



MASS DEDICATIONS

- FEB. 27**
5:00pm..... In memory of Thelma Eck
- FEB. 28**
8:30am..... In memory of James P. Hudson
10:00am..... In memory of Tom & Beatrice Lucksinger
10:30am..... In memory of Pauline Suffredini
12:15pm..... In memory of Steve Morris
5:00pm..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish
- FEB. 29**
8:30am..... In memory of Msgr. Edward Jordan
- MAR. 1**
8:30am..... In memory of Matthew Christian Young
- MAR. 2**
5:30pm..... In memory of Doris McDaniel
- MAR. 3**
8:30am..... In memory of Dennis Quinn
9:30am..... For Lisa Gray
- MAR. 4**
8:30am..... In memory of Joe Jacobi

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

February 21, 2016:	\$45,956
Fiscal YTD Offertory:	\$1,396,162
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 Collection for Catholic Relief Services: Mar. 5 & 6

In keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," the funds collected through the CRS Collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

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: \$22,097

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.

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 REFLECTION



February 28, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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 28

3rd Sunday of Lent

11:15 AM	Monthly Celebration Blessing	Q of A Chapel
12:00 PM	CRHP Spiritual Facilitator Training	Pastoral A1/Library
1:00 PM	First Eucharist Workshop-English	Great Hall
6:00 PM	Journey Stations Practice	Church

MONDAY, February 29

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
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
7:30 PM	MFC Holy Hour	Church
7:30 PM	CRHP Men's Team-English	Pastoral A1/Library

TUESDAY, March 1

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	Great Christian Texts Discussion	Rm 205
6:30 PM	JustFaith	Multi B
7:00 PM	A Spiritual Walk at Emmaus	Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Team 27-English	Rm 204
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting	Café

WEDNESDAY, March 2

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Light Weigh	Rm 206
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206

THURSDAY, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

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
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space
7:00 PM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Rm 206
7:00 PM	RCIA	Multi B & C

FRIDAY, March 4

St. Casimir

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
7:00 AM	Jazzercise for Men	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:00 PM	Soup Supper	Great Hall
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-English	Church
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Agape	Youth Space
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Spanish	Church
8:15 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion	Multi B & C

SATURDAY, March 5

8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Austin Bridge	Café & Youth Space

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.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL is open 24 hours a day. To sign up for available hours, visit 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

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



LENTEN EVENTS AT EMMAUS

Please join us Fridays during Lent for our **LENTEN SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Supper at 5 PM in the PLC Great Hall is followed at 6:30 PM by Stations in English and 7:30 PM by Stations in Spanish. For more details, visit emmausparish.org/lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Queen of Angels Chapel are presented

Thursdays during Lent immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass. Please join us!

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER, a Lenten mission, will be presented in Spanish at Emmaus **Mar. 6-8**, 7-8:30 PM each evening. Presenters will be Fr. Everardo Cázares, José Juan Valdez, and José Rivera. The mission will close on Mar. 8 with Mass and a potluck dinner. All are invited. For details in Spanish, visit the website, emmausparish.org/lent, or pick up a flyer from the west narthex racks. **Join Adult Faith Formation on The City**

We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with His infinite and compassionate love. Through His Spirit, His grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our **ASHES TO EASTER BOX** each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up after Mass today. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

It's time for **MARCH MADNESS!** Beginning **Mar. 1** and continuing through Mar. 31, take part in our March SEED Raffle, and you could win a \$100 gift card! For every \$100 in SEED gift cards that you purchase during the month, you will receive one entry ticket! Now is the time to stock up on gift cards for groceries, restaurants, and gifts. Drawing will be held the first week of April - no fooling!

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? Join us for a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. Retreats are scheduled as follows: **Mar. 5-6** (Women's-English); **Apr. 9-10** (Men's-English). Let the Spirit move you! Register online at emmausparish.org/crhp. **Join CRHP on The City**

Join us seven Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11 AM, beginning **Apr. 5** for **REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**. This intriguing study from Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as His spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. Facilitated by Jose Juan Valdez. To register, **RSVP on The City** or call the parish office.

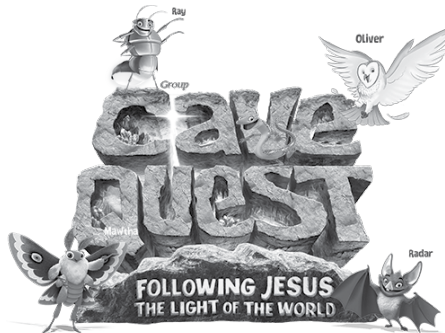
A WORKSHOP ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE - Luke is the evangelist who we are going to hear most from during this liturgical year. Furthermore, as we celebrate this Year of Mercy, Luke's writings are known as the Gospel of Mercy. On Saturday, **Mar. 12**, 9 AM-12 PM, come join Dr. Suzanne Nawrocki, MA, M.Div., D.Min., in a morning workshop on the Gospel of Luke. Suzanne will share her scriptural knowledge in order to give a more comprehensive view of this beloved author. How do we date this Gospel? What do we know about Luke from the Bible itself? From where did he get his material? Why did he write this account of Jesus' life when he already had the Gospel of Mark? Understanding the intricacies and theology of the whole will enable participants to better understand and put into context the readings proclaimed each Sunday. This workshop would be of help to the ordained, lectors, catechists, and all those who simply want to delve into the sacred scriptures more thoroughly. No prerequisite is required; just a willing spirit and an open heart to hear God's Word anew. **Join Adult Faith Formation on The City**

