



PARISH SUPPORT

MASS DEDICATIONS

- DEC. 26**
5:00pm..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish
- DEC. 27**
8:30am..... For Ann Ballard
10:00am..... For Terry & Barbara Boothe
10:30am..... In memory of Charles & Rose Pfeifer
12:15pm..... For Bertha Zagal
5:00pm..... For Martha Scallon
- DEC. 28**
8:30am..... In memory of Tib Scallon
- DEC. 29**
8:30am..... In memory of Lee Schiavolin
- DEC. 30**
5:30pm..... For Joan Brown
- DEC. 31**
6:30pm..... For Terry & Barbara Booth
- JAN. 1**
8:30am..... For World Peace

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

Weekly Stewardship Report

Due to advanced holiday print deadlines, offertory figures are not available.

Fiscal YTD Offertory:.....	\$902,855
PLC Loan Balance:.....	\$1,282,520
Church Loan Balance:.....	\$4,159,171
Mortgage payments (principal/interest)	
on above loans:	\$46,708/month



S Second Collections at Emmaus

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

Retirement Fund for Religious - Dec. 26-27

This week's special collection, on the Feast of the Holy Family, supports maternity homes for the Diocese of Austin: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown and Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, and the Pro-Life Activities Office of the Diocese of Austin. Please be generous.

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.

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$16,173
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 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 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.

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness this Season

Each holiday season, Emmaus anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at emmausparish.org/egiving. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

WEEKLY REFLECTION



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December 27, 2015 -

Feast of the Holy Family

"See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received - being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

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, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

MONDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space

TUESDAY, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space

WEDNESDAY, December 30

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

THURSDAY, December 31

St. Sylvester I

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass	Church
8:00 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass-Spanish	Church

FRIDAY, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM	Holy Day Mass	Church
10:00 AM	Holy Day Mass	Q of A Chapel
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

SATURDAY, January 2

St. Basil the Great

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
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Merry Christmas

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 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, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Emmaus, 8:30 AM on Wednesdays at Emmaus, 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, 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

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thursdays, 12 noon, 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.

TO REQUEST EUCHARIST for the facility- or homebound, please call the parish office. We ask that you allow 48 hours for arrangements to be made.

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

WELCOME TO EMMAUS! Thank you for being with us during this very special season. If you are visiting family and friends, we wish you safe travels as you return to your home. If you are looking for a new parish home, we welcome you to join our family!

New Year's Day, **Jan. 1**, is also the **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at Emmaus on Thursday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 PM and 8 PM (Spanish), and on Friday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 AM. Mass will be held at Queen of Angels Chapel on Friday, Jan. 1, at 10 AM.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS for the new year are available in the narthex. Please pick one up for your family!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES - The Parish Office and Nursery will be closed through **Jan. 3**. In case of an emergency and you need to reach a priest, please call the rectory at (512) 261-3209. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Charitable donations are an excellent way to reduce your tax burden for the year while doing something for the greater good. As you finalize your year-end tax planning for your family or business, we'd like to remind you that donations to Emmaus Catholic Parish may qualify as **TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**. Whether your donations are to the general offertory, the building fund, benevolence, gifts of stock, or donations to our annual gala, gifts received in the parish office by **Dec. 31, 2015**, will be applied to this current calendar year. All of us at Emmaus appreciate all the contributions you have made this year to your parish!

MAKE SOME MAGIC WITH US! Sponsorships, reserved tables, and general admission tickets go on sale online beginning **Jan. 1** for *Magic 'til Midnight*, Emmaus' 2016 Gala. We invite you to join us on Saturday, Apr. 16, for a magical evening of fun and fellowship, to include a cocktail hour, seated dinner, live auction, diamond jewelry raffle, dancing, casino games, and special surprise entertainment. Proceeds raised through this event will help make possible the work that Emmaus Catholic Parish does in the Austin community. Attire is "nice church clothes" to glamorously formal; black tie optional. (Of course, if you prefer, dress to the theme as a magician, his lovely assistant, or even their rabbit!) Sponsorship benefits and non-sponsor table and ticket offerings are detailed on the website, biddingforgood.com/emmausgala/mtm. We look forward to having you with us for this magical evening!

