

MASS DEDICATIONS



DEC. 30
5:00 PM.....In memory of Bill Houghton

**Intentions for all Masses
on December 31st and Jan 1st**

For Peace on Earth and Unity Among All People

JAN. 2
8:30 AM..... For Maria Soo

JAN. 3
5:30 PM.....In memory of Charles & Rose Pfeifer

JAN. 4
8:30 AM..... For Joanne Slomski
9:30 AM.....In memory of Valente & Margarita Aguirre

JAN. 5
8:30 AM.....In memory of Fr. Sean O'Shea

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 31, 2017
Feast of the Holy Family**

"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him." - Luke 2:33

Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death. As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

December 17, 2017 \$ 51,229
Fiscal YTD Offertory \$922,187

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

2017-18 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$15,967 profit

Parish Life Center Loan Balance:.....\$1,144,672
Church Loan Balance:.....\$3,829,167

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:

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31, 2017
Catholic Higher Education, February 11, 2018
World & Home Missions, February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

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.

*Rediscover the truth, wonder
and mystery of the Catholic faith*

We are glad you are with us today

WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT
Sunday, Jan. 14, 9:45 AM
Emmaus PLC Great Hall
Please visit EmmausParish.org/Registration

WELCOME

Connect with Emmaus

Please visit our parish website to see everything that goes on at Emmaus Catholic Parish!

www.EmmausParish.org

We are also on Facebook:

[Facebook.com/EmmausCatholicParish](https://www.facebook.com/EmmausCatholicParish)

Sign-up for our weekly emails:

- Fr. Samuel's E-epistle - 2x a month,
- On the Road Together - weekly liturgy column,
- Happenings @Emmaus - weekly email,

Text "emmaus" to 84576

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

Quick Notices:

- Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. It is not a holy day of obligation for 2018. The regular daily Mass is scheduled at 8:30 AM.
- All Faith Formation, preschool through high school, resumes on Sunday, January 21, 2018.
- The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM.
- Urgent issues can be addressed by calling the priest's residence.

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry

EIM Workshop at Emmaus



Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 AM
In English

Nursery available if requested by Wed. January 10.
Please call the parish office to reserve the nursery.

REGISTER ONLINE with the Diocese of Austin.

Begin at: www.EmmausParish.org/EIM



Family Bingo Night at Emmaus



Friday, January 19 in the Great Hall - 6:30 PM

Fantastic Family Event - Open to All Ages!

EmmausParish.org/Bingo

Applications are being accepted for an administrative assistant to the preschool. Position is for 10-15 hours a week for the remainder of this school year with the possibility of a continuing role in the next year. Early Childhood Education hours are a plus but not required. Resumes and inquires can be sent to preschool@emmausparish.org.

Welcome & Registration Event: January 14 at 9:45 AM in the Great Hall. If you want to be a registered family of Emmaus Catholic Parish, please come to this event. You will meet Fr. Samuel and parish staff, learn more about Emmaus and get your registration form completed. Registration is required for participation in Children's Faith Formation class. Coffee & snacks will be served. This event is 45 minutes.



Emmaus Families Love Life! The Texas Rally for Life will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM in downtown Austin. This event, like the March for Life in Washington D.C. and many others across our beautiful country, commemorates the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

As Catholics we take the stand that every life is a gift from our God and that the sin of abortion is forgivable. We pray for conversion and reconciliation for mothers and fathers as well as those who support and provide abortions. And if this invaded your life at some time I encourage you to receive the grace that Reconciliation offers, to take this grace and surrender to the healing and wholeness that our Loving Father offers.

Please join Emmaus in attending The Texas Rally for Life at the corner of Congress and 18th Street at 12:30 PM on January 27, 2018. Parking is available at 17th & Lavaca and more details can be found on the Emmaus website and <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/texas-rally-for-life>.

May God bless us all with wisdom and courage to walk, pray and praise Him for all life including our own,
Yvonne Howington



PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING

Dee Dee Richards, Mary Sunseri, 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, Abundio Lopez, Jr., Buzz Van Meter, April Castillo

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

With Gratitude!

