THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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October 18, 2026 • The Twenty-ninth 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/bhm.catholic

St. Stephen the Martyr Chapel

BHM Catholic Campus Ministry
1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 933-2500 • https://bhmcatholic.com

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 – 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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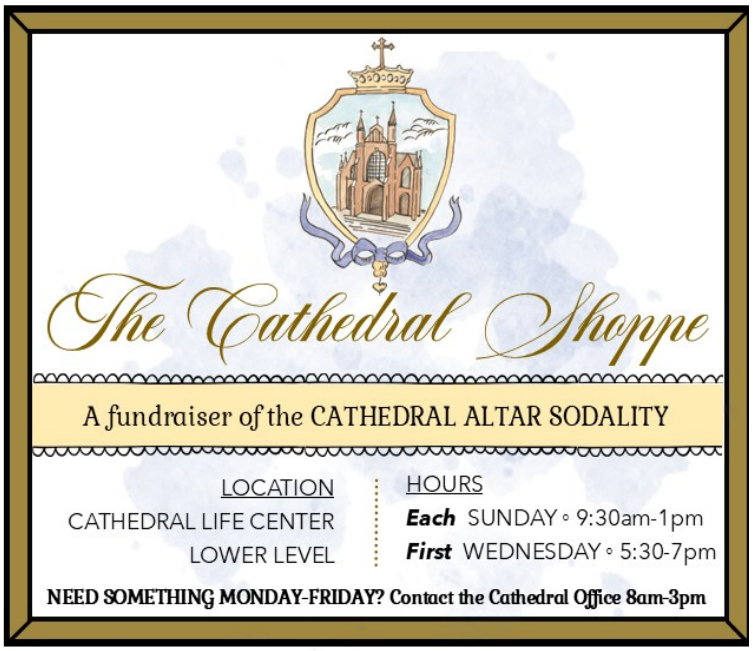
Fraternus (Boys/Men):	Mr. Charles Rumore – *fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com*
High School Girls' Group:	Miss Cecilia Fay – *ceciliafay16@gmail.com*
Saint Thérèse Girls' Sodality:	Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – *psr@stpaulsbhm.org*
Young Adults:	Miss Katelyn Yaeger – *stpaulsbhm.youngadults@gmail.com*
Housekeeping:	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



New Single Adult Bible Study

A new Single Adult Bible Study is forming for single adults in their mid-30's and up. Join us as we come together to study God's Word, fellowship, and grow together in faith and community.
When: Tuesday Evenings at 6:30pm
Where: Local Coffee Shop
Contact: Josh Campbell, **campbjs@gmail.com**

TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE PEW RAFFLE!

From now until our annual Fall Festival, you can purchase your raffle tickets for the CHRISTMAS PEW RAFFLE! Two winners for each Mass will be selected from those who enter – two for the 5:00pm Mass with Bishop Raica, and two for the 12:00 midnight Mass with Father Jerabek. Reserved parking spot included Tickets are $5.00 each or six (6) for $25.00. You can purchase them online or at the Fall Festival on November 1. Visit https://tinyurl.com/ChristmasPewRaffle to purchase your tickets online!

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. 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 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

Thank you all! We are already at $74,482 toward our Parish goal of $204,480. Please consider how much you may pledge this year! 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!

The Cathedral of St. Paul is blessed to have a wonderfully large OCIA class this year. Thanks be to God! Prior to class each Wednesday evening, we provide a meal for about 80 people. There are two ways parishioners can participate in this ministry of welcome. If you can provide a meal (or a portion of a meal — main dish, salad or dessert) — that would be appreciated. Or donations toward the cost of a meal also would be very helpful. Here are the links for both options:

Provide part of a meal:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CACAE2EA7F85-64488249-ocia#/
Donate toward the cost of a meal:
https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/a735855c-675e-444a-a57f-cec59e1ad690

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 ceciliafay16@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.

Cathedral Altar Sodality

The next Altar Sodality meeting is Tuesday, October 20th. Our first guest speaker will be Father Jacob Ntoko from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. New members are needed and always welcome the third Tuesday of each month. **The Cathedral Altar Sodality**-we work, we pray, we enjoy our time together as friends! Please join us!

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.

