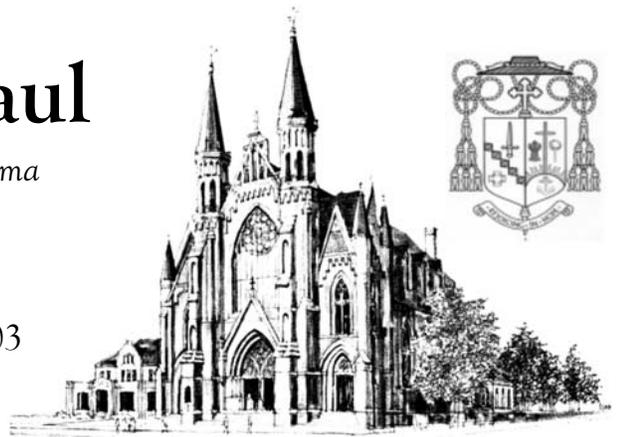


The Cathedral of Saint Paul

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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

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September 24, 2017 • The Twenty-fifth 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

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Staff List with Phone Extensions (when applicable)

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

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Rev. Douglas M. Vu

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Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink

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Pastoral Care: Mrs. Priscilla Davis, x117

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Assistant Organist: Mr. Mark Hayes

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Director Religious Ed.: Mrs. Barbara Doran, x108

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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!

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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 Diocese of Birmingham
and the Office of Black Catholic Ministries
invites you to a
Blue Mass
Honoring All Law Enforcement Personnel
6:00pm on Oct. 2
at St. Patrick's, Adamsville**

DISCONTINUATION OF FIRST SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

After careful and prayerful consideration of the various factors involved, Father Jerabek has decided not to continue having a First Sunday Holy Hour during the school year. Fridays will continue to be a day of Eucharistic adoration here in the parish, and we will continue to consider other opportune times when we might have holy hours or other periods of exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At the same time, Father reminds all that the church is a sacred place and there should be no loud conversations taking place. Sometimes immediately after Mass is a very noisy time – and it is precisely then when many people would like to make their Act of Thanksgiving. Remember always the solemn words of the Lord, "Reverence my sanctuary" (Lev 26:2), and of His prophet, "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Hab 2:20). Thank you!

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

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!

**Cathedral of Saint Paul
Grand Gala**



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

PARISH CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL

Our diocesan Catholic Charities goal this year is \$135,106. In order to support the work of the Church throughout the diocese, particularly in the service of the poor, we need every member of the parish to pledge or make a one-time donation towards this amount! Please be generous! Remember that one of the Precepts of the Church is to support the Church in her needs: this goes beyond our parish to the diocese and to the Universal Church. The annual Catholic Charities appeal is part of our support that "goes beyond" -- in addition to the various second collections for special needs throughout each year. Thank you for your generosity! For more information and to pledge or donate online, go to <http://www.catholiccharitiesbhm.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!

Second Sunday Parish Potluck

All are invited to participate on the second Sunday of every month for a potluck lunch after the 11:00 Mass in the Cathedral Life Center. If you plan to attend, please bring one item to feed your family plus a few extra people. Please drop off your food items in the kitchen during PSR or before the 11:00 am Mass. The warming drawers, oven and refrigerator will be available! Drinks will be provided! Come and celebrate these Sundays with your parish family!

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.

Upcoming events:

Socials: Family friendly at Delta Blues on Cobb Lane - 5:30pm on 9/27, 10/25, and 11/29

Service: Pack up our snack bag donations after the 11am mass and lunch in the parish office at 1:30pm on Oct. 15th. Peanut butter crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, vienna sausages, and tuna packs welcome donations. Donations to the poor pipe near the confessional also welcome.

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.

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.

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

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

Thank you!

ORGAN PROJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS: SATURDAY, 9/30, AND SUNDAY, 10/1

We are happy to announce informational sessions on the status of the Cathedral's pipe organ project next weekend; the sessions are identical and will be presented in the CLC multipurpose room on Saturday, September 30, after the 5:00pm Mass, and on Sunday, October 1, after the 8:30am Mass. They will cover the entire research scope of the project from the initial pipe replacement proposals from before 2012, through rebuilding proposals obtained in 2015-2016, through proposals for a new instrument obtained in 2016-2017 at the request of the Finance Committee. The Director of Music will present the findings of two-plus years of work on the project, as well as answer relevant questions. All parishioners interested in this important part of our music apostolate should plan to attend these important information sessions. For more questions, contact the Director of Music.

