



## MASS DEDICATIONS

- FEB. 6**  
5:00pm .....In memory of Mary Jane Ciesla
- FEB. 7**  
8:30am ..... For Boy Scouts to love and serve the Lord  
10:00am ..... For Boy Scouts to love and serve the Lord  
10:30am ..... For Boy Scouts to love and serve the Lord  
12:15pm ..... For Boy Scouts to love and serve the Lord  
5:00pm ..... For Boy Scouts to love and serve the Lord
- FEB. 8**  
8:30am .....In memory of Marie Schramel
- FEB. 9**  
8:30am .....In memory of Sue Ann Schlicke
- FEB. 10**  
5:30pm .....For the safety of all children
- FEB. 11**  
8:30am .....In memory of Vidal Martinez  
9:30am ..... For Special Intention
- FEB. 12**  
8:30am .....For Sanctity of Human Life  
To request a special mass intention for Emmaus Catholic Parish or Queen of Angels Chapel, contact the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION



February 7, 2016 -  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day - in little ways and in big ways - God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

# PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Stewardship Report

January 31, 2016:.....\$28,719  
Fiscal YTD Offertory: .....\$1,260,624

PLC Loan Balance:.....\$1,274,299  
Church Loan Balance:.....\$4,125,837  
**Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: .....\$46,708/month**



### Second Collections at Emmaus

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

### Special Collections

On Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 10**, a Special Collection will be taken up for **World and Home Missions**.  
On Saturday & Sunday, **Feb. 13 & 14**, a Special Collection will benefit **Catholic Higher Education**.  
Please note that, due to an error in the printing of envelopes, you may have received an envelope in your January packet in support of Catholic Higher Education. This Feb. 13 & 14 collection is the same collection and if you already gave, please disregard the February envelope.

### 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: \$20,120

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.

### Scan to Give

Did you know that you can make your regular offertory donation using your smart phone? Just use any QR Code reader to scan this code and complete your donation.



# 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, February 7 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
12:00 PM	Guatemala Mission Trip Orientation Meeting	Rm 205

## MONDAY, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Epic: A Journey through Church History	Q of A Chapel
9:30 AM	Emmaus Moms Lenten Prayer & Reflection Series	Rm 206
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	The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study	Rm 203
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University	Rm 204

## TUESDAY, February 9

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	An Introduction to the Theology of the Body for Adults	Multi B & C
12:00 PM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1, B3, B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Q of A Chapel
6:00 PM	Great Christian Texts Discussion	Rm 205
6:30 PM	JustFaith	Multi B
7:00 PM	CRHP Men's Team-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Team 27-English	Rm 204
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, February 10 - ASH WEDNESDAY (Please see inside pages for Liturgy schedule.)

8:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	RCIA	Multi B & C
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206

## THURSDAY, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	Q of A Chapel
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Rm 206
10:15 AM	Stations of the Cross	Q of A Chapel
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Rm 205
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	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Rm 206
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space

## FRIDAY, February 12 - St. Agatha

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	Great Hall
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-English	Church
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Spanish	Church

## SATURDAY, February 13

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
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## 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, 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.

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL** is open 24 hours a day. To sign up for available hours, visit [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration).

**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.

**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

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

Dear Friends - Your Christmas gifts to **MARY HOUSE** made our holiday season very special. One of us celebrated his last Christmas with us, and he especially was very touched when he received his gift cards. The Target and H-E-B gift cards ensure that all our guests can choose the items they most need or want for their medical and personal needs. Be assured that you and your faith community remain in our prayers of blessing and thanksgiving during this New Year! In addition, your youngsters collected small hand towels to give to homeless people who shower in the shelters downtown. These towels are essential to the health of our friends on the street, since public showers do not supply towels. (The laundry alone would be impossible to keep up with, if the budget even allowed money to purchase such luxuries!) Every single person who receives a towel blesses us profusely, and it is a joy to pass that blessing on to your faith community. In Jesus's Love, Lynn Goodman-Strauss