Thank you, dear parishioners, for helping to make the Advent Giving Tree so incredibly successful again this year for our seven recipients. Our (approximate) final total for the gifts we received for **Advent 2017** is **\$22,000!** Our recipients included:



- Annunciation Maternity Home (www.thematernityhome.org)
- Mary House Catholic Worker of Austin (www.mary-house.org)
- St. Louise House (www.vincare.org)
- Posada Esperanza (info@casamarianella.org)
- Lake Travis Crisis Ministries (www.laketraviscrisisministries.org)
- The Gabriel Project here at Emmaus

- Guardian Angel Education Fund (www.guardianangelfund.org)

Thank you,
Lindsay Christensen and Charlene Lowe, Coordinators

Thank you to the Men of Emmaus group for donating \$1,100 to help the hungry during this holiday season. This men's group meets weekly at 6:00 AM on Fridays in the Great Hall for a bible study, fellowship and light breakfast. All men are welcome at each and every Friday, no RSVP required. Thank you to Dick Miner for coordinating the donation.

Lenten Retreat: Discipleship and the Art of Hanging

“Missionary discipleship” is a term made familiar by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *EVANGELII GAUDIUM* (*The Joy of the Gospel*). But what does it mean for the “person in the pew?” This one-day retreat—designed to help you enter more fully into the Lenten season—will look at the practical implications of missionary discipleship against the backdrop of Jesus’ crucifixion as described in the Gospels.



Sharon K. Perkins, diocesan Director of the Secretariat for Formation and Spirituality, is former Director of Adult Faith Formation at Emmaus and an adjunct faculty member of the University of Dallas, School of Ministry. She has taught theology and spirituality courses, led retreats in four dioceses, and written numerous articles for the Catholic Press for over thirty years.

All are welcome to this retreat on Wednesday, February 14. Retreat begins at 8:30 AM with Mass and ashes in the Church, followed by a light breakfast in the Great Hall. We will also provide a light lunch.

Summer Camps 2018 at Emmaus Save the Date!

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Service Camp will be Tuesday - Friday, July 10-13 and Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 25-29. Registration will begin sometime in March. Please check the Emmaus website for details as we get closer to the summer.



Fling Open the Doors! Mobile Loaves & Fishes Service Camp



Tuesday - Friday, July 10-13 at Emmaus
To Everyone, Everyday!

Adult Faith Formation Events in Spring 2018

Please see our parish website for details and to register. Classes are open to everyone!

www.EmmausParish.org/AdultFaith

Beginning the Week of January 28:

- Oremus - A Catholic Guide for Prayer, Reinvigorate Your Prayer Life
- Discrement of Spirits - An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living
- Momnipotent - Finding Peace, Balance & Joy in Your Vocation as a Mother
- Follow Me - Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
- Lectio - Unveiling Scripture and Tradition
- Beloved - Finding Happiness in Marriage - for couples
- Matthew - The King & His Kingdom (*Begins again on January 8*)
- Financial Peace University - Learn to control your money and prepare for the future

Date Night - Dinner Conference for couples: Saturday February 10 and Saturday April 21

Spring Retreats

- Welcome Retreat for Men - March 3 & 4
- Welcome Retreat for Women - April 28 & 29

Emmaus Catholic Parish Staff

We are here for you!

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Samuel L. Hose Pastor

Rev. Rito Davila Parochial Vicar

Rev. Larry Connelly and Rev. Jim Evans Retired Priests

Deacons: John Hill and Terry Guilbert

Pat Thompson Director of Pastoral Care

Paloma Rodriguez Coordinator of Social Outreach & Hispanic Ministries

Faith Formation Staff

Bertha Halfmann Director of Children's Faith Formation

Julie Sawyer Director of Middle School Youth Ministry

Joelle Maryn Director of High School Youth Ministry

Jose Juan Valdez Director of Adult Faith Formation & Family Life

Tracy Rodenborn Director of RCIA

Liturgy & Music Staff

Carlos Palasciano & Marge Fink Liturgy Coordinators

John Guarino Director of Music Ministries

Administrative Staff

Jane Heckler Business Administrator

Jaime Philip Coordinator of Parish Accounts

Beverly Aviles Director of Communications & Development

Stephanie Gregoire, Suevan Resendiz and Yvonne Howington Staff

Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP)

Jen Richard Director

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM in Spanish, 5:00 PM Youth Mass

Sunday 10:00 AM at Queen of Angels Chapel in Spicewood

Nursery is available at the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.

