

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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March 29, 2026 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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](https://www.facebook.com/bhmcatholic)/[bhm.catholic](https://www.instagram.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.
x103 – fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jacob E. Ntoko (*primarily Campus Ministry*)

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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 – fraternuscommanderbhbm@gmail.com

High School Girls' Group: Miss Cecilia Fay – ceciliafay16@gmail.com

Young Adults: Miss Katelyn Yaeger – youngadults@stpaulsbhm.org

Wedding Coordinator: Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – weddings@stpaulsbhm.org

Director of Music: Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org

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Bookkeeper: Mrs. Elaine Arnold, x102 – bookkeeper@stpaulsbhm.org


Facilities Manager: Mr. Nathan Gagnon, x131 – facilities@stpaulsbhm.org

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 *Christm Mass* • 3/31
CLOSED *Easter Sunday* • Reopening 4/12

| 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

March Relics

March may possibly be the greatest of all our relic cases! So be sure to visit and contemplate. Not only are there some of the greats: Thomas Aquinas, John of God, Dominic, Patrick AND Benedict...but apparently there's a bit of St. Joseph's robe and staff, and more astonishingly, a piece of the True Cross (is it to be believed? How blessed we are if it is true!!)



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, or call (205) 251-1279 and speak with Krista in the office. Thank you!

First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

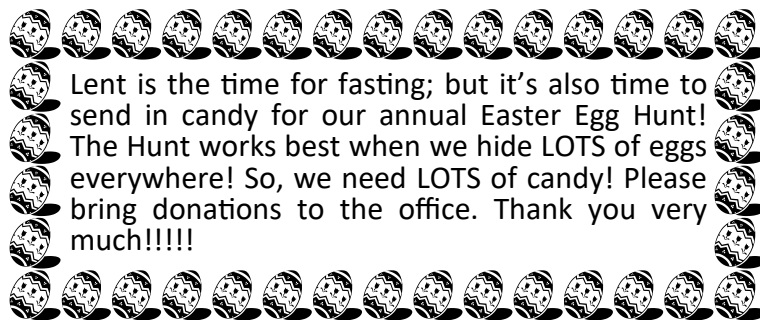
Did you know that volunteers from the Cathedral prepare and serve dinner to the women and children at First Light for one week every other month? It's a meaningful way to share the love of Christ with those in need. Our next opportunities to serve are **April 12-18 and June 14-20, 2026**. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact **Kristy Cobb** at kristycobb@ymail.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 April 9th at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. Please contact Margaret Masny at psr@stpaulsbhm.org for more information.

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center
22nd Annual GOLF FORE LIFE
We Need Golfers and Hole Sponsors
Friday, May 15, 2026 - Highland Park Golf Course
Registration 7:45AM · SHOTGUN START 9:00AM

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is **\$250** (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. **We need 18 people to organize foursomes** to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. **Individual golfers are welcome** and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to be a **Hole Sponsor, \$500.00**. Our signage is beautifully done and shows others your commitment to the Sanctity of Life. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. This life-giving ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact Her Choice Women's Center: **205.447.8796 · golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org**.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Young Women's Retreat Day

Single Catholic women age 18-28 are invited to attend the Dominican Holiness Retreat Day from 10:00 am – 3:15 pm on Saturday, April 18 at the Dominican Monastery of St. Jude in Marbury, Alabama. The cloistered Dominican nuns will share how their charism can inspire you to draw closer to Jesus and Mary in your life today, followed by prayer, lunch, and Q&A. Learn more and register: marburymonastery.org/retreat-days

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: Penelope Hauenstein, Patti Mason, Jim Howell, Emily Kilgore, Ann Love, Austan Lee, Angela Hulsey, Donald Delisle, Michael Naro, Roger Whatley, Patrick Hemme, Taylor Joiner, Robert and Roman Haynes, 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, Gail Stone, Don Yeakle, Frances Diliberto, Chizuru Elliot, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, Kevin Kavanaugh, James Woodworth, Veronica Dent, Phillip LaSusa, 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, especially Rod Neil.

Let us pray for all of our parish family members who have been deployed.

Cathedral Week at a Glance, March 29 - April 5

| Palm Sunday, March 29 | Monday, March 30 | Tuesday, March 31 | Wednesday, April 1 | Holy Thursday, April 2 | Good Friday, April 3 | Holy Saturday, April 4 | Easter Sunday, April 5 |
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| 7:15am Mass - Cathedral | 6:30am Mass-Cathedral | 6:30am Mass-Cathedral | 6:30am Mass-Cathedral | 11:30am-1:00pm Confessions-Cathedral | 12noon Stations of the Cross-Cathedral | 9:00am Easter Basket Blessing-Cathedral | 7:15am Mass - Cathedral |
| 8:30am Mass - Cathedral | 11:30am Confessions-Cathedral | 10:30am Chrism Mass-Cathedral | 11:30am Confessions-Cathedral | 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper-Cathedral | 12noon-3:00p Confessions-Cathedral | 3-4:30pm Confessions-Cathedral | 8:30am Mass - Cathedral |
| 11:00am Mass -Cathedral | 12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral | | 12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral | OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON | 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy-Cathedral | 8:00pm Vigil Mass -Cathedral | 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt Courtyard |
| 12:15p YA Bible Study -CLC | 4:30pm Confessions-Cathedral | | 6:00pm OCIA-CLC | | OFFICE CLOSED | | 11:00am Mass -Cathedral |
| 5:30pm Fraternal Vigil -Cathedral | | | 6:30pm Choir -Office/Cathedral | | | | NO YOUTH GROUP |
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Mass Intentions

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| Mon, March 30 | 6:30am | Hugh O'Brien + |
| | 12:10pm | Miriam & Sebastian |
| Tue, March 31 | 6:30am | Ted Miller + |
| | 10:30am | Bishop's Intention |
| Wed, April 1 | 6:30am | Joan Crawford + |
| | 12:10pm | Joan Pernin + |
| Thur, April 2 | 7:00pm | Bishop's Intention |
| Fri, April 3 | No Mass | |
| Sat, April 4 | 8:00pm | Bishop's Intention |
| Sun, April 5 | 7:15am | Amy Eckhoff Lacey + |
| | 8:30am | Bishop's Intention |
| | 11:00am | For the people |

FORMED INFORMATION

Often referred to as the "Netflix for Catholics", the Cathedral Parish offers this great resource (free of charge!) to our parishioners. Many of you have already taken advantage of this wonderful way to grow in the Catholic Faith. For those who haven't availed themselves of this opportunity, go to www.FORMED.org and sign up! FORMED has apps for both IOS (Apple) and Android devices. You can also hook FORMED up to your TV. Contact Fox Garon at ocia@stpaulsbhm.org for more information.

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."

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| Name _____ | _____ <i>New Parishioner</i> |
| Address _____ | _____ <i>O.C.I.A.</i> |
| _____ | _____ <i>Leaving Parish</i> |
| E-Mail _____ | _____ <i>Address Change</i> |
| Home# _____ | Work# _____ |