



# PARISH SUPPORT

## MASS DEDICATIONS

**SEPT. 19**  
5:00pm ..... In memory of Epifanio Orihuela

**SEPT. 20**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Frederick Caruso  
10:00am ..... In memory of Pat Fritche  
10:30am ..... In memory of Tim Fok  
12:15pm ..... In memory of Epifanio Orihuela  
5:00pm ..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish

**SEPT. 21**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Lida Magness

**SEPT. 22**  
8:30am ..... For Tom Shrader

**SEPT. 23**  
5:30pm ..... In memory of Fr. Pedro Molina

**SEPT. 24**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Tim Fok  
9:30am ..... For safety of all children

**SEPT. 25**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Robert Littell Jr.

To request a special Mass intention for Emmaus Catholic Parish or Queen of Angels Chapel, contact the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

## BAPTISMS

**WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**  
Jace James Lauzon

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

**September 20, 2015**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)*  
Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### Weekly Stewardship Report

September 6, 2015.....	\$47,489
September 13, 2015.....	\$27,350
Fiscal YTD Offertory .....	\$384,208

PLC Loan Balance: .....	\$1,294,525
Church Loan Balance: .....	\$4,209,172
<b>Mortgage payments (principal/interest)</b>	
<b>on above loans:.....</b>	<b>\$46,708/month</b>



### Second Collections at Emmaus

Benevolence: First Sunday of the month  
Parish Life Center: Fourth Sunday of the month

### Buy SEED Program Gift Cards and Help Emmaus

Support Emmaus **Every Day** by purchasing SEED (gift) cards from Emmaus and using them just like cash when you shop. Purchase cards for groceries, gasoline, dining, gifting. You receive the full value, and Emmaus gets an added percentage from the retailer. That amount adds up for Emmaus and helps us pay parish expenses without any extra expense on your part. Available for a long list of retailers and in various denominations, SEED cards are sold at the parish office Monday through Friday and in the Emmaus narthex before and after Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit [emmausparish.org/seed](http://emmausparish.org/seed).

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$6,386  
2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

### Amazon Smile Program

Do you shop online at Amazon.com? If you'll use the link on our website, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to Emmaus Catholic Parish. Visit [emmausparish.org/amazon-smile](http://emmausparish.org/amazon-smile) for details, and bookmark the link for your future purchases.

### Randalls Good Neighbor Program

Randalls offers customers a way to support their favorite church, school, or other non-profit organization. Through the Good Neighbor Program, Randalls shoppers can link an organization's account number to their Remarkable card, and that organization will receive a percentage of sales made. The more people who link their card to the organization's account number, the more money the organization will raise. Emmaus Catholic Parish's account number is 9-2-8-1. Please visit your local Randalls and request that your card be linked to our number.

### iDonate Noncash Giving

Your noncash items could represent thousands of dollars to our church - plus a garage you can park in, cleaned out drawers, and no more monthly storage unit fees! The iDonate online giving system allows our church to process and liquidate many kinds of quality noncash donation, including electronics, vehicles, stocks, and gift cards! Visit [emmausparish.org/idonate](http://emmausparish.org/idonate) for a list of items and further details.

### Planned Giving

Discover ways to use your resources to make a lasting impression on those you love and the causes you believe in. For information about how to include Emmaus Catholic Parish in your will or estate plan, please call the parish office.

### eGiving = Secure Automatic Giving

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. Choose the amount and the frequency of your donations. You may enroll online or download a form from the parish website, or contact the parish office for assistance.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

All items on the calendar are scheduled at Emmaus Catholic Parish with the exception of those marked as Queen of Angels. PLEASE NOTE: Changes may have occurred in the schedule between print deadlines and the bulletin distribution. Please refer to the Parish Website for the most current calendar listings.

