@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>





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 Prepare the Way of the LORD!  
 ADVENT Candles • Wreaths • Stickers  
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❖ *First Sunday of Advent — 11/30* ❖

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER	<b>Each</b> SUNDAY • 9:30am-1pm
LOWER LEVEL	<b>First</b> 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!

### 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#/>

### 6:30AM MASS RETURNING

For the convenience of parishioners and many others in the area, as well as so that all our priests may celebrate Mass with a congregation more frequently, Father Jerabek has decided to restore the 6:30am Daily Mass time (Monday-Friday) beginning Mon, Dec. 1st. There will still be confessions at 11:30am and the 12:10pm Mass time is unchanged. Please spread the word!

### 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.

### FRATERNUS

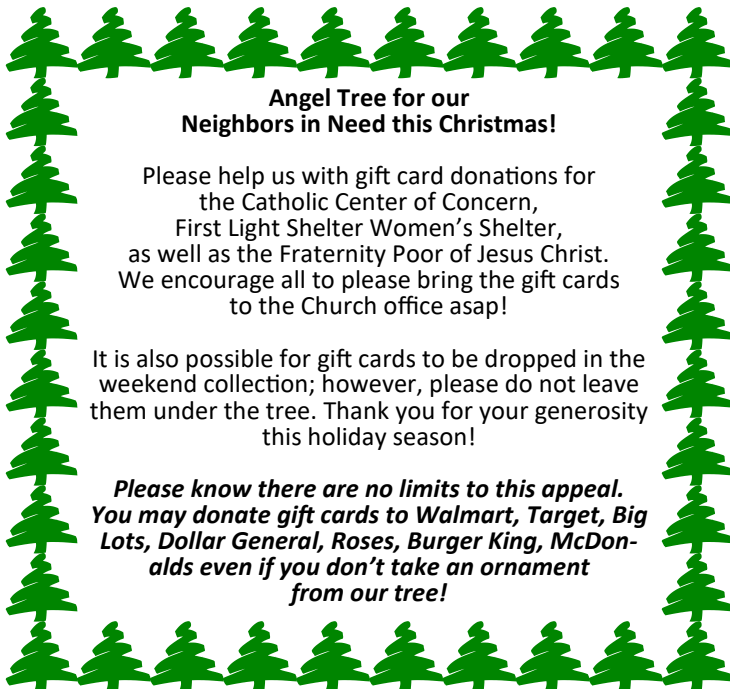
The Cathedral Fraternus Chapter is open to **all men and boys starting in the 5th grade**. The Chapter will meet every week on Wednesday evenings in the Cathedral Life Center from 6:30-8:30 PM. We share a meal, engage in a recreational activity, have prayer time, study the weekly Scripture and have small-group 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)

### 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.



**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 asap!

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, McDonalds even if you don't take an ornament from our tree!**

## The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle Council #9862



*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 [cecil-iafay16@gmail.com](mailto:cecil-iafay16@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**



### 2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

The Diocese has announced our Parish goal. And we are already at \$135,262 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!

## 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 30-December 7

Sunday, November 30	Monday, December 1	Tuesday, December 2	Wednesday, December 3	Thursday, December 4	Friday, December 5	Saturday, December 6	Sunday, December 7
7:15am Mass- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	10:00am Moms & Smalls-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	3:00pm Confessions-Cathedral	7:15am Mass- Cathedral
8:30am Mass- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral 4:00pm Children's Choir	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	5:00pm Mass-Cathedral	8:30am Mass- Cathedral
11:00am Mass-Cathedral		12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	-Office 5:15pm Confessions-Cathedral 6:00pm OCIA-CLC  6:30pm Fraternus-CLC HS Ladies-Undercroft Choir-Office				9:45am PSR & Ad Ed-CLC 11:00am Mass-Cathedral 12:15pm YA Bible Study-CLC 5:30pm Potluck/Tree Trimming-CLC Youth Group-CLC

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon, Dec. 1</b>	6:30am	Jean Carnaggio +
	12:10pm	Boyd Mackey III +
<b>Tue, Dec. 2</b>	6:30am	George Anselmo +
	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
<b>Wed, Dec. 3</b>	6:30am	Blount Family
	12:10pm	George Anselmo +
<b>Thur, Dec. 4</b>	6:30am	Zaucha Fmaily
	12:10pm	Peggy Pascutti +
<b>Fri, Dec. 5</b>	6:30am	Rusty Fuller +
	12:10pm	Amy & John Wicker
<b>Sat, Dec. 6</b>	5:00pm	Henrietta Rataj +
<b>Sun, Dec. 7</b>	7:15am	Clergy Intention
	8:30am	Sharon Marino
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
<b>Sat, Dec. 6 5:00pm</b>	N Lett	G Zarzaur	S Withrow D Collart	<b>Week of Dec. 7</b>
<b>Sun, Dec. 7 7:15am</b>	E Kuhn	A Maiola	Ruiz Family	<b>Linens</b>  <b>Week of Dec. 7</b> L Anderson
<b>Sun, Dec. 7 8:30am</b>	J Oddo	T Leipert	R Bowron Gravelle Family Burckel Family L Dye P Bentley H Joiner	
<b>Sun, Dec. 7 11:00am</b>	H Meyers	J Fox	M Rumore W Hungerpillar Scalero Family A Perez	

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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>



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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.*

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

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

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

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