

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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## May 17, 2026 • The Ascension of the Lord

### 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/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](mailto:fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org)

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

FOCUS Missionaries led by Mr. Julian Rodriguez

Sunday 3:15pm Confession/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction  
4:00pm Benediction/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction  
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)

Pastor & Rector: Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L.  
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Rev. Cecil Spotswood

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

LOCATION	SUMMER HOURS
CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER	<b>Each</b> SUNDAY • 9:30am-1pm
[FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING HOURS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER]	
<b>NEED SOMETHING MONDAY-FRIDAY? Contact the Cathedral Office 8am-3pm</b>	

### Cathedral Altar Sodality

The next Altar Sodality meeting is May 19th 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!

#### POSTAGE STAMPS

Although we have been able to decrease our mailings in recent years, we still have some volume between communication with homebound parishioners, paying of parish bills, and other needs that arise. Donations of postage stamps are always gratefully accepted! Please feel free to drop any books of "Forever"-type stamps in the collection basket, or bring them by the office! Thank you!

**Not yet a Cathedral Member? Visit <https://stpaulsbhm.org/join> to fill out your membership form and submit it today!**

#### May Relics

Our May relic case features THREE of the original apostles: Philip and James together, John separately. There are 6 very well known popes (you'll have to look to find out who) plus Lawrence, Philip Neri and Gregory Nanzianus. And mothers, you get the great Monica and Rita!



#### 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!

### 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.

#### 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 Thur, May 28th at 12:45pm. Please contact Margaret Masny at [psr@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:psr@stpaulsbhm.org) for more information.

#### CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY GROUP AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Catholics In Recovery is for anyone dealing with addiction or compulsion of any type. The program is based on the sacraments and a twelve step system to help us through recovery. It is also for anyone who has a family member or friend dealing with addiction. We meet every Saturday at 10 am in the St Monica room at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Hoover. Please join us as we work on recovery together. For more information, contact Deacon Gary Hoover at [Deacon.Gary@popcatholic.org](mailto:Deacon.Gary@popcatholic.org).

#### Retrouaille is a Christian Marriage Program

Retrouaille is a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. It is a Christian marriage program and is Catholic in origin. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend. The program is not designed to convert anyone to a specific faith choice, but does reflect Christian concepts. All faith choices are respected for their beliefs and encouraged to attend for the benefit of their marriage. The ultimate goal of Retrouaille is solely to help save marriages. Tens of thousands of marriages have been restored with the simple concept of couples helping couples with the spiritual guidance from caring clergy members.

[helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or 800-470-2230

#### Baptismal Preparation

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

#### 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 **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).

#### Seven Sisters Apostolate

It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor! Learn more by contacting Kathy Paffumi, Diocesan Coordinator of Seven Sisters at 205-266-9687.

## The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle Council #9862



## SMOKED MEAT SALE FOR MEMORIAL DAY!

Our Knights Council and Assembly are firing up the smokers! A limited number of Boston Butts will be available for \$40.00 each. To order—**no later than 12noon on Tuesday, May 19**—call/email Mr. Andrew Maenza: 205-527-0192 or [amaenza7645@charter.net](mailto:amaenza7645@charter.net). You may pick up your C.O.D. order between 11:00am and 3:00pm on Friday, May 22 in the Cathedral Life Center (CLC)!

*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.*

## 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!

### Cathedral Bell Ringers

Join the St. Paul Cathedral Bell Ringers—no experience needed! St. Paul's is Alabama's only church with a dedicated bell tower, featuring historic bells cast by the same foundry as the Liberty Bell and Big Ben. Interested? Meet us Sundays after 11am Mass or Mondays 6:30–8pm, or contact Amy ([akbischoff@gmail.com](mailto:akbischoff@gmail.com)) or Christopher ([cgerety3@gmail.com](mailto:cgerety3@gmail.com)) for details.

## Cathedral Wish List

Father Jerabek maintains a list of items needed or wanted for the church, rectory, life center, and office, for those who may wish to make a special gift in honor of a loved one or in gratitude for answered prayers. The items range from a few hundred dollars to several thousand. If you would like to help, please speak with Father to find out the latest opportunities.

## 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

Regular Sunday meetings will resume after summer break! However, we are planning some summer activities! For general information about 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! And to learn about the summer activity opportunities, contact Mr. Fox Garon at [youth@stpaulsbhm.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsbhm.org) for the full schedule!



## CAMP ST. BERNARD

ST. BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL | CULLMAN, ALABAMA

CAMP DATES	COST	REGISTRATION
AGES 6-12 MAY 31-JUNE 5, 2026	DAY CAMPER <b>\$300</b>	<b>TO SECURE YOUR SPOT GO TO: <a href="https://www.campstbernard.com">HTTPS://WWW.CAMPSTBERNARD.COM</a></b>
AGES 8-12 JUNE 7-12, 2026	OVERNIGHT CAMPER <b>\$650</b>	
AGES 10-14 JUNE 14-19, 2026 JUNE 21-26, 2026		



Camp St. Bernard | 1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE | Cullman, AL 35055  
Cell: 256-962-0955 | Tel: 256-739-6687 | Fax: 256-734-2925

## Planning a trip to Rome?

If you are thinking of a trip to Rome soon, 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.

## 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 paying 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.

**This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially:** Frances Zicarelli, Cheryl Spitzer, Riley Flowers, Walter Bailey, Frances Naro, Margaret Beard, John Glass, Lucy Taeuber, Penelope Hauenstein, Patti Mason, Jim Howell, 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, Betty Spotswood, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Michael Howell, Annie Marino, 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, 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, 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, May 17-24

Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22	Saturday, May 23	Sunday, May 24
7:15am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral 11:30am	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 Altar Sod. & Moms & Smalls-CLC	12:10pm Confessions-Cathedral Mass-- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	5:00pm Mass-Cathedral	8:30am Mass- Cathedral
11:00am Mass -Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	4:00pm Children's Choir -Office	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral		11:00am Mass -Cathedral
12:15pm YA Bible Study Lunch-CLC		12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	6:30pm Choir-Office				

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon, May 18</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Special Intention Miriam & Sebastian
<b>Tue, May 19</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Maurice Oubre + William Oubre
<b>Wed, May 20</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	John Ward + Charles Miller +
<b>Thur, May 21</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Marty Tighe + Maribeth Guerrero +
<b>Fri, May 22</b>	6:30am 12:10pm	Riley Flowers Madeline May Russo +
<b>Sat, May 23</b>	5:00pm	Lisa & Jan Foksinska
<b>Sun, May 24</b>	7:15am 8:30am 11:00am	Mary Kaye Gubenski Curtiss Bourget For the People

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	
<b>Sat, May 23 5:00pm</b>	Alessio Family	W Pryor	S Withrow	<b>Linens May 24</b> R Lee
<b>Sun, May 24 7:15am</b>	B Doran	M Gubenski	Payne Family	<b>St. Therese May 28</b>
<b>Sun, May 24 8:30am</b>	M Beasley	M Beasley L Bishop	Hertz Family H Shannon H Joiner D Adams J Collins	L Adams Z Adams O Blackstone A Burckel Z Shields M Bandura
<b>Sun, May 24 11:00am</b>	H Meyers	P Jett M McCoy	Ludwick Family J Uchaker	

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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!

## 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*