LA BEFANA is the benevolent old woman with magical powers who brings gifts to the children of Italy on the eve of the Epiphany. La Befana will stop by Emmaus on Wednesday, **Jan. 6** to meet everyone after the 5:30 PM Mass. Bring your children to meet La Befana and receive a treat on the Feast of the Epiphany.

Whether you're new to Emmaus or you have been here a while, normally attend at Emmaus or at Queen of Angels Chapel, we invite you to formally register in the parish at our next **WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT** on Sunday, **Jan. 10**, 9:45 AM in the Emmaus Great Hall. Welcome & Registration Events last less than an hour. We'll have an activity table for the children, refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available for young children in our nursery. We will not be adding any newcomers to our official parish rolls until the next event but, at any time, you are welcome to participate in parish activities. We look forward to meeting you!

LIFE AFTER DIVORCE provides a step-by-step process for putting your life back together after a love relationship has ended. This participation-centered seminar turns the crisis of divorce into a creative emotional recovery experience. Its guides provide the way to get oneself into a position to enjoy life according to God's plan and purposes. The seminar portion is 8 weeks but is designed so individuals may begin at any time. This series meets Tuesday evenings beginning **Jan. 19**, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Emmaus PLC Lounge. Please call the parish office to register.

Our mission is to empower and give hope to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Taught by best-selling author Dave Ramsey, **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** 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. This series will meet nine Monday evenings, 7-8:30 PM, beginning **Jan. 18** in Emmaus PLC Rm 204. To register, RSVP through Financial Peace University on The City, or call the parish office. **[Join Financial Peace University on The City]**

Losing someone you love is excruciating for it leaves heartache. The truth is you come face-to-face with your powerlessness. So instead of just encountering the difficulties and contradictions, bend them with gentleness and embrace the love which leaves a lasting, treasure-filled memory. You are not alone. Join us for **HEALING JOURNEY OF GRIEF**, Saturday, **Jan. 30**, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM in the PLC Cafe and Lounge. Please call the parish office to register.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for children and youth will resume on **Jan. 10**. The Faith Formation team wishes all children, parents, and catechists a blessed Christmas season.

Students wishing to be Confirmed in 2016 must be enrolled in Faith Formation (Outcry) and attend four mandatory **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS** with their parents. The second workshop in this series will take place Sunday, **Jan. 10**, 6:15-7:30 PM in the PLC Youth Space. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend. **[Join Outcry on The City]**

Outcry students are encouraged to plan now for the **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC)**, **Jan. 29-31** in Waco. The theme this year is "Restless." St. Augustine of Hippo, doctor of the Church, teaches us about the power of conversion, forgiveness, and God's love. We are excited to announce that this year's theme is inspired by his quote: "for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." We are also asking for his intercession as we plan this year's conference. St. Augustine, pray for us! Download an Outcry permission form at emmausparish.org/outcry and submit with your payment of \$150 by Jan. 10 to be included in this year's conference. **[Join Outcry on The City]**

Endorsed by EWTN hosts Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, and Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, **CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS** combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Saints Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. The author, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has a remarkable gift for inspiring little souls to trust in Jesus, The Divine Mercy. The series will meet ten Thursdays beginning **Jan. 7**, 9:30-11 AM -or- 7-8:30 PM in Emmaus PLC Rm 206. To register, RSVP through Adult Faith Formation on The City for the appropriate class: Mornings or Evenings, or call the parish office. **[Join Adult Faith Formation on The City]**

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR ADULTS: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life is an eight-part, four-hour study presented by Christopher West, designed to give you a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity - a plan stamped right into our bodies. The series will meet for eight Tuesday mornings beginning **Jan. 12**, 9:30-11 AM in PLC Multi B&C. To register, RSVP through Adult Faith Formation on The City, or call the parish office. **[Join Adult Faith Formation on The City]**



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.