## SUNDAY, September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MONDAY, September 21

### St. Matthew

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Epic: A Journey through Church History	Q of A Chapel
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	Great Hall
11:00 AM	Spiritual Book Club	PLC Lounge
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Women's CRHP-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University	Rm 204
7:30 PM	Men's CRHP	Pastoral A1/Library

## TUESDAY, September 22

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Alanon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
9:30 AM	Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother	Multi B & C
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Q of A Chapel
7:00 PM	Men's CRHP-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Immigration 101	Great Hall
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, September 23

### St. Pius of Pietrelcina

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:30 AM	Called to be Friends	Pastoral A1/Library
6:15 PM	Pastoral Council	Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206

## THURSDAY, September 24

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	Q of A Chapel
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Game Day	Q of A Chapel
10:00 AM	Exodus: Called to Freedom	Multi B & C
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Pastoral B1
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	CRHP Continuation Committee	Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM	RCIA	Multi B & C
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Night of Discipleship	Church
7:30 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space

## FRIDAY, September 25

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

## SATURDAY, September 26

### St. Cosmas & St. Damian

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons Retreat/Training	Multi B & C
5:00 PM	Immigration 101 (Spanish)	Great Hall
6:00 PM	Social Saturday	Narthex

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?** For adults interested in learning more about becoming Catholic through RCIA, visit the parish website or call the parish office.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Email [newcomer@emmausparish.org](mailto:newcomer@emmausparish.org) or call the parish office to register to attend a Welcome & Registration Event.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** - To learn more about Sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage, visit the parish website or call the parish office.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed at 9:00 AM, Monday-Friday at Emmaus, at 4:20 PM on Saturdays at Emmaus, and at 9:15 AM on Sundays at Queen of Angels.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** is available 24 hours a day in the St. John of the Cross Adoration Chapel. To sign up for available hours, visit [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration), or call Michelle Ford, (512) 261-4992.

**PARISH OFFICE:** (512) 261-8500; Monday-Friday, 9 AM-4 PM; Sunday, 8 AM-12 noon

**NURSERY:** The Nursery is available at Emmaus for the Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:15 PM Masses. The nursery may be available for other designated parish events if advertised and a minimum number of children are registered. For such designated events, you must specifically request childcare by calling the parish office at least 72 hours in advance.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Fridays (10 days in advance), 12 noon, [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org)

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thursdays, 12 noon, [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org)

**LOST AND FOUND** at Emmaus is located on the ledge at the left hand side of the narthex (near the SEED table). Any valuable items are taken to the parish office.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** are available for your use during Mass. Pick one up in the sacristy.

**ALTAR FLOWERS/MASS DEDICATIONS:** To order altar flowers or to dedicate Masses at Emmaus or Queen of Angels, please call the parish office.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:** If you know someone who is struggling and could use our support, or would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please call the parish office. A complete listing of Social Outreach offerings is available on the website.

**EMMAUS' RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY** is committed to the preservation of human life and the human spirit through education on Respect Life issues and programs. As part of Respect Life, the Gabriel Project assists with Crisis Pregnancies, and Project Rachel provides hope and healing after abortion. Further information is available on the website or by contacting the parish office.

**TO MEET WITH A PRIEST,** to request Anointing or a visit for an ill loved one, or to arrange a blessing of a pregnancy or your home, please call the parish office.

**HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATES CLINIC:** (512) 263-0265

**LADIES OF CHARITY:** (512) 791-5750

**LAKE TRAVIS CRISIS MINISTRIES:** (512) 266-9810

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** (512) 576-1744

## PARISH NEWS

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is returning to Emmaus for nine Mondays beginning **Sept. 21**, 7-8:30 PM in PLC Room 204. Taught by best-selling author Dave Ramsey, FPU is a 9-week life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. You will learn step-by-step cash flow planning, common sense techniques to eliminate debt, how to invest wisely, and much more. Your first lesson is free! Cost for class materials is approximately \$100. Visit the Emmaus website or join Financial Peace University on The City for more information and the link to register online.

**CALLED TO BE FRIENDS** is a new program especially designed for widows and widowers which offers opportunities for getting oneself into a position to enjoy life in a new way. Possible endeavors may include movie previews with reviews and discussion, inspirational speakers, day trips, and more opportunities to build new friendships. The program will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM-12 PM at Emmaus beginning **Sept. 23**. To register, please call the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

**SOCIAL SATURDAY** returns next week at Emmaus! Gather in the narthex with your fellow parishioners following the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, **Sept. 26**. Relax and enjoy some casual time with friends, old and new! Join us for a glass of wine, a beer and snacks. This popular event happens about once a month. Please join us...all are welcome!