October Relics

With this Jubilee year of St. Francis coming to a close, be sure to check out his relic on your way out of the church.
A few more especially well-known saints for this month include Bridget, Teresa of Avila, Boniface and THE apostle Luke!
If you're interested in looking up some new names, there is Wolfgang of Ratisbon and Lucia of Syracuse.

EWTN in Irondale Is Hiring

EWTN is seeking a **Part-Time Cook** to assist our Chef with preparing and serving meals for guests and employee events. This rewarding opportunity offers **20-25 hours per week, Monday through Friday**. If someone in your family, parish, or community enjoys cooking, please encourage them to apply! Applications can be submitted at https://www.ewtn.com/employment.

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! 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 is 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
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

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.

Catholic Young Professionals Happy Holy Hour
Thursday, October 22

6:00 PM: Holy Hour of Adoration at the Cathedral of St. Paul (Confession available) **7:00 PM:** Social at the Cathedral rectory, hosted by Fr. Jerabek. Signature drink/beer/wine/snacks provided. Then we walk a couple blocks to ***Adios***. Come for the Holy Hour, the social, or all of it.

RSVP for Happy Holy Hour →
https://ycp.glueup.com/event/holy-happy-hour-197552/

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: Dcn. Wally Zieverink, Libby Kidd, Donna Oddo, Delia Kidd, Taylor Joiner, 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, 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, October 18-25

Sunday, October 18	Monday, October 19	Tuesday, October 20	Wednesday, October 21	Thursday, October 22	Friday, October 23	Saturday, October 24	Sunday, October 25
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*	9:30am Moms & Smalls-*CLC*	11:30am Confessions-*Cathedral*	9:30am Catholic School House-*CLC*	11:30am Confessions-*Cathedral*	5:00pm Mass-*Cathedral*	8:30am Mass- *Cathedral*
9:45am PSR-*CLC* Bapt. Prep-*Office*	11:30am Confessions-*Cathedral*	10:00am Altar Sodality-*CLC*	12:10pm Mass- *Cathedral*	11:30am Confessions-*Cathedral*	12:10pm Mass-- *Cathedral*		9:45am PSR-*CLC*
11:00am Mass-*Cathedral*	12:10pm Mass-- *Cathedral*	11:30am Confessions-*Cathedral*	4:00pm Children's Choir -*Office*	12:10pm Mass-- *Cathedral*			11:00am Mass-*Cathedral*
12:15pm YA Bible Study-*CLC*		12:10pm Mass- *Cathedral*	6:00pm OCIA & Fraternus-*CLC*	12:45pm St. Therese Sodality-- *Cathedral*			12:15pm YA Bible Study-*CLC*
4:00pm Downtown Con. Series-*Cathedral*			Girls Group-*Undercroft*	6:00pm Young Prof.-*Cathedral/Rectory*			5:00pm Youth Group-*CLC*
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Mass Intentions

Mon, Oct. 19	6:30am	Miriam & Sebastian
	12:10pm	Kathryn & Robert Swartz +
Tue, Oct. 20	6:30am	Lois & Jim Galbraith +
	12:10pm	Daniel LaSusa +
Wed, Oct. 21	6:30am	Daniel LaSusa +
	12:10pm	Karen Eckert +
Thur, Oct. 22	6:30am	Kenneth Crosby +
	12:10pm	Mary Ann Thames +
Fri, Oct. 23	6:30am	Fr. Charles Merrill +
	12:10pm	Wes Funderburk
Sat, Oct. 24	5:00pm	Karen Eckert +
Sun, Oct. 25	7:15am	Delores Mack +
	8:30am	Aleksandra Foksinska
	11:00am	For the People

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers
Sat, Oct. 24 5:00pm	N Lett	J Pinto	
Sun, Oct. 25 7:15am	E Fay	A Maiola	Ruiz Family
Sun, Oct. 25 8:30am	R Coffield	L Bishop M Beasley	M Holsomback J Barranco J Dooley Madonia Family Grant Family K Howe H Joiner
Sun, Oct. 25 11:00am	H Meyers	M Cockerham J Fox	Campbell Family Uchaker Family

Linens
R Lee

St. Therese
E Alvarez
Brueggen Family
E Reed

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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

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."

Name_____ ___*New Parishioner*

Address_____ ___***O.C.I.A.***

_____ ___*Leaving Parish*

E-Mail_____ ___*Address Change*

Home#_____**Work#**_____