27 de diciembre 2015 - Festín de la sagrada familia

"¡Fíjense qué gran amor nos ha dado el Padre, que se nos llame hijos de Dios! ¡Y lo somos!" (1 Juan 3:1)

Durante esta temporada de dar, recordemos cual es el regalo más importante que hemos recibido - ser hijos de Dios. Como tal, es importante que expresemos nuestro amor por los demás también. Dígale a su pareja, hijos y otros familiares y amigos que los ama, con frecuencia.

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 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) se reza a las 9 AM, de lunes a viernes en Emaús, a las 4:20 PM los sábados en Emaús, y a las 9:15 AM 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, 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 72 horas de anticipación.

FECHA TOPE PARA BOLETÍN: viernes, a las 12 del mediodía, escriba a 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.

PARA SOLICITAR LA EUCHARISTÍA para una hospitalaria o para personas que se encuentran confinadas en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Le pedimos que espere 48 horas para que se hagan los arreglos.

NOTICIAS DE ÚLTIMA HORA EN ESPAÑOL DE EMAÚS ¿Sabía usted que puede ver la página web de Emaús en español? Visite emmausparish.org. En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Luisana Cayetano, Jenny Zuar, Larry Hays, Clark Hanley, Dominga Gauna, Hannah Rempel, Christine Brown, Telma Ferrari, Debbie Claudine, Valsa Abraham, Benito Ramos, Jr., Margarita Diaz, Walter May, Christo Family, Cedric White, Lloyd Patrick, Patrick Family, John Totte, Maria Rivera, Mary Ann Kelly, Jim Mastrian, Martin Kennedy, John Madden



FOCUS ON MINISTRY

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

All persons serving in any ministry, program, or organization, and all staff members at Emmaus must be EIM compliant. EIM Workshops in both English and Spanish have been scheduled at Emmaus in January as follows:

- Basic Workshop in English - Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 AM-1 PM
- Refresher Workshop in English - Saturday, Jan. 16, 2-3 PM
- Basic Workshop in Spanish - Saturday, Jan. 23, 10:15 AM-1:15 PM
- Refresher Workshop in Spanish - Saturday, Jan. 23, 10-11 AM

Please visit emmausparish.org/eim for information on how to register. To request childcare, please call the parish office 72 hours in advance of a workshop.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Come join us for our next **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION** on Tuesday, **Jan. 5**, 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 10205 FM 620. We will discuss the continued shootings of blacks by law enforcement and the actions we can take to undo racism. The meeting will be in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) which is the second building on the left as you enter the St. Thomas More campus.

Gabriel Project Angels are volunteers who work with those in need of emotional and spiritual support due to an unplanned pregnancy. There is a need for angels across the diocese. The next **GABRIEL PROJECT ANGEL TRAINING** will be held at St. Paul Parish in Austin on **Jan. 9**, 9 AM-5 PM. For more information, contact Mary Helen Russell at (512) 949-2488.

MARY HOUSE CATHOLIC WORKER OF AUSTIN, INC., is celebrating 25 years of service to indigent, critically, and terminally ill people **Jan. 16** at 2 PM at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the thousands of people who have volunteered their time and talent and other gifts to create the only such shelter in the state of Texas. There will be a reception after the Mass.

The next **TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) RETREAT** will be held **Jan. 16-18** at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The retreat is specifically designed for juniors in high school to young adults in their 20s and is focused on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The cost for the weekend is \$100 and includes two nights, meals, and supplies. For more information, contact Jennifer Kodysz at (512) 949-2467 or jennifer-kodysz@austindiocese.org.

The annual Mass celebrating the legacy of **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** will be celebrated **Jan. 17** at 9:30 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Bishops Joe Vásquez and Daniel Garcia will concelebrate the Mass.

A **HEALING HEARTS RETREAT** for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma will be held **Jan. 22-24** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The cost is \$135. For more information or to register, call Beverly Collin at (254) 780-2436.



Welcome to
EMMAUS CATHOLIC PARISH
We're here to help.

- Are you new to the parish?
- Are you new to Catholicism?
- Have you been away from the Church?
- Do you have questions about your faith?
- Are you or a family member struggling and in need of support?
- Would you like to visit with a priest?
- Are you searching for ways to engage with your parish and community?
- Would you like to learn more about joining the Emmaus family?

Please call us. We're here to help.

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