Last call to play ball! Are you a great golfer? Or not so much? Doesn't matter! Emmaus' **5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** on Monday, **Sept. 28** at The Hills is a 4-person scramble. Get your foursome together or register as an individual. Please sign up soon for this very fun event that helps our parish and provides a great day for all. For details and the online registration, visit [emmausparish.org/golf](http://emmausparish.org/golf).

Celebrate St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day with your best friends! Join us for the annual **BLESSING OF THE PETS** on Sunday, **Oct. 4**. This event will be held at Queen of Angels at 11:30 AM and at the Emmaus labyrinth at 3 PM. Bring your household pets for a special blessing and fellowship with other parishioners and their beloved pets. PLEASE NOTE: For the safety and protection of the animals, all pets need to be on a leash or in a carrier.

## FOCUS ON MINISTRY

*How do you live out your faith?* Emmaus has more than 75 ministries which are reliant on our parishioners' time and talent. Engage with your parish by signing up to help, and you'll be making a meaningful impact on your fellow community members as well as yourself.

### WELCOME & REGISTRATION TABLE HOSTS

Contact: Gretchen Reynolds, (512) 261-8500

Do you like to talk? Do you like to welcome others? Then becoming a Welcome & Registration Table Host is the ministry for you! This fun and relaxed ministry only occurs seven times per year on a Sunday morning, so the commitment is minimal. Table hosts greet newcomers, talk to them about why Emmaus is their parish home, walk them through the registration process, and answer any questions they may have. It's a great way to meet new people!

To find more ways to help your parish, log on to **The City** and click on Growth-Service Opportunities.

### IS IT TIME TO PUSH THE REFRESH BUTTON?

As the fall season approaches, many of us are in a frenzy of activity to prepare our children for school activities and routines and to coordinate our schedules to meet the daily challenges and tasks! We need to ask ourselves if it is time for self-revitalization. God has given us five senses to enhance our well-being. We can reawaken these senses in an affordable and simplistic manner!

1. **TO SEE:** Checkout what is REALLY encompassing your world! Whether you are watching children at play or enjoying shopping, use your eyesight to enjoy the people interactions around you.
2. **TO HEAR:** Take a walk in the park or even in your yard and truly listen to the sounds of nature; singing birds, flowing water or the soft breezes that accompany the season change. If you are inside, turn on soft beautiful music and relax.
3. **TO TOUCH:** All of God's creations appreciate this most awesome sense. Find enrichment in brushing or petting your dogs or cats, planting fall plants in rich soil, or hugging a friend or family member.
4. **TO SMELL:** Scent is one of our most dominant senses that can boost our outlook. Enhance your environment with natural scents from flowers, herbs, brewed coffee, or freshly squeezed orange juice.
5. **TO TASTE:** Taste can activate very positive emotions. Savor a piece of chocolate or even a salty pretzel depending on your flavor preference.

Most importantly, always make TIME to refill your being so that you can be at your BEST!

— Submitted by Mary Murphy, RN

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

Catholic Charities of Central Texas will be visiting Emmaus to present **IMMIGRATION 101**, a presentation about how the immigration system works, types of relief, and eligibility requirements. The presentation will be in English on Tuesday, **Sept. 22**, 7 PM, and in Spanish on Saturday, **Sept. 26**, 5 PM in Emmaus' Great Hall. Free to attend.

During October, Respect Life Month, Emmaus Catholic Parish will host the **BABY BANK CAMPAIGN** to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. The baby banks will be distributed next weekend. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. The Gabriel Project will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lee Malkowski at (601) 927-8818 or [ljm8459@gmail.com](mailto:ljm8459@gmail.com), or Sr. Elizabeth Guerrero at the parish office.

Central Texas Coalition for Life's **40 CHURCHES FOR 40 DAYS** Fall Prayer Vigil is returning on Saturday, **Oct. 17**, 7 AM-4 PM. Emmaus Catholic Parish has requested to cover one day at Planned Parenthood, 201 E. Ben White Blvd., Austin. Please pray and discern to be a part of that day to honor the sanctity of life. Just one prayerful hour of your time will make a big difference. For additional information, contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818. **[Search and join Respect Life on The City and RSVP to sign up to request an hour or more.]**

A note to Emmaus from **MARY HOUSE CATHOLIC WORKER** - On behalf of our many homeless friends who take showers at Front Steps (aka ARCH), I thank you for your generous donation of towels. Our friends were overjoyed at this small convenience. Many of the recipients sent their own blessings and prayers on your behalf. Blessings and thanks, Lynn Goodman-Strauss at Mary House Catholic Worker.





# FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** begin this week, **Sept. 20**. Are your children registered? For classes and to download a registration form, visit [emmausparish.org/faith-formation-registration](http://emmausparish.org/faith-formation-registration). **[Search and join FLOCK, Elementary Faith Formation, Journey, and Outcry on The City]**

Students wishing to be Confirmed in 2016 must be enrolled in Faith Formation (Outcry) and attend four mandatory **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS** with their parents. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend. The first workshop will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, 6:15-7:30 PM in the PLC Youth Space. **[Search and join Outcry on The City for additional dates, instructions, and updates.]**

Journey through the history of Catholicism! The 20-part series, **EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY**, takes you through the major people, places and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church. You will see the glory of the Church founded by Christ and understand where you fit into this Epic story. The program is scheduled for Mondays beginning **Sept. 21**, 9:30-11:30 AM at Queen of Angels Chapel. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**

The 10-week series, **EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM**, looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than just seeking to free His people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free His people from the far more sinister tyranny of sin, so they could live the authentic freedom that belongs to children of God. Because of this, the Exodus story is not just Israel's story, it is our story as well; it tells us who God is and what He calls us to be. The program is scheduled for Thursdays beginning **Sept. 24**, 10-11:30 AM at Emmaus. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? You are invited to join us for a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. A Men's Retreat in English will be held **Oct. 3-4**. The weekend retreat is perfect for those looking for time to relax, pray, and rethink priorities. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp).



Do you want to read the Bible, but don't know how to begin? Then **THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE** is for you! This 24-week study is co-authored by Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins and includes Cavins' exciting talks on DVD, informal group discussion, and materials to aid in weekly preparation at home. The study will be help Mondays beginning **Oct. 5**, 7-9 PM at Emmaus. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**

Spend an inspiring day reflecting on how Mary can help you to share your faith with those around you. Attend our annual **MARIAN DAY OF REFLECTION**, a half-day retreat at Queen of Angels, on Saturday, **Oct. 17**, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM. Led by Catholic evangelist and missionary Elyse Cunningham, the retreat is free to attend and is open to the first 75 to register. Register by Oct. 1 to be entered into a drawing for a Mary's Touch Anniversary Basket. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**



## EN ESPAÑOL

Para noticias en español, por favor recoja un boletín de noticias disponible en los revisteros al lado de la sacristía en la iglesia.

**20 de septiembre 2015**

**25º - domingo de tiempo ordinario**

*“Si alguno quiere ser el primero, será el postrero de todos, y el servidor de todos.” (Marcos 9:35)*

Jesús nos enseña que somos llamados a servirnos el uno al otro. Sacrificio no es una palabra que muchas personas quieren escuchar. Pensamos que significa que debemos renunciar a algo que deseamos. Sin embargo, el significado literal de sacrificio es “hacer sagrado” de las palabras “sacer” = sagrado y “facere” = hacer. En otras palabras, hacemos nuestras vidas santas compartiendo nuestros dones al servicio de Dios.

### LAS PREGUNTAS MÁS FRECUENTES DE LA PARROQUIA DE EMAÚS

**¿INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO?** Para los adultos interesados en aprender más acerca de convertirse Católico a través de RICA, visite el sitio web de la parroquia o llame a la oficina parroquial.

**¿NUEVO A LA PARROQUIA?** Escriba a [newcomer@emmausparish.org](mailto:newcomer@emmausparish.org) o llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse para asistir a un evento de Bienvenida y Registro.

**PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS:** Para obtener más información acerca de la preparación sacramental para el Bautismo, la Reconciliación, la Eucaristía (Comunión), la Confirmación, o Matrimonio, visite el sitio web de la parroquia o llame a la oficina parroquial.

**ROSARIO** (en inglés) serezaalas9AM, delunesa vienes en Emaús, alas 4:20PM los sábados en Emaús, y alas 9:15AM los domingos la capilla Reina de los Ángeles.

