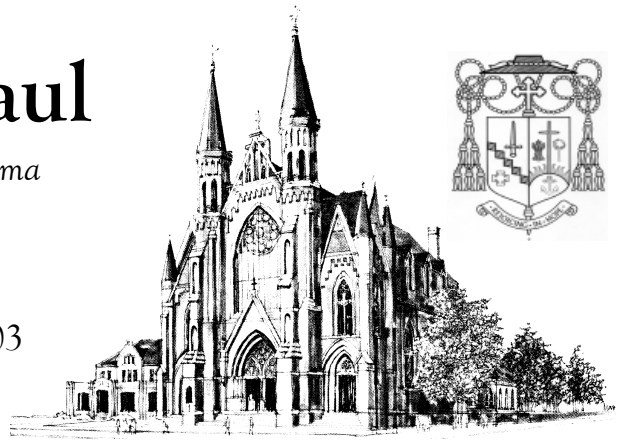


The Cathedral of Saint Paul

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., Bishop

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September 17, 2017 • The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass

Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated)

Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am (Solemn Mass)

Weekdays 6:30am and 12:10pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (concludes with Benediction)

Friday 7:00am to 12:00pm & 12:45pm to 5:00pm, in chapel

Confession/Reconciliation

Monday–Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm • *Other times by appointment*

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.

Baptism

The Church instructs parents to seek baptism for their child within the first few weeks after birth. Contact the office, preferably during the pregnancy, to make the arrangements.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Wedding Coordinator at least 6 months in advance. Subject to the Cathedral's wedding guidelines.

Funerals and Columbarium

Contact the office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home. To learn about the columbarium, call the office.

Parish Mailing Address

P.O. Box 10044 • Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm • (205) 251-1279

Staff List with Phone Extensions (when applicable)

Pastor & Rector: Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L., x103

Priests in Residence: Rev. Patrick P. Cullen
Rev. Douglas M. Vu

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Dr. G. Neal Kay
Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Krista Rataj, x100

Pastoral Care: Mrs. Priscilla Davis, x117

Director of Music: Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107

Assistant Organist: Mr. Mark Hayes

Wedding Coordinator: Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116

Director Religious Ed.: Mrs. Barbara Doran, x108

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Katie Baker

Membership Coord.: Mrs. Linda Kay

Saint Stephen the Martyr Chapel & College Ministries

1515 Twelfth Avenue South • Birmingham, Alabama 35205
(205) 933-2500 • <http://www.stsbhm.org> • Office Hours 9:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. Douglas M. Vu, Administrator • Rev. Mr. Danny Rodgers, Deacon
Mrs. Jane Lombardo, Administrative Assistant • Mrs. Carrisa Pluta, Campus Minister

Mass Schedule: Sunday 10:00am and 5:00pm
Tuesday–Thursday 5:30pm, Adoration 6:00-7:00pm
Friday 12:30pm
Third Saturday of the Month 8:30am Pro-Life Mass
Tue–Thur 6-7:00pm; Sun: 30 minutes before Mass
Mon 9:00am-2:00pm; Tue-Thur 9:00am–9:00pm



Follow us on Facebook!

Cathedral: <http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbhm>

St. Stephen: <http://www.facebook.com/receivemyspirit>

Confession:
Student Lounge:

**First Light Shelter
for Homeless Women and Children**

MANY THANKS to ALL who served at First Light August 13-19! Our next dates to provide dinner and stay overnight are October 8-14 and December 10-16. If you are interested in learning more about this Parish ministry, please contact Nancy Heck at 205-870-1349. Thank you!

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

If you, your parish group, school, or family would like to help provide snack bags for those who come to us asking for help, please call the Parish Office. Monetary contributions are also appreciated! Please use the Poor Pipe in the back of the Church or bring your donation to the Office. **THANK YOU!**

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Birmingham, Alabama will meet on Saturday, September 23rd at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. This is a special day as it is Padre Pio's Feast Day and we will celebrate with a pot-luck lunch following our Rosary, Prayers and Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a dish to share.. and bring a friend! Let us come together and celebrate our Holy Patron Saint... Padre Pio! Fr. Douglas Vu will celebrate this special Feast day with us!!! For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554. Padre Pio... Pray for us!

