

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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March 15, 2026 • Fourth 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 or call (205) 251-1279 x245 to make arrangements.



Facebook/Instagram:
[bhmcatholic/bhm.catholic](https://www.facebook.com/bhmcatholic)

St. Stephen the Martyr Chapel

BHM Catholic Campus Ministry

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 933-2500 • <https://bhmcatholic.com>

Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, Chaplain
fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org

Rev. Jacob E. Ntoko, Parochial Vicar for Campus Ministry
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 – 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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Rev. J. Michael Adams – fatheradams@stpaulsbhm.org
Rev. Cecil Spotswood

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink
Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net
Rev. Mr. E. Lee Robinson – eleer2000@outlook.com

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

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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>





The Cathedral Shoppe
A FUNDRAISER OF THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR SODALITY

Lenten BOOKS & SACRAMENTAL ITEMS

Easter BASKET FILLERS

OPEN following Friday Evening Stations of the Cross
During Lenten Fish Fries on 3/13 & 3/27

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

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

Cathedral Adult Education

Our Adult Education Series continues Sun, April 12th with Sr. Anna Christi Soli, OP presenting *St. Faustina*. Please join us at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

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.

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 or Margaret Masny psr@stpaulsbhm.org

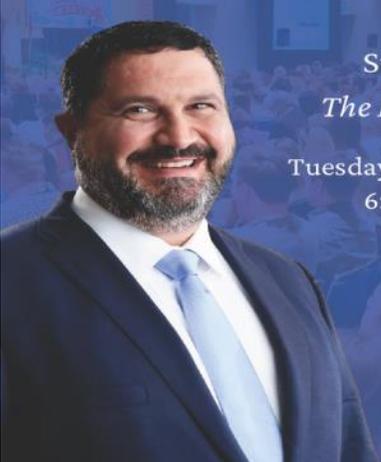


YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Is Ambition a Virtue?

Greatness, Success, and the Catholic Moral Tradition

Executive Speaker Series



Steven Mezrano
The Mezrano Law Firm

Tuesday, March 24th at Vulcan
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

RSVP Here!



120 Guest Limit

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 **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@gmail.com.

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 March 12th at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. Please contact Margaret Masny at psr@stpaulsbhm.org for more information.



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

Sponsored by the Cathedral Altar Sodality

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 Amiryah Banks! Sign up at <https://hfhgb.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 or 205-566-5884 for any questions.

Lent is the time for fasting; but it's also time to send in candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Hunt works best when we hide LOTS of eggs everywhere! So, we need LOTS of candy! Please bring donations to the office or give to Margaret Masny at PSR/Adult Ed on Sunday. Thank you very much!!!!

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 Friday:
March 27th.

LENTE 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.

The Padre Pio Prayer group of Birmingham, Alabama, will meet at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, March 21st! We will have MASS in the chapel at 9am, followed by Exposition, Rosary, prayers to Padre Pio and Benediction! Fr. David Leon will be with us to lead us in prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME! We meet Monthly - 3rd Saturdays - 9am ! For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

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 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

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!

Registration for CKW is open!!!

Catholic Kids Week will be held June 8th-11th, from 9am -12pm, and is open for children who will be in 4K to 5th grade in the fall. We also welcome teen volunteers 6th grade and up, and adult volunteers! Please sign up for Catholic Kids Week using the QR codes below. We are looking forward to another wonderful week together as we learn about The Sacraments! Registration is open until May 18th!



Participant Registration
<https://tinyurl.com/5n77nuxs>



Volunteer Registration
<https://tinyurl.com/muxcf2wh>

Swieconka * Blessing of the Baskets
Bishop Steven Raica
Cathedral of St. Paul
Holy Saturday, April 4th
9:00am
All are welcome!

Swieconka (sh-vee-en-son-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (**bukszpan**), the typical Easter evergreen. This food is shared on Easter morning in a ritual breaking of the fast. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: Angela Hulsey, Trudy Musulman, Vicki Sartain, 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, Frances Diliberto, 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 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, March 15-22

| Sunday, March 15 | Monday, March 16 | Tuesday, March 17 | Wednesday, March 18 | Thursday, March 19 | Friday, March 20 | Saturday, March 21 | Sunday, March 22 |
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| 7:15am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i> | 6:30am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 6:30am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 6:30am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 6:30am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 6:30am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 3:00pm <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 7:15am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i> |
| 8:30am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i> | 11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 10:00am <i>Moms & Smalls-CLC</i> | 11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 5:00pm <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | 8:30am <i>Mass- Cathedral</i> |
| 9:45am <i>PSR & Ad Ed-CLC</i> | 12:10pm <i>Mass-- Cathedral</i> | 11:30am <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 12:10pm <i>Mass-- Cathedral</i> | 12:10pm <i>Mass-- Cathedral</i> | 12:10pm <i>Mass-- Cathedral</i> | | 9:45am <i>PSR -CLC</i> |
| 11:00am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> | | | -Office | | | | 11:00am <i>Mass-Cathedral</i> |
| 12:15pm <i>YA Bible Study-CLC</i> | <i>Happy Birthday, Fr. Adams!</i> | 12:10pm <i>Mass- Cathedral</i> | 5:15pm <i>Confessions-Cathedral</i> | 6:30pm St. Therese <i>Sodality-Cathedral</i> | 5:30pm Stations <i>-Cathedral</i> | | 12:15pm <i>YA Bible Study-CLC</i> |
| 5:00pm <i>Youth Group-CLC</i> | | 6:00pm Confirmation <i>-Cathedral</i> | 6:00pm OCIA-CLC 6:30pm Fraternus-CLC HS Ladies-Undercroft <i>Choir-Office</i> | | | | |

Mass Intentions

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| Mon, March 16 | 6:30am 12:10pm | Tom Nequette + Miriam & Sebastian |
| Tue, March 17 | 6:30am 12:10pm | MaryLynne & Dan Williams Julia & Patrick O'Brien + |
| Wed, March 18 | 6:30am 12:10pm | James Gurtowski + Fr. Dominic Mary, MFVA |
| Thur, March 19 | 6:30am 12:10pm | Christophy Teuber + Justin Saylor + |
| Fri, March 20 | 6:30am 12:10pm | Bill Saylor + Angelina Marino + |
| Sat, March 21 | 5:00pm | Thomas Tripp + |
| Sun, March 22 | 7:15am 8:30am 11:00am | Clergy Intention Annie Marino For the people |

| | Sacristans | Lectors | Servers | <u>Sanctuary Cleaning-March 22</u> |
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| Sat, March 21 5:00pm | N Lett | J Pinto | S Withrow | <u>Linens</u> M Masny |
| Sun, March 22 7:15am | E Fay | N Keller | Payne Family | |
| Sun, March 22 8:30am | M Beasley | R Loveman C Nguyen | Burckel Family Gravelle Family Loveman Family J Dooley L Cooper | <u>St. Therese Sodality</u> March 26 M Bandura Brueggen Family A Burckel |
| Sun, March 22 11:00am | H Meyers | N Dysart B Pickard | J Blackstone Scalero Family JP Cockerham L Plaster | |

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!

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<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.*

_____ *Leaving Parish*

E-Mail _____

_____ *Address Change*

Home# _____ Work# _____