**LA ADORACION PERPETUA** esta disponible a la 24 horas en La Capilla de Adoracion. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration), a Michelle Ford, al (512) 261-4992.

**OFICINA PARROQUIAL:** (512) 261-8500; Lunes-Viernes, 9 AM-4 PM; Domingo, 8 AM a 12 del mediodía

**GUARDERÍA (CUIDADO DE NIÑOS):** La Guardería está disponible en Emaús para las Misas de Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM y 24:15. La guardería puede estar disponible para otros eventos particulares si esta anunciado, y un número mínimo de niños están registrados. Para estos tipos de eventos particulares, usted debe solicitar específicamente el cuidado de su niño(s) llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al menos 48 horas de anticipación.

**FECHA TOPE PARA BOLETÍN:** viernes, a las 12 del mediodía, escriba a [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org).

**OBJETOS PERDIDOS** (Lost & Found) en Emaús se encuentran en la cornisa en el lado izquierdo del nártex (cerca de la mesa donde se venden las tarjetas de regalos). Los objetos de valor se llevan a la oficina parroquial.

**DISPOSITIVOS DE AYUDA AUDITIVA** están disponibles para su uso durante la misa. Coja uno en la sacristía.

**FLORES PARA EL ALTAR/DEDICACIONES EN LA MISA:** Para pedir flores para el altar o para dedicar Misas en Emaús o la capilla Reina de los Ángeles, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

**OPORTUNIDADES DE AYUDA:** Si conoces a alguien que está batallando y necesita nuestro apoyo, o le gustaría recibir la Santa Comunión en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Una lista completa de recursos sociales está disponible en el sitio web.

**EL MINISTERIO RESPETO A LA VIDA** de Emaús está comprometido a la preservación de la vida humana y el espíritu humano a través de la educación sobre temas y programas de Respeto a la Vida. Como parte de Respeto a la Vida, el Proyecto Gabriel asiste con embarazos en crisis, y el Proyecto Rachel ofrece esperanza y sanación después del aborto. Más información está disponible en la página web o comunicándose con la oficina de la iglesia.

**PARA HABLAR CON UN SACERDOTE**, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. **NOTICIAS DE ÚLTIMA HORA EN ESPAÑOL DE EMAÚS ¿Sabía usted que puede ver la página web de Emaús en español? Visite [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org). En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.**

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• Dr. Tam Cummings, Gerontologist, will speak at The Lakeway Church on common behavior and physical changes of **ALZHEIMER'S** and other dementias and their direct effect on caregivers. The event will take place Wednesday, **Sept. 23**, 6:30 PM; no charge, and reservations are not required.

• The Ignation Solidarity Network invites you to **THE POPE GOES TO CONGRESS** watch party at St. Thomas More Church on Thursday, **Sept. 24**. Gather at 8 AM for the Live Stream at 8:20 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Rebroadcast will be at 6:30 PM. For information, contact Emmett Blake, (206) 819-5686.

• **A RETREAT FOR THE SCRUPULOUS** will be offered **Sept. 25-27** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Scrupulosity has been called "the doubting disease," or a religious form of a compulsive disorder that is little-known but afflicts many people of faith. People may be troubled about past sins they cannot release and others may agonize about problems of obedience and purity. Many worry about sin where there is no sin. Redemptorist Father Tom Santa, a priest and pastor in Chicago, will lead this weekend retreat, which will include the celebration of Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation. The costs for this weekend retreat is \$195 for a private room and \$160 for a shared room. All meals included. To register or for more information about all that is offered at Cedarbrake, visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

• The car needs a tune-up; your job needs periodic continuing education; the house needs a fresh coat of paint and the grass needs mowing. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Attend a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)** weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. For more information on the September and November weekends, or to register, call (512) 522-8409 or visit [austinme.org](http://austinme.org). Call early to ensure a space.

• Ascension Church in Bastrop is holding its first annual **RUN FOR LIFE: LOVE AND RESPECT LIFE** 1 mile/5 K on Saturday, **Oct. 3**. For details and to register, visit [ascensionbastrop.com](http://ascensionbastrop.com).