The Knights of Columbus will host a **ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER & DANCE** on Saturday, **Mar. 19**, 6-10 PM in the PLC Great Hall. The event will feature a menu of Irish, Italian, and Mexican food, adult beverages, dancing, and live entertainment. Advance tickets are \$20 per person (adults only) and available from any Knight or by contacting Vincent Maggio, (512) 514-0138. Proceeds benefit the K of C Scholarship Program.

You think **MAGIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT** sounds like great fun, but your significant other doesn't? Call up your CRHP sisters, your Knights brothers, your fellow parish nurses or choir members or book club friends and get to know each other in a whole different venue by reserving a table at our **Apr. 16** gala. Visit biddingforgood.com/emmausgala for all the details or call Paula at the parish office. Make some magic with us!

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 and turn in to the office with payment of \$100. For more information, contact Matt Scruggs, outcry@emmausparish.org. **Join Outcry on The City**



Early Bird Registration for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will take place **Mar. 5-31**. Take advantage of discounted early registration rates by signing your child up today! VBS 2016 will take place July 25-29 at Emmaus. Did you know that adults who sign up as volunteers for the full 5 days can take 50% off their child's tuition? Combine that with early bird registration, and you could pay only \$20 per child! For details, visit the website, emmausparish.org/vbs, or stop by the narthex after Masses on Mar. 5 & 6 to sign up. **Join Vacation Bible School 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.

28 de febrero de 2016 - 3er Domingo de Cuaresma

Dijo entonces al viñador: «Mira, hace tres años que vengo a buscar higos en esta higuera, pero nunca encuentro nada. (Lucas 13:7)

¿Eres tu como la higuera estéril? ¿Cómo responderás cuando Dios te pregunte que has hecho con los dones que Él te ha dado? Recuerda, no solamente hemos sido llamados a ser generosos, somos llamados a desarrollar y cuidar nuestros dones y a devolverlos aumentados.

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 CHAPEL esta disponible a la 24 horas. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite 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.

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.

*****PLEASE DON'T LIST ENTIRE NOTICE ALL IN CAPS - TITLE ONLY - THANK YOU*****

PARA SOLICITAR LA EUCARISTÍA 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

*Dominga Gauna, John Madden,
Helen Pottorff, Sukarto Family,
Martin Kennedy, Bernice Guess,
Jerry & Joann Paulette, Don & Betty
Presley, Lauro Briones, Jr., Armando
Altamirano, Natarajan Family, James
Bryant, Gary Ross, Martha Scallon,
Carmina Perez, Hossein Shahkarami,
Marilyn Nieve, Stephanie Maher,
Jonathan Flyger, Don Presley, Maureen
Grempp Schmidt, Mary Burks, Anita
Fisher, Gerard Little, Giovanni Little,
John Vance, Nancy Gilluly, Candice
Dublin, Constanza Malvido Cardenas*



SOCIAL OUTREACH

The Central Texas Coalition for Life will again host **40 CHURCHES FOR 40 DAYS**, and Emmaus Catholic Parish will cover one day out of the entire 40 days on Saturday, **Mar. 12**, 7 AM-3 PM, 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. To sign up, visit volunteersignup.org/D4JC8. For additional information, contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818, ljm8459@gmail.com.
Join Respect Life on The City

Are you the parent of a 2- or 3-year-old child who would benefit from some extra preparation before heading off to preschool and Kindergarten? Would you like to earn a computer tablet preloaded with apps for your child? Join us for **PLAY TO LEARN** - a weekly program for you to attend with your child to help you prepare him or her for school. The Play to Learn teaches parents how to help their children become school ready while incorporating local resources and tablet technology. The program will run Tuesdays, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Mar. 29-May 31 at Emmaus. Space is limited. You must register before **Mar. 12** by calling (512) 298-7597.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

PLEASE LET US KNOW! We would like to encourage our parish families from Emmaus and Queen of Angels to call the parish office, (512) 261-8500, when you or a loved one are hospitalized, unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances, or perhaps would welcome the Eucharist, a home visit or support from our caring volunteers. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.