<h1>Lent</h1> 	
<h3>Ash Wednesday - February 10, 2016</h3> <p>6:30 AM - Liturgy of the Word                  7:30 AM - Liturgy of the Word                  8:30 AM - Mass                  10 AM - Mass (at Queen of Angels Chapel)                  12 PM - Liturgy of the Word                  4:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word                  5:30 PM - Mass                  7:30 PM - Mass (Spanish)</p> <p><i>Distribution of ashes at all of the above.</i></p>	
	<h3>Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection</h3> <p>with Cheryl "Max" Maxwell                  "Merciful Like the Father"</p> <p><b>February 10</b>                  8:30 AM-2:30 PM at Emmaus</p> <p>Cost: \$25 per person, payable in advance to the parish office.                  The registration deadline was February 5. Please call the parish office ASAP to see if space is still available.</p>
<p><b>Fast &amp; Abstinence</b> - The U.S. Catholic Bishops call for all Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Catholics who are 18 to 59 years old are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for refraining from eating between meals and consuming only one full meal per day. Some food which will not equal another full meal is permitted.</p>	

The Emmaus Moms Group invites you to a **Lenten Prayer & Reflection Series**, Mondays, 9:30-11:30 AM beginning February 8. The series will combine the themes of Lent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Emmaus Moms is focused on mothers of preschoolers, but all are welcome to attend this series. RSVP through Emmaus Moms on The City.

A special collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday for **World and Home Missions**. Please be generous.

Our weekly **Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross** at Emmaus begin Friday, February 12, with a Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5-7 PM in the Great Hall. Following supper, Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 6:30 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Spanish). Join us Fridays for this important tradition at Emmaus.

**Stations of the Cross** at Queen of Angels will take place on Thursdays during Lent following the 9:30 AM Mass.

Prepare for Easter by joining us for our **Lenten Reconciliation Service** at Emmaus, Thursday, February 18, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**From Ashes to Easter** collection boxes will be available in the narthex. Your contributions support missionary efforts in and outside of the Diocese of Austin. Please return your box on Easter Sunday.

## PARISH NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will host **LENTEN FISH FRIES** on the first, third, and fifth Fridays of Lent, beginning on **Feb. 12**. Make plans to join us in the Great Hall of the PLC for our popular menu of fried catfish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, and cornbread. We will begin serving at 5 PM and continue until we sell out! Proceeds benefit youth scholarships and other Knights of Columbus causes. Check The City for more details or to volunteer.

**LIGHT WEIGH** is a weekly Catholic Bible Study DVD Series that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. In Light Weigh you will learn a new approach to eating that leads to peace with God, peace with yourself, and peace with food. A new 12-week program will be held at Emmaus on Wednesdays beginning **Feb. 17**, 10-11:30 AM in PLC Room 206. Come join us for the first no-obligation session to learn more from people who have been through the program. For details on the program, contact Mary Shrader, (512) 560-3766. Light Weigh: Real faith. Real food. Real people. Real life.

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? Men of the parish are invited to join us for a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. This retreat in Spanish will be held **Feb. 20-21** at Emmaus, and is perfect for men who are looking for time to relax, pray, and rethink priorities. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp). **[Join CRHP on The City]**

Love to shop? Love your parish? Join us on Thursday, **Feb. 25**, 5-8 PM at Point of Origin in Lakeway for a **SHOPPING PARTY!** We'll share in fabulous shopping, adult beverages and treats, and Emmaus-style fellowship. We hope to fill the store with shoppers, because 20% of sales will benefit Emmaus Catholic Parish! While you're there, consider purchasing an item to donate to Emmaus' gala auction. The store will be filled with all the newest items from market. Bring your friends and enjoy some shopping fun!



