

MASS DEDICATIONS



- DEC. 9**
5:00pm..... In memory of Merrill A. Muhs
- DEC. 10**
8:30am..... In memory of John Castillo
10:00am..... For Martin & Anne Marie Sentmanat
10:30am..... For Peter & Maria Soo
12:15pm..... Para Isidro y Carmen Vazquez
5:00pm..... For Emmaus Parish
- DEC. 11**
8:30am..... In memory of Carolina Valencia
- DEC. 12**
8:30am..... En memoria de Juan y Coinda Resendiz
- DEC. 13**
5:30pm..... In memory of Sister Mary Lou Barba, MCDP
- DEC. 14**
8:30am..... In memory of Felix Perez
9:30am..... In memory of Sam Longoria
- DEC. 15**
8:30am..... In memory of Blanche McHugh

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

WEEKLY REFLECTION



December 10th, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3
We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that - it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

December 3, 2017 \$40,467
Fiscal YTD Offertory \$827,986

Fiscal YTD Offertory
[July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017] \$2,081,834

2017-18 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$13,613 profit

Parish Life Center Loan Balance: \$1,144,672

Church Loan Balance: \$3,850,000

Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: \$44,152.00/month



Second Collections at Emmaus

First Sunday of the month: Benevolence

Fourth Sunday of the month: Parish Life Center

Next Special Collections:

Retired Clergy and Religious, December 10, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31, 2017

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.



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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.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,

martes 12 de diciembre

Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Tuesday,

December 12

- 5 AM - Las Mañanitas – una hora de cantos en serenata
- 6:00 AM – Misa/Mass
- 7 AM - Convivio en Gran Salón / Fellowship, Great Hall (PLC)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Changes may occur! Please refer to the Parish Website for the most current calendar listings.

SUNDAY, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM	Holiday Nut Sales	Narthex
8:00 AM	Last chance for the Advent Giving Tree due at Noone	Narthex
8:00 AM	Coffee & Donuts	Narthex
8:15 AM	Nursery for Mass	Nursery
9:00 AM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
10:00 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
10:30 AM	PreK, Kinder & Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
10:30 AM	Family Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Ministry Fair, part 2	Queen of Angels Chapel
12:15 PM	Family Mass in Spanish	Church
1:30 PM	RCIA Adapted for Children	Multi B/C
3:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Group	PLC
6:00 PM	Outcry High School Youth Group	PLC
7:00 PM	Rehearsal of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Church

MONDAY, December 11 - St. Damasus I

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	Great Hall
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
4:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	Ladies of Charity Mass & Reception	Church/Narthex
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
8:00 PM	Matachines Dance Practice	Church

TUESDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 AM	Las Mañanitas	Church
6:00 AM	Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe	Church
7:00 AM	Convivio/Fellowship (Boquaditos)	Great Hall
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Memorial Mass: Paul Andersen	Church
11:00 AM	Citizenship Class by LTLibrary	Rm. 206
12:00 PM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Veteran Support Group	Lounge

WEDNESDAY, December 13 - St. Lucy

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Multi B/C
4:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
4:45 PM	Confessions	Narthex
5:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
6:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Group	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	QOA Choir Rehearsal	QOA Chapel
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms. 201-206
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

THURSDAY, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	QOA Chapel
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Game Day	QOA Chapel
10:15 AM	Over Eaters Anonymous	Rm. 205
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
4:15 PM	Nursery: LTISD Holiday Event	Nursery
4:30 PM	LTISD Holiday Gathering	Great Hall & Kitchen
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	RCIA (Catechumenate)	Multi B/C
7:00 PM	Grupo de Oracion	Café & Youth Space

FRIDAY, December 15

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
6:00 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

SATURDAY, December 16

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Strength	Café & Youth Space
8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
8:30 AM	Rosary Ministry	Multi C
8:30 AM	Spanish Marriage Preparation	Pastoral B1
4:00 PM	Confession	Church