• The Amigas de Saint Louise House will host their third annual **SIPS & SALSA SOIRÉE** on Saturday, **Oct. 3**, 7-11 PM at Maserati of Austin, 12925 Pond Springs Rd., Austin 78729. The Soiree will celebrate the mothers and children whose lives have been transformed by Saint Louise House while raising critical funds for service support. Guests will enjoy dancing, dinner, and drinks for \$75/person. For tickets, email [amigasdesaintlouiseshouse@gmail.com](mailto:amigasdesaintlouiseshouse@gmail.com).

• St. Theresa Catholic Church is hosting a series of **SOCIAL OUTREACH PARISH PRESENTATIONS** with speakers from a variety of local organizations. The first presentation is **Oct. 5**, 10-11:30 AM and will feature the Care Communities of Austin. Call (512) 451-7105 for details.

• Young adults are invited to join us for **THEOLOGY ON TAP**, Tuesday, **Oct. 6** at Santa Rita Cantina (5900 W. Slaughter Ln., Austin, Texas 78749) where Sherie Zebrowski will present on the relationship between the Old and the New Testament. The evening will begin at 6 PM with music by Kevin Kapchinski, and the presentation will begin at 7 PM. We hope to see you there!

• The annual diocesan **RED MASS** will be held **Oct. 8** at 6 PM at St. Mary Cathedral in downtown Austin. The guest speaker is Professor Lucia A. Silecchia of The Catholic University of America. She was one of nine Americans to participate in a Vatican conference on Climate Change and Development, organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. A ticketed dinner and reception will follow the Mass. To purchase tickets, visit [austindiocese.org/redmass](http://austindiocese.org/redmass) or e-mail [redmass@austindiocese.org](mailto:redmass@austindiocese.org).

• **A DINNER FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS** from the diocese will be held **Oct. 10** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Good food, fellowship, and two brief reflections will make up this evening. The evening begins at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Priscilla Schier, Gladys Waggoner, Marta Andrade, Mary Barnes, John Madden, Nancy Pensack, Maria Martinez, Ramirez Family, Holley Eguileor, Damaris Valencia, Cole Robinson, Iburg Family, John Mylander, Kenny Bradt, Joe & Ruth Jacobi, Marly Collins, Mitzi Van Landuyt, Jack Burcham, Gloria Caballero, Diehm Family, Madison Arrington, Hudson Hill, Andrade Family, Vazquez Family, Bill Gilbert, Josie Balarbar, Susan Shoemake, Dominga Nanjera, Ruth & Roy Tegeder, Jan Riordan, Rosa Maria Abreo

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• Catholic Relief Services has partnered with Ten Thousand Villages and will be holding a **COMMUNITY EVENT** at the store on **Oct. 16**. Leti Bueno at St. Catherine of Siena, (512) 892-2420, has more information, and is able to provide education on Fair Trade to interested groups.

• Prospective parents are invited to attend a parent-only Information Session at **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**. Sessions are scheduled for **Sept. 25** and **Oct. 23** (8:30-10 AM), and **Nov. 18** (6:30-8PM). During these sessions, parents will learn about our school, enjoy a student led tour of our beautiful campus and hear about our admission process. Did you know that Savio offers bus transportation at locations in south, central and north Austin? To find out more of these interesting facts join us for an information session. Reserve a spot as space is limited by visiting our website: [saviochs.org](http://saviochs.org) > Admissions > Visit St. Dominic Savio or by contacting Holly Bologna, (512) -388-8846 ext. 5504.

• The **WALK FOR LIFE, HOPE AND MERCY** will be held Saturday, **Oct. 24**, beginning with Mass at 8 AM at St. Austin Catholic Church and followed by a march to the Capitol. Additionally, the Texas Catholic Conference invites you to **A JOURNEY TO MERCY: RETHINKING THE DEATH PENALTY IN TEXAS**, a discussion on capital punishment that will be held at the Texas Capitol Auditorium and Legislative Conference Center on Friday, **Oct. 23**. More information on both events can be found at [txcatholicmercyproject.org](http://txcatholicmercyproject.org)

• For information on a **BUS PILGRIMAGE** to Mother Angelica's EWTN Studio and the Shrine in Alabama departing from San Antonio on **Nov. 3**, please contact Ken and Debbie Felder at (210) 651-6889 or [ken.deb.felder@att.net](mailto:ken.deb.felder@att.net). Registration deadline is Oct. 1, 2015.

