

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama



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## December 14, 2025 • Third 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.



Facebook/Instagram:  
[receivevemyspirit](https://www.instagram.com/receivevemyspirit/)

### Saint Stephen the Martyr Chapel

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205  
(205) 933-2500 • <https://bhmcatholic.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 (4th & 5th grade)

7:00pm Confession/Holy Hour & Benediction

Check <https://bhmcatholic.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)

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Rev. Cecil Spotswood

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Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukaukas – [gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net](mailto:gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net)  
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**Sick & Homebound:** Mrs. Susan Fay, x245 – [susan@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:susan@stpaulsbhm.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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**First** WEDNESDAY 5:30-7pm

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

## A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 14

4:00pm

An interactive concert with a blend of sing-along favorites and solo/ensemble repertoire, "A Cathedral Christmas" will feature all Cathedral choral ensembles (and friends!), to help us appreciate the beauty of Advent and anticipate the glories of our Lord's Nativity! All are welcome!

**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.*

## YEAR-END STOCK DONATIONS

A gift of stock to the Cathedral might be a convenient way to share some of God's financial blessings – and enjoy more favorable tax consequences (consult always with a financial advisor!). If you would like to donate stock to the Cathedral, please contact Elaine Arnold, Bookkeeper, at [bookkeeper@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsbhm.org) for the information on our brokerage account and how to transfer the amount you designate to us. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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!

## Baptismal Preparation

The final Baptismal Preparation Class for 2025 is at 9:45am in the Parish Office THIS Sun, Dec. 14th. The schedule for 2026 is now set: February 8th, April 12th, June 14th, August 9th, October 18th, and December 13th. Please call the office to sign up and for more information before your baby is born!



### 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! We are also always in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit our parishioners. Is God calling you to serve the parish and our fellow parishioners in this way? 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#/>

## 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, etc.

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

## The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle Council #9862



The Knights of Columbus are once again collecting coats for the needy, from December 6th thru January 4th. Please leave donated coats, scarves, hats, or gloves in the cedar chest near St. Anthony at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you for your assistance!

### 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.

### 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.

### DECEMBER RELICS

Of course we have Nicholas on the 6th! There are also very many Roman martyrs who deserve a closer look, especially the young virgins, Eulalia, Agatha and Lucy being the most recognizable. As for other familiar names, we have the protomartyr Stephen, the Holy Innocents (very appropriate for modern times), Ambrose and Polycarp plus the apostles Thomas and John. Thomas of Canterbury, Francis Xavier and Peter Chrysologus round out this last month of the year!

### ANNOUNCING THE SAINT THÉRÈSE GIRLS' SODALITY

The Saint Thérèse Girls' Sodality will be starting in January for girls aged roughly 8-18 (they must have made their First Holy Communion). This group will ordinarily meet on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00pm. The girls will work together to maintain our beautiful Cathedral sanctuary by caring for the altar and the areas that surround it. Similar to the Altar Servers, each girl will be welcome to come as often as she likes, but will only be scheduled once per month. This is a wonderful opportunity for the young ladies of our parish to serve the Lord, create and strengthen bonds with each other, draw nearer to the Lord, and ultimately, to have the opportunity for meaningful vocational discernment. The Sister Servants of the Eternal Word will be present at times to assist the girls in their work. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 4:00pm in the Cathedral church. Please complete the form at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CathedralOfStPaul1/StThereseGirlsSodality>

to signal interest (even if you cannot attend that meeting). For more information, feel free also to contact Mrs. Margaret Masny at [sttherese@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:sttherese@stpaulsbhm.org).

### 2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

The Diocese has announced our Parish goal. And we are already at \$151,284.50 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!

### Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Respect Life Mass

9:00 AM · Cathedral of St. Paul

Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life

10:45 AM · Planned Parenthood

1019 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North, Birmingham

[www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com)

For more information: 205-447-8796

### "Be Set Free: Healing the Wounded Heart"

Retreat hosted by Arise Worship Ministry  
and Women of Grace

January 9-10

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Birmingham, AL

Johnnette Benkovic Williams will lead Men and Women through a 5-part Seminar on healing beginning Friday evening and concluding Saturday afternoon: *Music with Catholic recording artist, Danielle Rose. Prayer, fellowship and meditations throughout the event!*

(Registration includes Saturday lunch.)

FRIDAY, January 9, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

SATURDAY, January 10, 8:00am - 3:30pm  
Event Information

COST: \$45 (Includes lunch on Saturday.)  
Clergy and Religious are free.

Register here: [shop.womenofgrace.com](http://shop.womenofgrace.com)

### Cathedral Altar Sodality

The next Altar Sodality meeting is December 16th 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!

**This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially:** Dcn. Wally Zieverink, Rose Marie Fiorella, Fr. Pat Cullen, Mary Kaye Gubenski, Lois Daidone, Betty Spotswood, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Margaret Beard, Luke Waldrop, Betty Gadilhe, Michael Howell, 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 Giangrossi, 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, December 14-21

Sunday, December 14	Monday, December 15	Tuesday, December 16	Wednesday, December 17	Thursday, December 18	Friday, December 19	Saturday, December 20	Sunday, December 21
7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	3:00pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	10:00am Moms & Smalls- <i>CLC</i>	12:10pm & Altar Sodality- <i>CLC</i>	4:00pm Children's Choir	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	5:00pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
9:45am Bapt. Prep, PSR & Ad Ed- <i>CLC</i>	12:10pm	4:00pm Children's Choir	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	
11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	5:15pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>				Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	
12:15pm YA Bible Study- <i>CLC</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:00pm OCIA- <i>CLC</i>				12:15pm YA Bible Study- <i>CLC</i>	
4:00pm Concert- <i>Cathedral</i>		6:30pm Fraternus- <i>CLC</i>					
5:00pm Youth Group- <i>CLC</i>		HS Ladies- <i>Undercroft</i>					
		Choir- <i>Office</i>					

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon, Dec. 15</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Marcus Schuchs + Anthony J. Marino, Sr. +
<b>Tue, Dec. 16</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Matthew Calhoun + Katie Kirkland & Family
<b>Wed, Dec. 17</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Daniel Payne + Elizabeth Schuch-Gopaul
<b>Thur, Dec. 18</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Rosemary Oddo + BJ & Marc Schuchs
<b>Fri, Dec. 19</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Sue Lowe + FJ Northington, Jr. +
<b>Sat, Dec. 20</b>	5:00pm	Melody Kilgore & Family
<b>Sun, Dec. 21</b>	7:15am 8:30am 11:00am	Clergy Intention For the people Pam & Di DiPiazza

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
<b>Sat, Dec. 20 5:00pm</b>	N Lett	L Anderson	Brueggen Family	<u>Week of Dec. 21</u>
<b>Sun, Dec. 21 7:15am</b>	M Beasley	T Caltagirone	Ruiz Family	<u>Linens</u>
<b>Sun, Dec. 21 8:30am</b>	R Coffield	R Loveman	Masny Family H Shannon Madonia Family D Adams J Barranco T Flowers	<u>Week of Dec. 21</u>
<b>Sun, Dec. 21 11:00am</b>	J Bornemann	J Hooks	J Blackstone M Reaves L Plaster J Bandura	A Alessio

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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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## 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.

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\_\_\_\_ Leaving Parish

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

\_\_\_\_ Address Change

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