JOY IN MY HEART - Often a childhood song will come to my mind. The words, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart to stay," seem wise for all of us adults as well. With joy, you can make life rich and exhilarating. Happy people have five important outlooks: 1) they believe that life has meaning,

2) they are kind, 3) they are true to themselves, 4) they have a sense of belonging—family, community, and world, and 5) they are there for each other. Of course we know that our life path is not always smooth. Sometimes there are twisting roads in our journey. We can't circumvent these trials, but we can control how we face them. There is always a rainbow of hope and love if we turn from our hard challenges to face the sun. Do you realize that every day you are creating a symphony of life? It is the variety of experiences in our lives that creates the music. It is the challenges of life that give the music the rhythm. These contrasts make life sing. This week reach out with thoughts and acts of kindness and let the joy stay in your heart as you share it with others. — Submitted by Beverly Anderson, RN

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Come join in the next **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION** to discuss the continued shootings of blacks by law enforcement and the actions we can take to undo racism. Thursday, **Mar. 3**, 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Edwards University Ragsdale Center, 3rd Floor, Mabee Ballrooms A & B. Parking is near the softball field; park in the parking garage or Lot P just past the garage. Co-Sponsors: Holy Cross Catholic Church; Diocese of Austin, Office of Life, Charity and Justice, Office of Black Catholics, St. Austin Catholic Church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Pax Christi Austin.

The Schoenstatt Movement of Austin will offer **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD, Mar. 4-5** at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Austin. It will begin Mar. 4 with a penitential Liturgy at 7 PM, 24-hour adoration will begin at 8 PM, and the sacrament of reconciliation will be held 8-11 PM. On Mar. 5, 24-hour adoration continues and the sacrament of reconciliation will be held 10 AM-12 PM and 2-5 PM. Vespers and benediction will be at 7 PM. To sign up for an hour of adoration, e-mail info@schoenstatt.us.

The Catholic Daughters Court 2415 will host a presentation entitled **MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER** on **Mar. 5** beginning at 9 AM in the pavilion at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Dominican Sister Helen Marie Raycraft will be the presenter. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a light breakfast/lunch and materials. For more information, e-mail linda.ann.freeman@gmail.com or call Mary Rutherford at (512) 740-5660.

ALAN AMES, an internationally known evangelist, visionary, and mystic who has been given the gift of healing, will visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Austin **Mar. 10** at 6:30 PM, and San José Parish in Austin on **Mar. 11** at 7 PM and **Mar. 12** (with Spanish translation) at 6 PM. For more information, visit alanames.org.

Do you often feel as though things could be better? Do you struggle with doing too much, only to find that you cannot do it all? Perfectionism can cause a genuine struggle in our lives that oftentimes leads to feelings of resentment, anger, depression and exhaustion. You are invited to a Day of Spirituality Retreat entitled **A SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO PERFECTIONISM** on Tuesday, **Mar. 8**, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center. During this retreat we will discuss the problems caused by perfectionism, and we will discuss ways in which we can learn to accept and embrace our own shortcomings. Presenter: Nola Flores; MA in Theology with over 20 years of experience in a wide variety of ministries. Cost: \$35 include a light breakfast and lunch. Preregistration required at ewrc.org.

The Diocese of Austin will host a **DAY OF SPIRITUAL RETREAT** on Friday, **Mar. 11**, 9 AM-3 PM at St. Thomas More Parish in Austin. Pope Francis through the Pontifical Council Cor Unum has asked for a day of spiritual retreat for people and groups dedicated to charitable works. Paulist Father Bruce Nieli will lead the day. Father Nieli is one of the Missionaries of Mercy who was sent forth by Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. A major focus of the day will be to help participants see Christ in every person in need and every client. This day of encounter will help participants focus on keeping true to the mission to serve as Christ served. The day will include individual confession; a group sharing and Mass. RSVP by Mar. 1 to yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org or call 512-949-2400.

Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate a **MASS FOR FAMILIES** on **Mar. 12** at 9:30 AM at St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Austin. Family life is under siege in the secular popular culture. Traditional marriage is redefined by the courts and family values are openly challenged in the media. The Mass will celebrate the family and all will pray for God's protection of the essential unit of our human society. A reception will follow the Mass, which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the diocesan Office of Family Life. Additional resources, including a downloadable pdf copy of the new booklet "Building the Domestic Church - the Family Fully Alive," are available online at kofc.org/familyfullyalive.

PROJECT RACHEL offers hope and healing to those suffering because of a past abortion. Trained volunteers accompany those suffering on their personal journey toward the healing sacrament of reconciliation. To learn more, join us for an evening of pasta and prayer for this important ministry of mercy on **Mar. 15**, 6:30-8:30 PM at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin. For more information, contact Mary Helen Russell at (512) 949-2488 or MaryHelen-Russell@austindiocese.org.

The Schoenstatt Movement will host a **PILGRIMAGE AND WAY OF THE CROSS** on Good Friday, **Mar. 25**. Participants will depart from St. Mary Cathedral in Austin at 1 PM and walk about nine miles to the Schoenstatt Shrine in West Austin, with arrival at 6 PM and liturgy at 6:30 PM. Embracing the call for New Evangelization, this pilgrimage will include the reenactment of the Way of the Cross through the streets of Austin. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/SchoenstattAustin](https://www.facebook.com/SchoenstattAustin) or contact Rodrigo Fernandez at rfernandez@schoenstatt.us or (512) 815-8055.

Are you a caregiver looking for guidance? Discover resources through a free workshop series, **POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS**, held Wednesdays, **Mar. 30-May 4**, 10:30 AM-2 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. For details, visit caregiverucentx.org. To register, contact Esther Quintanilla, (512) 892-2420, esther.quintanilla@stcatherine-austin.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.