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

"Las Posadas" is a nine day tradition before Christmas, to commemorate Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a place for the Christ Child to be born. All are invited to Posadas, hosted in 9 different locations. All these evenings begin at 7:00 PM except Dec 21, 23 & 24.*

Sat. 12/16 at 14608 Thunderhead Rd

Sun. 12/17 at 1304 Red Fox Rd

Mon. 12/18 at 14708 Thunderhead Rd

Tue. 12/19 at 15008 Blanchard Dr

Wed. 12/20 at 1107 Buffalo Gap

***Thur. 12/21** begins at 7:30 PM, Youth Space in the PLC Emmaus

Fri. 12/22 at 1909 Quannah Parker Trl

***Sat. 12/23** begins at 8:15 PM at 1809 Quannah Parker Trl

***Sun. 12/24** begins about 10:00 PM at 1500 Barney Dr

Please, for this last Grand Posada, please bring a dish to share!

For more information, contact Paloma Rodríguez at Parish Office.



Family & Faith Event: Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 PM in the Great Hall. Journey to find lodging and let us remember our brothers and sisters on the street. We will celebrate the Posadas story while putting together a 'Necessities Sock' for the Homeless. Please contribute by donating, Trial / Travel Size Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, tube socks (mens). Please bring items to Christmas box in Narthex or PLC Lobby by Friday, December 15.

Everyone is to Social Sunday, December 17, 2017 following the 5 pm Youth Mass. It is strictly social. Just relax and enjoy meeting with other worshipping parishioners and families - new and familiar - while the Outcry program goes directly to the PLC as usual. Sip water or iced tea and enjoy yummy snacks. Bring just one extra neighbor youth who wants to check us out but does not have a ride with you. Watch for our awesome Social Sunday once a month to see how dynamic we are making Catholicism in our vibrant church family. If you can help with Social Sunday, please visit www.EmmausParish.org for the sign-up. Thank you!

Emmaus Families Love Life! Celebrate life by joining your Emmaus parish family in walking 1 mile at the 2018 Texas Rally for Life. We will meet at the corner of Congress and 18th Street at 12:30 on Saturday, January 27, 2018 and walk to the State Capitol with thousands of families. This peaceful and fun event includes children, teens, college students and everyone else from around the state. Wear your sneakers, get the baby in the stroller and join us from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. (no pets) For more information go to [Texas Rally for Life](http://TexasRallyforLife.org) or call Yvonne Howington at 512-992-9007.

NEW Sound System Ministry

Emmaus is now seeking volunteers (adults and high school students) to oversee the church's sound system during weekend Masses. Ideal sound operators will have generally good hearing, comfort with technology, and an ear for music. Training will be provided, please contact Christine Guarino (765-623-5922, or guarinocl@gmail.com) if interested. **High school students are particularly encouraged to consider this opportunity!**

Confirmation applications are due Sunday, December 17 at Outcry Youth Ministry, 6:00 PM in the Youth Space. You are welcome to bring them to the Parish Office on Thursday, December 14, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Applications cannot be accepted on Friday, December 15. Thank you!

Our Confirmation Date has been set! Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass with Bishop Vasquez presiding.

Mass Schedule for 4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 24

Saturday, December 23 - Vigil Masses:

5:00 PM in English,
7:00 PM in Spanish

Sunday, December 24:

8:30 AM,
10:00 AM at QOA,
10:30 AM



Mass Schedule for Christmas, Monday, December 25

A Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:

4:00 PM - Nativity Play at 3:30 PM
4:15 PM overflow in Great Hall
6:00 PM - Contemporary
8:00 PM in Spanish
11:59 PM Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day Masses:

10:00 AM at QOA
10:00 AM at Emmaus



PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING

Dee Dee Richards, Sylvia Burres, Mary Sunseri, Coldewey Family, Matt Versdahl, Shane Palacios, The Aguirre Castillo Family, Rosa Maria Valencia, Jose Saucedo, Rick Lopez, Maria Arguello, Karen McFatter, Carolyn & Diego Rendon, Carmelo Scuncio, Kate & Mitchell Mikula, Athena Bolton, Ilo Bolton, Linda Travers, Lynn Alvizo, Hope Ramirez, The Lloyd Patrick Family



Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

Tuesday, January 16: General Meeting,
Rm. 205, 7:00 PM

Friday, January 19: Bingo,
Great Hall, 6:30 PM

Interested in Joining the Knights? Please contact:
Richard Gambatese, 512-551-9525



Emmaus Thanks You!



All are invited to see the improvements in the Adoration Chapel. There is a beautiful new rug installed and the chairs have been re-stained and cleaned. Thank you to Peggy Moraczewski, Karen Knaus and Linda Rives for making all of these improvements happen.



A big thanks to John Maerz for the time and effort he spent refurbishing the three statues at the main entrance to the church, of Jesus and apostles on the road to Emmaus. These have been cleaned and beautifully stained. Enjoy!



Thank you to everyone that helped with the Thanksgiving Community Meal here at Emmaus! Over 250 people enjoyed this meal in the Great Hall. Another 200 meals were picked-up and another 100 meals were boxed and delivered to the homeless. There are over 160 people to thank for their donation of time, effort and desserts! A special thanks goes to the leadership for this event, Tyler & Marijo Marcoux and Family and Ed & Michelle Ford and Family.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: In this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, Bishop Joe Vásquez has decided to consecrate the local church of the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On Dec. 10, all priests and people in the diocese are invited to unite in a solemn prayer of consecration to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection, entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, and asking her to bring us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. For resources and further details, visit www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration.

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Feb. 16-18, April 20-22 and Nov. 2-4. The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit www.austinme.org or call (512) 667-9963 or e-mail wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

Capital Campaign Update: You did it! Thank you!



We have reached our initial capital campaign goal \$1,750,000. That is one half of the total funds needed for the new pastoral center on the Emmaus campus and the Chapel Life & Retreat Center at Queen of Angels chapel. This is the amount needed to proceed with hiring an architect and a contractor. We will move on that, in consultation with the diocese, after the first of the year.

The days since I sent out my \$1,000 challenge in email have been amazing. **So many responded** that the parish administrative staff has been very busy processing donations. I am very pleased that participation in the capital campaign rose from 385 families to 451. That is from 15% of registered **households to 18%.**

Another really imperative aspect of reaching this midpoint goal is that we received contributions of all sizes. This is so important because, when a lot of people share to the extent that they can, wonderful things can happen. **No contribution is too small. Every contribution makes a difference.**

Now that we have reached the goal that allows us to actually move forward with plans, we will continue to encourage contributions. **The total projected cost for the projects is \$3,500,000.** By the way, as long as I am pastor, **that is the upper limit.** If we can do it for less we will. It is important to me and to many of you as well, that we incur as little new debt as possible. So from this point on you will hear me talking about that.

Once more, thank you. Your generosity and commitment to the building up of this faith community is what has always made Emmaus an amazing parish. That continues!

With gratitude,
Fr. Samuel Hoes

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10 de diciembre de 2017 - 2do Domingo de Adviento

"Preparen el camino del Señor..." - Marcos 1:3

Se nos llama a vivir una vida sagrada. Se nos llama a invitar a los demás a vivir vidas sagradas. El vivir una vida de servicio, ser generosos y agradecidos con nuestros dones, hace eso - nos pone en el camino hacia la santidad e invita a los demás a ser santos también.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, martes 12 de diciembre

5 AM - Las Mañanitas - una hora de cantos en serenata

6:00 AM - Misa/Mass

7 AM - Convivio en Gran Salón / Fellowship, Great Hall (PLC)

Misas para el 4° domingo de Adviento,

El domingo 24 de diciembre es 4° domingo de Adviento

Sábado 23 de diciembre - Misas vespertinas:

7:00 PM en español

(12:15 PM La misa se cancela el domingo, 24 de diciembre, por lo que la iglesia puede ser decorada para misas navideñas)

Misas de Navidad, Lunes 25 de diciembre, Navidad: Día de Precepto

Misa vespertina, domingo 24 de diciembre

8:00 PM En español, pastorela 7:30 p.m.