## 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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

[www.emmausparish.org/adoration](http://www.emmausparish.org/adoration)

For everyone who seems to be confused regarding the recent changes to the Adoration schedule, please know that the Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. The Blessed Sacrament, however, is not exposed during the overnight hours. That does not mean that Jesus isn't there! You are welcome to spend time with Jesus whenever you want to spend time in the Adoration Chapel. This change has been made due to the many open hours and non-attendance of scheduled adorers during the overnight hours. We were fortunate to have Prisciliano Tovar coordinating the overnight hours and spending many hours during the week covering for other people, but Prisciliano is understandably no longer able to do this. If there is someone willing to take on that role and who can find adorers to fill all the overnight hours, plus cover for any that are unable to fulfill their commitment - sometimes at the last minute and in the middle of the night - we can look into going back to Perpetual (24-hour) Adoration. Please email Fr. Samuel, [pastor@emmausparish.org](mailto:pastor@emmausparish.org), if you are willing to take a lead in doing that. Thank you for your understanding.

Please visit the website, [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration), to access the current schedule. Opportunities are available to sign up to adore during a designated hour each week. To commit to a specific hour, whether it's currently marked as "open" or already has commitments, please contact the appropriate Adoration Captain listed next to that hour. If you call and do not hear back within 48 hours, please call the parish office.



Make some magic with us! It's time to think about attending your parish's annual fundraising gala on April 16, **MAGIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT!** But you may be wondering what the difference is between the various attendance options. In a nutshell:

- **Presenting, Diamond, and Emerald Sponsors** are seated at our best tables which are located closest to the dance floor and include the glitziest of décor along with first-to-be-served-dinner honors.
- Not interested in sponsorship but want to be sure to sit with your friends? Then a **Reserved Table for 8** might be for you! Purchasing a reserved table only costs \$25 more per person over general admission seating, but you must purchase the entire table at one time, even if you choose to split the costs between four couples.
- Of course, individual **General Admissions** at \$75 each are available, and you'll choose your seat that night as you arrive at the event.

Yes, this is the largest annual fundraiser for our parish, but you'd have to be a real magician to find a gala event in the greater Austin area that offers all we do at a cost of only \$75 a person. Why not bump up your level of support just a bit this year and make a real impact for your parish? For all the details and to sign up, visit [biddingforgood.com/emmausgala](http://biddingforgood.com/emmausgala). We promise you a magical evening of fun and fellowship.

## 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.

7 de febrero de 2016

### 5o. Domingo del tiempo Ordinario

"Y oí la voz del Señor que decía: «¿A quién enviaré? ¿Quién irá por nosotros?» 'Y respondí: ¡Aquí me tienes, mándame a mí!' (Isaías 6:8)

Cada día- en maneras pequeñas y grandes - Dios nos pregunta, ¿"A quién debo enviar?" . Puede ser a alguien para que tome un nuevo ministerio o simplemente abrir una puerta a un extraño, Dios constantemente nos provee de puertas de oportunidad. La próxima vez que escuches la llamada de Dios, ten el coraje de caminar a través de la puerta y decirle "Señor aquí estoy".

### 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) 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 CHAPEL** esta disponible a la 24 horas. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration).

**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](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.

**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](http://emmausparish.org). En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

## FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open for the **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** which will take place **Apr. 9-10** at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. To register, print a permission form from [emmausparish.org/outcry](http://emmausparish.org/outcry) and turn in to the office with payment of \$100. For further information, **join Outcry on The City** or contact Matt Scruggs at the parish office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dominga Gauna, John Madden, Megan Splittstoesser, Lusanda Tyolo, Lloyed Patrick Family, Mary Burks, Joe Jacobazi, Todd Pinoza, Elsie Winkler, Aguirre-Moreno Family, Evelyn Childress, John and Nancy Scott, Gloria Castaño de Krasuk, Cony De Los Reyes, Carrera-Lopez Family, Helen Pottorff, Ralph Young, Dottie Sharp, Sukarto Family, Martin Kennedy, Bernice Guess, Jerry & Joann Paulette, Don and Betty Presley, Lauro Briones Jr., Armando Altamirano, Natarajan Family, James Bryant, Gary Ross

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**PROJECT ANDREW** will be held **Feb. 13** at 10 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic men between the ages of 16 and 45 who are interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood and seminary life are invited to attend. The day will include prayer, testimonials by priests and seminarians, Mass and lunch with Bishop Daniel Garcia. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at [vocations@austindiocese.org](mailto:vocations@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2430.

