

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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September 20, 2026 • The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Ms. Cynthia Durham, OCIA Coordinator (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/bhm.catholic)

St. Stephen the Martyr Chapel

BHM Catholic Campus Ministry

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205

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Mr. Andrew Goode, Campus Minister

andrew@stephenthemartyr.com

Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L., Administrator • fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org

Rev. Jacob Ebong Ntoko, Chaplain • frntokojake@gmail.com

FOCUS Missionaries led by Mr. Julian Rodriguez • julian.rodriguez@focus.org

Sunday 10:30am Community Mass followed by

Free Meal for Students in the Social Hall

Tuesday 7:00pm Confession/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 – TheCathedralShope@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. J. Michael Adams

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Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net
Rev. Mr. E. Lee Robinson – eleer2000@outlook.com

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Event Coordinator: Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – sophia@stpaulsbhm.org

Fraternus (Boys/Men): Mr. Charles Rumore – fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com

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

Saint Thérèse Girls' Sodality: Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – psr@stpaulsbhm.org

Young Adults: Miss Katelyn Yaeger – stpaulsbhm.youngadults@gmail.com

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>





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 emlasusa@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). Please contact Margaret Masny at psr@stpaulsbhm.org for more information.

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

September Relics

September's frame of relics include one of St. Moses, the Lawgiver (yes, the great patriarch of the Old Testament) – however, the Bible is clear on the fact that God "hid" Moses' body (Deuteronomy 34:6), and people in the 18th century, when our relic collection was assembled, knew that too. What this "relic" likely is, then, is a chip of rock from Mount Sinai, where Moses received the law. Among the many other interesting relics for this month, there is also a tiny piece of the True Cross! Some of the largest portions of the cross are found at the Basilica of "The Holy Cross in Jerusalem", which is located in Rome not far from the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the Holy Father's cathedral church. When St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, located the relics of the Passion, she had them brought to Rome and that church built to house them. If you ever go to Rome, be sure to visit it, looking for the passageway off the left side that leads back to a grand chapel that displays the nails of the cross, pieces of the True Cross, thorns from the Crown of Thorns, and so forth. How blessed we are to have this most important relic in our collection!

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! 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!

SoulCore at the Cathedral Parish

Join us for SoulCore, a beautiful prayer experience that combines the prayers of the Rosary with functional movement, stretching, and core strengthening. SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind, and soul while meditating on the mysteries and virtues of the Rosary. No fitness experience is necessary, and all movements can be modified to meet individual needs. Come as you are, bring an exercise mat, and experience a unique way to deepen your devotion to Our Blessed Mother and draw closer to Christ through the Rosary. All are welcome!

Classes will meet on Mondays, starting September 21st, from 9:30-10:30am in the Great Hall located upstairs in the CLC.

For more information, contact Lauren Simmerman at simmerman2000@bellsouth.net or by call/text at 205-516-6015.

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!

2027 CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

The Diocese has announced our Parish goal of \$204,480. 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!

FRATERNUS

The Cathedral Fraternus Chapter is open to **all men and boys starting in the 5th grade**. The Chapter will meet every Wednesday evening 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 or email Charles Rumore at fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Your help is needed!

1. Please pray for our class members!
2. Step forward to be a sponsor for someone. You do NOT have to attend Wednesday evening classes to do this. Volunteer as a sponsor at this link: <https://forms.gle/5wRVmkLK5Ee3DgPr6>
3. Show hospitality by providing a portion of a meal for one of our Wednesday evenings. Sign up here to provide the main course, a salad or dessert): <https://bit.ly/4vW9bnx>
4. Encourage someone who isn't Catholic (or an adult Catholic who is seeking Confirmation) to register for our class. All are welcome; all Catholics will be surprised at how much you will learn by attending OCIA.

For more information about all of the above, contact ocia@stpaulsbhm.org.

High School Girls' Book Study

Our High School Girls' Book Study continues after summer break 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-fay16@gmail.com or by call/text at 205-855-8766.

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.

RED MASS

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal related professionals and the public they serve to the annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice. This Thirteenth Century European custom received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The Red Mass came to the United States in 1877 and has been celebrated in Alabama since 1974. The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Cathedral Life Center. For more information contact Deacon Rick DiGiorgio, 205-422-8734, rdigiorgio@corywatson.com.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Cathedral Chapel on First Fridays. All are welcome! For added safety and comfort, the door to the chapel near the statue of St. Joseph now has the code 4-3-2-1 on it; please be sure to lock the door again after you enter. Adoration will begin following the 6:30am Mass and conclude with Benediction at noon, before the 12:10pm Mass. If you are interested in committing to an hour or being a substitute adorer, please contact Kevin Fehr at kfehr39@gmail.com or by call/text at (205) 410-7203.

CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP

Regular Sunday meetings resume on Sundays from 5-7:00pm. 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. Andrew Goode at youth@stpaulsbhm.org for the full schedule!

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 October 11-17, December 13-19. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact **Kristy Cobb** at kristycobb@ymail.com.

Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are at 9:45am in the Parish Office. The remaining schedule for 2026 is: October 18th and December 13th. Please call the office to sign up and for more information before your baby is born!

MOMS & SMALLS

All moms (especially those on Maternity Leave!) 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 at 9:30am. Join us for fellowship, support, and sharing! The meeting will end with a brief prayerful visit to the church. Moms may contact Catherine Schultz at 205-907-0679 for more details and to be added to the group chat.

You are Cordially Invited!

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fund Raising Banquet

"Everyone Deserves a Second Chance at Life!"

Keynote: George Delgado, M.D.

Pioneer Abortion Pill Reversal - 8,000 Lives Rescued!

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7:00pm The Club

1 Robert S. Smith Drive · Birmingham, Alabama 35209

6:30 p.m. Seating Begins - 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

Consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center, the only Pregnancy Help Center in Birmingham proper, exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services.

For more information, please call 205.447.8796

or email us at hcbanquet@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.

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.

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: Nicolas Briscoe, Philip Naro, Kirsten & Ed Burdick, John McCormick, Tom Zimmerman, John Edwards, Walt Zieverink, Jim Howell, Melissa Milan, Matthew Gubenski, Jr., Diane Fiorito, Karen Shaw, Cheryl Robinson, Emma Vaiton, Nancy and Walter Hughes, Cheryl Spitzer, Riley Flowers, Margaret Beard, John Glass, Lucy Taeuber, Ann Love, Angela Hulsey, Donald Delisle, Michael Naro, Roger Whatley, Patrick Hemme, Taylor Joiner, Rose Marie Fiorella, Mary Kaye Gubenski, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Michael Howell, Harvey Little, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Gail Stone, Don Yeakle, 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, 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, September 20-27

Sunday, September 20	Monday, September 21	Tuesday, September 22	Wednesday, September 23	Thursday, September 24	Friday, September 25	Saturday, September 26	Sunday, September 27
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	9:30am SoulCore-CLC	10:00am Moms & Smalls-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	9:30am Catholic School House-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	5:00pm Silver Rose/ Mass-Cathedral	8:30am Mass- Cathedral
9:45am PSR-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral		9:45am PSR-CLC
11:00am Mass-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass- Cathedral	4:00pm Children's Choir -Office	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral			11:00am Mass-Cathedral
12:15pm YA Bible Study-CLC			6:00pm OCIA-CLC	12:45pm St. Therese Sodality-- Cathedral			12:15pm YA Bible Study-CLC
5:00pm Youth Group-CLC			6:30pm Fraternus-CLC HS Ladies-Undercroft Choir-Office				4:00pm Organ Concert-Cathedral
							5:00pm Youth Group-CLC

Mass Intentions

Mon, Sept. 21	6:30am	Roscoe Sullivan +
	12:10pm	Miriam & Sebastian
Tue, Sept. 22	6:30am	Randy Sullivan +
	12:10pm	Jean Free +
Wed, Sept. 23	6:30am	Pam Savely +
	12:10pm	Betty Raines +
Thur, Sept. 24	6:30am	Chris Dalton +
	12:10pm	Harriet Bostany +
Fri, Sept. 25	6:30am	Michelle Cook +
	12:10pm	Joe Carbonie +
Sat, Sept. 26	5:00pm	Al Elliott +
Sun, Sept. 27	7:15am	Riley Flowers
	8:30am	Renata & Miroslaw Foksinski
	11:00am	For the People

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Linens S Jordan Dusting C Moore
Sat, Sept. 26 5:00pm	N Lett	J Pinto	J Yaeger	
Sun, Sept. 27 7:15am	E Kuhn	A Maiola	Ruiz Family	St. Therese Adams Family Brueggen Family
Sun, Sept. 27 8:30am	R Coffield	M Beasley L Bishop	E Myrick J Barranco Matic Family Grant Family P Schultz P Bentley H Joiner J Dooley	
Sun, Sept. 27 11:00am	J Bornemann	P DiPiazza M Cockerham	Blackstone Family W Hungerpiller Uchaker 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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<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*