Preparacion de Matrimonios

Para los que quieren recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio, tendremos Preparacion de Matrimonios el 16 de diciembre, por favor de llamar la oficina para registrarte. Para mas información por favor de llamar al (512) 261-8500.

LAS POSADAS

Todos están invitados a las posadas que nos recuerdan el viaje de María y José desde Nazaret hasta Belén en busca de un lugar para que naciera el niño Dios.

Posadas en diversas locaciones cada día, a las 7:00 PM, excepto 21, 23 y 24 de diciembre.



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Domingo 12/17: 1304 Red Fox Rd

Lunes 12/18: 14708 Thunderhead Rd.

Martes 12/19: 15008 Blanchard Dr

Miércoles 12/20: 1107 Buffalo Gap

***Jueves 12/21:** Grupo de Oración de Emaús, anfitrión. 7:30 PM
Salón de Jóvenes de PLC Emaús ~ 1718 Lohmans Crossing Rd.

Viernes 12/22: 1909 Quanah Parker Trl.

***Sábado 12/23:** 8:15 PM 1809 Quanah Parker Trl.

***Domingo 12/24:** 10:00 PM 1500 Barney Dr. Para esta posada, por favor traiga comida para compartir con el grupo.

Si desea más información, llame a Paloma Rodríguez a la oficina Parroquial.

¡Las familias de Emaús amamos la vida!



Celebremos la vida unidos como familia parroquial de Emaús en esta caminata de 1 milla en la Marcha por la Vida Texas 2018, el sábado 27 de enero de 2018 a las 12:30 del mediodía. Nos reuniremos en la esquina de Congress y 18th Street. Caminaremos de ahí al Capitolio del Estado, acompañados por miles de familias. Este

pacífico evento incluye a niños, adolescentes, estudiantes universitarios y mucha más gente de todo el estado. Ponte zapatos cómodos para caminar, lleva la carriola del bebé y acompáñanos desde las 12:30 hasta las 3:00 p.m. (favor de no llevar mascotas) Para saber más, visita Texas Rally for Life o llama a Yvonne Howington al 512-992-9007.

Consagración Diocesana al Inmaculado Corazón de María:

En este año del centenario de las apariciones de Fátima y el 70° aniversario de la fundación de nuestra diócesis, el Obispo José Vásquez ha decidido consagrar la iglesia local de la Diócesis de Austin al Inmaculado Corazón de María. El 10 de diciembre, todos los sacerdotes y la gente de nuestra diócesis están invitados a unirse en oración solemne de consagración a la Madre de Dios, pidiendo por su maternal ayuda y protección, confiándonos a su amoroso corazón y pidiéndole que nos acerque más a su Hijo, Jesucristo. Para recursos y mayores detalles, visite: www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration.



Retiro de discernimiento del Corazón de Jesús será del 15 al 17 de diciembre en el centro católico de retiros Cedarbreak en Belton. Este es un retiro de fin de semana para hombres de 17 a 45 años de edad que estén abiertos a la vocación para el sacerdocio y se encuentran en diversas etapas del discernimiento. El retiro incluye pláticas de sacerdotes y seminaristas, oración, silencio y alimentos. Visiten www.godiscalling.me para ver más información sobre el sacerdocio, la vida consagrada y las herramientas necesarias para la oración y el discernimiento, o comunicarse con la oficina de Vocaciones, al 512-949-2430.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL: (512) 261-8500; De lunes a viernes de 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM

PARA HABLAR CON UN SACERDOTE, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

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.

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