**The Catholic Center of Concern,
run by the Consolata Sisters,
is in need of volunteers, please!
Help is needed on the 2nd Saturday of the month
or each Thursday beginning at 9:00am.
For more details, please call the Parish office
or the Center at 786-4388.**

Planning a trip to Rome?

If you are thinking of a trip to Rome during this 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.

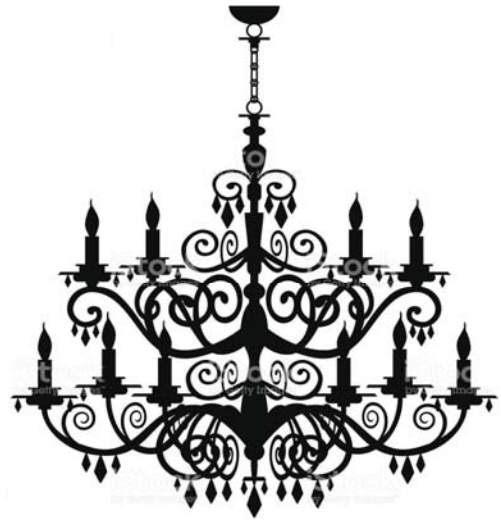
**There are Offertory Envelopes for Children
available in the Cathedral office.
Please contact us or come by if you'd like a set.**

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. Please call Marie Williams at 870-0276 for more information or to volunteer for this fulfilling ministry.

**Cathedral of Saint Paul
Grand Gala**



**October 13, 2017
6:00pm at The Florentine
Tickets on sale now!
<https://www.stpaulsgala.org/>**

Please join us for First Friday beginning in October!

Children's Holy Hour of Adoration will be in the chapel from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. This will include devotional prayers together, and silent prayer time. Fun and games in the Cathedral Life Center from 10:00 - 11:00. Little ones can play in the nursery and older children can gather for games. Feel free to bring a fun board game to share. Parents can visit with each other. Snack time from 11:00 - 11:30 - bring a sack lunch or snack. Confession is available beginning at 11:30am in the Cathedral; and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:10pm. All are invited!

**FALL is a Beautiful Season!
It is Time to Nourish
New Growth In Our Marriage**

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is filled with fresh air and new beginnings. It is a time to rejoice in the gift of your marriage and family. It is a time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend just for the two of you. The next weekend in the Diocese is scheduled in Huntsville, Oct. 13-15 at the DoubleTree Hotel-South. You can register online today at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at 678-985-0125.

The Knightly News...

Council #9862



Interested in learning more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus?
Please visit www.KOC9862.org or contact Jack Boggan at 706-1209.
We are a group of dedicated men who are joined together by faith and community support.

CYPF: Cathedral Young Professionals and Families

The Cathedral Young Professionals and Families is a social and service group for singles and married people ages 21-40. Please "like" our facebook page, www.facebook.com/cathedralYPF to stay updated on what's going on or e-mail mandylburmester@gmail.com or laurenwbates@gmail.com for more info.

Social: We're starting up our *monthly family-friendly socials* again at **Delta Blues** on Cobb Lane the last Wednesday of each month. The dates will be **Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, and Nov. 29th** starting at **5:30pm**.

Baptismal Preparation

The Baptismal Preparation Class schedule has been made for 2017. Remaining sessions are scheduled for October 15 and December 17, 2017 at 9:45am. Please call the office to sign up before your baby is born!

MISSA CANTATA

Saturday, September 30th at 10:00am

Cathedral of St. Paul

A Missa Cantata (high Mass with incense and choir) in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite ("Traditional Latin Mass") will be celebrated by Father Alan Mackey on the 10th Anniversary of Summorum Pontificum. All are welcome!

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School is proud to present "St. Catherine of Siena: A Woman For Our Times," a one-woman show performed by Adrian Dominican sister Nancy Murray, O.P., at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 18, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Sr. Nancy, the older sister of actor Bill Murray, has received international acclaim for her performance of the life of one of the Catholic Church's most beloved saints. Tickets are \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door. A reception, hosted by the Ladies of Charity of Alabama, will follow the show. All proceeds benefit Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School. To learn more and to purchase tickets, visit www.hfcristorey.org/siena.

A special thanks to **Michael Sperando** for folding the Bulletins and Orders of Worship!

