

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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## February 22, 2026 • First Sunday of Lent

### 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:  
[bhmcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bhmcatholic)/[bhm.catholic](https://www.instagram.com/bhmcatholic)

### St. Stephen the Martyr Chapel

#### BHM Catholic Campus Ministry

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Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, Chaplain  
[fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org)

Rev. Jacob E. Ntoko, Parochial Vicar for Campus Ministry  
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)

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Rev. Cecil Spotswood

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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>  
**YouTube:** <http://youtube.com/@stpaulsbhm>  
**LinkedIn:** <http://linkedin.com/company/stpaulsbhm>



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During Lenten Fish Fries on 2/27 • 3/13 • 3/27

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

**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 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 opportunities to serve are **February 8-14, April 12-18, and June 14-20, 2026**. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact **Kristy Cobb** at [kristycobb@ymail.com](mailto:kristycobb@ymail.com).

### Encounter With Christ

This is a weekend retreat for young single adults (18-34) which offers quiet time for prayer, rest, and presentations by a Sister on ways of meeting Christ in everyday life. Expect time for reading and reflection, Saturday Vespers with the Community, Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Sunday Eucharist. Please join us March 13 – 15, 2026. *Check-in is Friday 6:00 - 7:15 pm; departure is Sunday after lunch.* Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, AL. **\$250/person for private room; \$220/person shared room** Cost includes five meals, room, linen and towels, and retreat facilitator fee. Registration is required: <https://www.shmon.org/events/> For details, contact the Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

### 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#/>

### February Relics

Of course we have a relic of St. Valentine on the 14th...and many more! There are several virgins: Agatha, Scholastica, Eulalia and Gemma. Three popes: Gregory II and X and Felix III. The apostle Matthew on the 24th and King Richard of England on the 7th as well as several others that are well known. But here are two to look up: John de Goto of Nagasaki and Porphyry of Gaza.

### THE SAINT THÉRÈSE GIRLS' SODALITY

St. Therese Sodality is a group of girls dedicated to the care of the sanctuary. The members are ages 7 and up (must have made First Holy Communion). Our next meeting is February 26th at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. Please contact Margaret Masny at [psr@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:psr@stpaulsbhm.org) for more information.

### 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 [emla-susa@gmail.com](mailto:emla-susa@gmail.com) or Margaret Masny [psr@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:psr@stpaulsbhm.org)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**Please save the dates of Catholic Kids Week!  
June 8-11, 2026.  
More details coming soon!**

### 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!

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross — All Fridays of Lent

5:30pm in the Cathedral

Please join us for a Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by the Cathedral Knights on the following Fridays: February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory **days of fasting and abstinence** for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. Pregnant women and others for whom fasting would be perilous to their health are exempted. Those fasting are permitted to eat one full meal; two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning **abstinence** from meat are binding for all from age 14 onwards. Broths made from meat (as long as there are no pieces of meat in it) are permissible according to the letter of the law, though perhaps not fully coherent with its spirit. Vegetarians do well on days of abstinence to give up a certain food or dish that they regularly enjoy, since they already give up meat, not for penitential reasons, but as a way of life.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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)

## Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are at 9:45am in the Parish Office. The schedule for 2026 is now set: 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!**

## Cathedral Adult Education

Our Adult Education Series continues Sun, March 1st with Judge William Pryor presenting **Judicial Oath as a Catholic**. Please join us at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

The 2026 Habitat for Humanity "Pope Leo Build" has begun! What a great way to participate in an act of charity this Lent by helping Raven and Amiriyah Banks! Sign up at <https://fhfgh.volunteermatrix.com>, use Access Code stpaul26, and join your fellow parishioners on Saturday, March 21st at one or both of the two shifts available. The home is located at 1107 3rd Street, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127 (Lot 23). All skill levels are needed. Please feel free to contact Rosa Parrino at [rmparrino@gmail.com](mailto:rmparrino@gmail.com) or 205-566-5884 for any questions.



## Lenten Day of Reflection

3.17.26 • 9am to 2:30pm

Retreat Master

Father Cecil Spotswood

CASA MARIA RETREAT HOUSE • IRONDALE

To register, please bring cash or check  
(payable to the Cathedral Altar Sodality)  
to the Cathedral Office

**\$35/person—INCLUDES LUNCH**

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**This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially:** Sam Schiffman, Donald Delisle, Michael Naro, Roger Whatley, Isaac Payne, Patrick Hemme, Taylor Joiner, Robert and Roman Haynes, Dcn. Wally Zieverink, Rose Marie Fiorella, Mary Kaye Gubenski, Lois Daidone, Betty Spotswood, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Margaret Beard, Michael Howell, Annie Marino, Craig Porter, John Glass, Harvey Little, 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, 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 Maurer, 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, February 22-March 1

Sunday, February 22	Monday, February 23	Tuesday, February 24	Wednesday, February 25	Thursday, February 26	Friday, February 27	Saturday, February 28	Sunday, March 1
7:15am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	3:00pm Confessions-Cathedral	7:15am Mass- Cathedral
8:30am Mass- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	10:00am Moms & Smalls-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	5:00pm Mass-Cathedral	8:30am Mass- Cathedral
9:45am PSR & Ad Ed-CLC	12:10pm	11:30am	Mass-- Cathedral 4:00pm Children's Choir	12:10pm	12:10pm		9:45am PSR & Ad Ed-CLC
11:00am Mass-Cathedral	Mass-- Cathedral	Confessions-Cathedral	-Office	Mass-- Cathedral	Mass-- Cathedral		11:00am Mass-Cathedral
		12:10pm	5:15pm Confessions-Cathedral	4:00pm St. Therese Guild	5:30pm Stations & Fish		12:15pm YA Bible Study-CLC
2:00 & 4:00pm Rite of Election-Cathedral		Mass-- Cathedral	6:00pm OCLIA-CLC	-Cathedral	Fry -Cathedral/CLC		
5:00pm Youth Group-CLC			6:30pm Fraternal-CLC				5:00pm Youth Group-CLC
			HS Ladies-Undercroft				
			Choir-Office				

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon, Feb. 23</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Miriam & Sebastian Joe Marino +
<b>Tue, Feb. 24</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Gladys Phillips High Mark Jefferson +
<b>Wed, Feb. 25</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Mary Jo Zieverink + Anne Fowlkes Girhan +
<b>Thur, Feb. 26</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Marley Kate Mays Lois High Burns +
<b>Fri, Feb. 27</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Elizabeth Echemendia Asher Trinrud
<b>Sat, Feb. 28</b>	5:00pm	Cynthia Mingus
<b>Sun, March 1</b>	7:15am 8:30am 11:00am	Isabella Osorio Lenora DeMarco + For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
<b>Sat, Feb. 28 5:00pm</b>	Alessio Family	N Lett	Brueggen Family	<b>Week of March 1</b> R Parrino
<b>Sun, March 1 7:15am</b>	E Kuhn	N Keller	Ruiz Family	<b>Linens</b> <b>Week of March 1</b> S Jordan
<b>Sun, March 1 8:30am</b>	J Oddo	M Beasley	Burckel Family J Barranco Madonia Family H Joiner T Flowers J Dooley	
<b>Sun, March 1 11:00am</b>	R Coffield	B Pickard	J Blackstone Ludwick Family	

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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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## 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*