The eleventh annual **WOMEN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE** sponsored by the San José Council of Catholic Women will be held **Feb. 13**, 8 AM-3 PM at San José Parish in Austin. This year's theme is "Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us." All women are invited to come together and learn from Mary how this Lenten season can uncover the spirit of mercy within all of us and how to share it with others. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. For more information, contact Rosie Castillo at (512) 441-2748 or at [castillorosie168@yahoo.com](mailto:castillorosie168@yahoo.com) or Lydia Ruiz at (512) 523-8327 or [ruiz\\_lydia49@yahoo.com](mailto:ruiz_lydia49@yahoo.com).

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center presents a retreat just in time for Lent: **MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' PASSION AND DEATH ON THE CROSS, Feb. 16**. Come and join as we dive deeply into this mystery. Presenter: Monseigneur Elmer Holtman; beloved priest for over 50 years. \$35 includes light breakfast and lunch. For further details and to register, visit [ewrc.org](http://ewrc.org).

The **WORLD VISION EXPERIENCE** is coming to the Lakeway Church parking lot **Feb. 19-21** to bring national news headlines to life. Visitors to the Experience will step into a "global village" inside a 1000 square-foot trailer where they will don headsets and walk through an inspiring 20-minute journey while listening to the voices of children. Three visual "sets" will allow the visitors to also see how these children live in their country. For details, visit [worldvisionexperience.org](http://worldvisionexperience.org).

**BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!** Attend a free lecture by dynamic Catholic speaker, former Southern Baptist, and U.S. Marine, Tim Staples. Tim will explore the gift of Mary as the perfect mother and disciple in our lives. It will be an evening of powerful faith development! The lecture will be on Friday, **Feb. 19**, 7 PM at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue, Austin, Texas. No registration required, all ages are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men in conjunction with this year's men's conference. For more information, visit [centexcatholic.com](http://centexcatholic.com).

Married couples, what better gift to give your spouse than the gift of your uninterrupted time? Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, Feb. 19-21** at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or **Apr. 15-17** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963, [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

A **SILENT LENTEN RETREAT** will be offered **Feb. 19-21** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The retreat will begin Friday evening with soup and bread dinner and end with Mass on Sunday morning. Cost: \$165. All rooms will be private. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

**PROJECT MIRIAM** will be held **Feb. 20** at 10 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 16 and 45 are invited to learn more about Mary's joyful "yes" to God and how that is lived out in religious life. The day will include prayer, testimonials by religious sisters, Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at [vocations@austindiocese.org](mailto:vocations@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2430.

The Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men invites all men of the diocese to attend their fourth annual **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**, Saturday, **Feb. 20**, 8:30 AM-4 PM at San Jose Catholic Church in Austin. Speakers include Tim Staples and Trent Horn. For details and to register, visit [centexcatholic.com](http://centexcatholic.com).

Beginning **Feb. 20**, you are invited to join thousands throughout our diocese for 33 days of prayer for **TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**. The prayers are done privately using the preparation book; visit [TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by January 31 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Austin will present **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**, Wednesday, **Feb. 27**, 8 AM-5 PM at Christ the King in Belton. For details and to register, visit [craustin.org](http://craustin.org).

A **DIVINE MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION** will be presented **Apr. 3**, 9 AM-2:30 PM at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Fr. Brian Eilers will lead this day which will focus on the life of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy. Cost is \$25 with lunch included. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

You are invited to attend **MARY'S ENCOUNTER**, a quarterly women's morning of reflection at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, on **May 21**. The program takes place 9:30-11:30 AM followed by Mass. RSVP to [info@schoenstatt.us](mailto:info@schoenstatt.us) or call (512) 330-0602.