Nursery is closed on holiday weekends.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at Emmaus 8:30 AM

Wednesday at Emmaus 5:30 PM

Thursday at Queen of Angels 9:30 AM

Reconciliation at Emmaus

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM

Wednesday 4:45-5:15 PM

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer

Wednesday at Emmaus 5:00 PM

Adoration

St. John of the Cross Chapel located in the Parish Life Center has exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MLK Mass is January 13: A Mass commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated January 13 at 5:30 PM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Bishop Curtis Guillory of Beaumont will be the homilist.



6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men's Conference is February

17: "No Man Left Behind," the sixth annual Catholic men's conference, will be held February 17 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Speakers include Tom Peterson, founder of VirtueMedia and CatholicComeHome.org, and John Pridmore, an ex-London gangster who is now Christian. Premium tickets, which include

a private lunch with the speakers, are \$100 each. Regular tickets are \$45 in advance. Register at centexcatholic.com.

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.

The annual Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Reception will be held January 27 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Town Lake in Austin. Leah Darrow will be the keynote speaker. Visit csdatx.org for ticket information.

LA VOZ de emaus

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES EN ESPAÑOL

31 de diciembre de 2017 - Festividad de la Sagrada Familia

"El padre y la madre del niño estaban admirados de semejantes palabras." - Lucas 2:33

Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben

recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

El sacramento de Confirmación tendrá lugar el sábado 19 de mayo de 2018 a las 5:00 de la tarde durante la misa de vigilia que será celebrada por el Obispo Vásquez.

Formación en la Fe para Adultos y Vida Familiar - Primavera 2018

- Crecimientos I, II y III, Martes a las 7:45 PM, Del 30 de enero 5 de junio.
- Retiro de Evangelización Vida Nueva: En Encuentro con Jesús, Del 27 al 28 de enero
- Historia de la Salvación de la Creación a la Parusía, Del 9-10 de marzo
- Juan: Formando Discípulos-Misioneros, De 5-7 de mayo
- Cena-Conferencia para Matrimonios, sábado 10 de febrero y sábado 21 de abril

Por favor, vaya al sitio web de la parroquia para obtener más información y para registrarse:

www.EmmausParish.org/AdultFaith

¡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.

Solicitamos asistente administrativo para Prescolar (debe hablar inglés). Este puesto requiere de 10 a 15 horas semanales para el resto de este año escolar, con posibilidad de continuar el siguiente año. Experiencia en Educación Prescolar Temprana es un valor agregado pero no es requisito. Enviar curriculum vitae (resume) a preschool@emmausparish.org.

Ministerios de Servicio Social: Contamos con varios ministerios y grupos de servicio para la comunidad, desde ayuda para mujeres embarazadas, o madres de bebés recién nacidos, referencias a servicios médicos, legales, benevolencia, justicia social, Respeto a la Vida, etc. Trabajamos con diversas organizaciones para dar al que lo necesita. Una lista completa de ministerios y servicios está en nuestra página web <http://www.emmauslakeway.com/social-outreach>. Si requiere ayuda o desea más información, llame a la oficina parroquial, o envíe un email a paloma.rodriguez@emmausparish.org

Ministerios Hispanos: Los invitamos a formar parte de nuestros Ministerios Hispanos, si desea saber cómo puede participar en alguno de los ministerios en nuestra parroquia, con gusto responderemos sus preguntas. Llame a Paloma Rodríguez a la oficina parroquial o envíe un email a paloma.rodriguez@emmausparish.org. ¡Bienvenidos a Emaús!

El taller de "EIM" (taller de Etica)



sabado 13 de enero

1:00 PM – Emmaus PLC Gran Salón

El taller de "EIM" -- taller de Etica-- en Español
Favor de registrarse llamando a la Oficina Parroquial: 512-261-8500.
Cuidado de niños está disponible,
pero debe llamar a la Oficina Parroquial
para el miércoles 10 de enero a las 4 pm.

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.

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.

¿EMBARAZADA? ¿Necesitas ayuda? Proyecto Gabriel: 1-877-932-2732