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 Slatky, Peter Scheetz, Pat and Joe Puccio, Addison Cox, as well as all those who have died, especially Victor Rumore.

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

Cathedral at a Glance, September 24-October 1

Sunday, September 24	Monday, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29	Saturday, September 30	Sunday, October 1
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> <i>Adoration-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>	12:10pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
			3:45pm Children's Schola <i>Office</i>			5:00pm Benediction <i>-Chapel</i>	
			5:15pm Adult Schola- <i>Office</i>				
			6:00pm RCIA- <i>CLC</i>				
			6:30pm Fraternus- <i>CLC</i> <i>Choir-Office</i>				

Cathedral Liturgical Ministers

	Sacristan	Lectors	EOMHC	Altar Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning	Linens
Saturday, September 30 5:00pm	Alessio	A Maiola M Beard	C Bailey J Roberts	T Alessio L Davis	For the Week of September 24	For the Week of September 24
Sunday, October 1 8:30am	M Beasley	K Echols A Marino	N Keller C Kemp A Klein J Rich	A Marino A Brueggan M Caraballo Masny Family	S Caraballo C Kemp	T Dorman P Fiorella
Sunday, October 1 11:00am	J Martin	S Burke J Fox	D DiPiazza P Fiorella	N Slatky Breland Family B Dyer		

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25	6:30 am	Libby Kidd
	12:10pm	Michael Lindsay +
Tuesday, September 26	6:30 am	Alex Bourgeois +
	12:10pm	Courtney Grossman
Wed, September 27	6:30 am	Dominic Pautler
	12:10pm	Gilbert Odrezin
Thur, September 28	6:30 am	John Martin
	12:10pm	Joseph John DeMarco +
Friday, September 29	6:30 am	Robert H. Woodley, Jr. +
	12:10pm	Jacob Jones
Saturday, September 30	5:00 pm	Salvatore Aliano +
Sunday, October 1	8:30 am	Rosalie Sacco +
	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 III

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 am identifying these prayers and explaining their importance. This week we'll consider the final two private or silent prayers of the priest during the Preparation of the Gifts (or Offertory) of Holy Mass.

The first prayer is said by the priest as he bows slightly, immediately following the preparation of the chalice.

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

This prayer is thus one of supplication on behalf of all present: the priest fulfills his role of mediator between the people and God, asking that the sacrifice that he and the people have presented be acceptable. The prayer calls to mind the sacrifice of Cain and Abel in the book of Genesis. Abel brought the first fruits of his labor and so his sacrifice was acceptable to God. Cain, on the other hand, only brought an offering from his own work, but it does not say that he brought the first fruits. Therefore, his offering was not acceptable to the Lord. While the priest prays the words of this prayer, then, he might consider: Am I bringing my best to God in this Mass? Is what I have brought worthy to be taken up into Christ's sacrifice on the cross? The people can ask these questions as well. And all can then make holy resolutions for the future.

The next silent or private prayer is said by the priest as he washes his hands.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

The washing of the hands at this point in the Mass is of a symbolic and spiritual nature; it is not for reasons of hygiene. Therefore, while there are some parishes that make a bit of show at this moment, with the servers' bringing over a large pitcher of water and bowl together with a plush towel, yet all that is really required is a small bowl of water and a modest finger towel. What is really important here is the prayer – not that there be a thorough cleansing of the hands. (The priest really should have washed his hands before Mass – perhaps, in the future, I'll write about the prayers that he should say while doing that, which are very traditional as well.)

The words for this prayer are taken from the second verse of Psalm 51, the most famous of the penitential psalms. They are thus words of contrition and supplication: the priest recognizes that he is an unworthy sinner and that he needs to be purified by God so as to be worthy to stand at his altar. In praying this way, he also calls to mind the Old Testament precedents for our worship, when those who served at the altar first had to be cleansed, "lest they die" (see Exodus 30:17-21). The physical cleansing is a symbol of the desired spiritual cleansing.

In both of these prayers, as in the others we've examined thus far, we see a posture of humility and contrition before the Lord in the moments building up to the high point of Holy Mass, the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. They remind us that what we have gathered to celebrate is not a mere community meal or some sort of narcissistic self-celebration, but that we are in the presence of God – indeed, in the presence of the Cross, as the sacrifice of Christ is re-presented (made present anew) in an unbloody way upon our altar in the Holy Eucharist. Prayer is necessary to form the appropriate attitudes of reverence and awe in us for participation in such holy rites. But knowledge about what we are doing and why also helps. In that regard, I hope that these columns have been and will continue to be of assistance.

-Fr. Jerabek