March for Life

The Diocese of Birmingham is planning for the annual **March for Life** trip to Washington, DC. High school students will travel on chartered buses departing on Wednesday afternoon, January 17th and will return early Sunday, January 21st. The cost of the trip is \$300. This will include bus, hotel fare, and breakfast at the hotel each morning. A deposit of \$100 is due by October 2nd. Partial scholarships are available for Parishioners. Please contact Barbara Doran, dre@stpaulsbhm.org or 251-1279, to make your reservations or for more details. We welcome any monetary gifts from Parishioners to help defray the cost for those in need!



Cathedral Fall Festival

The Cathedral Fall Festival is scheduled to follow 11am Mass on **October 22nd!**

To make this event a success, we will need help along the way!

We need

- Bingo Prizes

- Volunteers to sell tickets after one of the Masses

- Large Bags of individually wrapped candy

- Volunteers to work a game shift

If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions,

please contact Margaret Masny at

mmsny@hotmail.com or 205-815-4507.

Thank you!

Combine your faith and career at EWTN! We are searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Maintenance Technician, Security Officer, IS Support Technician II, Jr Network & Systems Administrator, Major Gifts Officer, Radio Producer and Radio Operator** (Vandiver, AL) For information on job requirements, go to www.ewtn.com Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to humanresources@ewtn.com EOE

Men's Cursillo

Men's Cursillo October 5 - 8: A men's Cursillo weekend for the Diocese of Birmingham is held once a year in Cullman. Similar to a retreat, this four day spiritual experience encourages participants to strengthen their faith, prayer life and relationship with God. For more information on the men's Cursillo Oct. 5 - 8, email Bill Lang at bill.lang@pchresorts.com. The next women's Cursillo weekend will be in the spring.

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: Libby Kidd, Katey Benton, Neil Stalnaker, Thomas Perna, Jr., Jane Schwartz, Suzanne Dillon, Leila Driver, Mickey Naro, Kayla Garraway, Sandra Harris, Brenda Brasher, Gabriel Humphries, Jay Bammerlin, Walter Jackson, Doris Robertson, Joe Diliberto, John Fay, Curlene Henderson, Robbie Burrell, Jon Serio, Bonnie Godhigh, Beth Anne Maier, Larry Dye, Susannah Blackstone, Brian Naro, Donna Dogil, Dee Bissett, Dolly Carroll, Leah Robe, Kwang Kyu Pak, Judy Martorana, Barbara Delhomme, Ed Burdick, Margaret Gracianette, Verlanda Tate, June Little, Nina Youngblood, Robbie Roy, Elizabeth Anderson, Henry Hardin, III, Leah Jane Rovey, Candice Boyland, Cheryl Plaisance, Harris M. Caraballo, Sr., Brandon Fisher, Michael Vanderslice, Mary Ann Johnson, John Paul Anderson, Leslie Cox, Hans Lang, Grace Detling, Anna DeLeon, Christi Ingram, Vera Broussard, Mary Aliano, Nancy Hudson, Fr. Henry Thorsen, Patrick Coyle, Rose Antonio, Laura Cornell, Marilou Rucker, Kayla Perry, Lenora DeMarco, Jeanne Wright, Martha Slatsky, Peter Schetz, Pat and Joe Puccio, Addison Cox, as well as all those who have died, especially Patty and Bill Searcy.

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

Cathedral at a Glance, September 17-24

Sunday, September 17	Monday, September 18	Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20	Thursday, September 21	Friday, September 22	Saturday, September 23	Sunday, September 24
8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	6:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i> Adoration- <i>Chapel</i>	3:00pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
9:45am—Adult Ed & PSR <i>CLC</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	5:00pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	9:45am—Adult Ed & PSR <i>CLC</i>
11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>		11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
Happy Birthday, Fr. Bazzel!	5-6:30p Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	5-6:30p Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	3:45pm Children’s Schola <i>Office</i> 5:15pm Adult Schola- <i>Office</i> 6:00pm RCIA- <i>CLC</i> 6:30pm Fraternus- <i>CLC</i> Choir- <i>Office</i>	5-6:30p Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i> 7:00pm KofC Meeting- <i>CLC</i>	12:40pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i> 5:00pm Benediction - <i>Chapel</i>		

Cathedral Liturgical Ministers

	Sacristan	Lectors	EOMHC	Altar Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning	Linens
Saturday, September 23 5:00pm	F Giangrosso	N Lett J Reilly	C Bailey J Pinto	Slatsky Family	For the Week of September 17	For the Week of September 17
Sunday, September 24 8:30am	J Oddo	L Anderson L Bishop	C Kemp A Klein J Rich R Smith	Lee Family Collins Family Mathews Family	D Callahan	S Caraballo S Miles
Sunday, September 24 11:00am	P Fiorella	M Young K Eckert	P Fiorella A Lyas T Slaughter	K Lyas N Fehr W Nichols		

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<i>.....For other staff members, please call!</i>	

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 18	6:30 am	Fr. Jim Macey +
	12:10pm	Patricia Litschi +
Tuesday, September 19	6:30 am	Robert O’Brien +
	12:10pm	In Thanksgiving
Wed, September 20	6:30 am	Fr. Jim Macey +
	12:10pm	Russell Gainer +
Thur, September 21	6:30 am	Jim Torpey +
	12:10pm	Dan Burke
Friday, September 22	6:30 am	Chacko Brahmakulam +
	12:10pm	Earl Smith +
Saturday, September 23	5:00 pm	Fr. Jim Macey +
Sunday, September 24	8:30 am	Joe Carbonie +
	11:00am	for the people

Parishioner Update

Please check: __Cathedral Parish __St. Stephen University Chapel

If you are 18yrs 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. If you are a new parishioner, a census form will be mailed to you. If you are not Catholic, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please check R.C.I.A.

Name _____

_____ *New Parishioner*

Address _____

_____ **R.C.I.A.**

_____ *Leaving Parish*

E-Mail _____

_____ *Address Change*

Home# _____ Work# _____

The Private Prayers of the Priest – Part II

Did you know that a priest is required to say various prayers privately (in a low voice) during the Mass? In this series of columns I will identify these prayers and explain their importance. This week we'll consider what the priest prays as he mixes the water and the wine.

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

This prayer gives us to understand that the water is a symbol of humanity and the wine a symbol of divinity. In Christ the two are united, for he, the Word of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took human nature to himself by taking on a human body in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By dying for us and opening to us the gates of eternal life, we are given the opportunity to partake in his divine life.

As I said, the water and the wine in this sense are symbols; but of course, after the consecration, what is in the chalice is no longer a symbol in any sense: we believe that the mixture of water and wine is transformed into the Precious Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thus, when we consume that Precious Blood worthily (in the state of grace) we partake of Christ's life by communing with him.

As St. Augustine teaches in his famous book, the Confessions, unlike regular food which we assimilate into our bodies, when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ (worthily!) it transforms us into itself. Thus the Lord answers the priest's prayer for us all at the moment of communion when, as long as we approach the Sacrament worthily, he effects a change in our soul that makes us more like him, even if only in a small and very gradual way (much depends upon our own dispositions and openness to the graces he wishes to give). The goal for all of us is to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ throughout our lives.

Perhaps the question remains: Why does the priest say this prayer quietly? I suppose the answer, "Because we've always done it this way!", will not satisfy. But it is a valid answer. Even in the older form of the Mass, often called the "Old Latin Mass" or now, the "Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite", the priest says this same prayer while preparing the chalice – albeit in a slightly longer form. It is a very ancient prayer of the Church, and some of these centuries-old traditions simply grew up spontaneously and organically. In other words, it is a tradition that we have received and still fulfill, even if we have not also received the original rationale behind it.

(It is worth noting that while celebrating Holy Mass, the priest represents the people to God and brings God, in turn, to the people. So even if he says some prayers in a low voice that those present cannot hear, yet he still makes those prayers on behalf of all.)

Therefore, reflecting on this prayer, we might ask ourselves: Do I realize that Christ desires to transform me, such that I become a living image of him? Do I prepare myself to receive Holy Communion attentively and with fervor, so as to grow from it? Do I make regular and good use of the Sacrament of Confession, confessing all of my mortal sins in kind and number, so that I can approach Holy Communion worthily, in the state of grace?

As we reflect on the various prayers of Mass, the seriousness of our worship is brought home to us; what we are doing is not a casual community gathering in which we come together to recite some pre-written prayers, some of which we say without even thinking. No! Rather, we gather so as to commune with God himself, and so become like him in turn. May our good Lord, then, by means of these venerable prayers, help us!

-Fr. Jerabek