



## MASS DEDICATIONS

- MAR. 5**  
5:00pm .....For Emmaus Parish  
**MAR. 6**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Barbara Strayer  
10:00am ..... For Eusebio Carrizales  
10:30am .....In memory of Msgr. Edward Jordan  
12:15pm ..... In memory of Maria Guadalupe Reyes  
5:00pm ..... For Joe Colley  
**MAR. 7**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Robert Austiff  
**MAR. 8**  
8:30am ..... For Hubert Carroll  
**MAR. 9**  
5:30pm .....In memory of Frankie Monaghan  
**MAR. 10**  
8:30am ..... For The Michael Gray Family  
9:30am ..... In memory of Edward McKie  
**MAR. 11**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Capt. Andrew Keel

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

## WEEKLY REFLECTION



### March 6, 2016 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

# PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Stewardship Report

February 28, 2016: ..... \$28,839  
Fiscal YTD Offertory: ..... \$1,425,040

PLC Loan Balance:..... \$1,270,262  
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](http://emmausparish.org/seed).

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$22,888  
2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

Through Mar. 31, take part in our **MARCH MADNESS SEED DRAWING** 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!

### 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, March 6

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

11:15 AM	Healing Prayer
2:00 PM	CRHP Last Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation Workshop
7:00 PM	Gran Misión Parroquial (Parish Mission)

Q of A Chapel  
Great Hall  
Great Hall  
Church

## MONDAY, March 7

### St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session
9:00 AM	Jazzercise
9:30 AM	Epic: A Journey through Church History
9:30 AM	Emmaus Moms Lenten Prayer & Reflection Series
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons
10:00 AM	Brown Hearing Center
11:00 AM	Spiritual Book Club
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
3:00 PM	Preparacion de Temas (MFC Preparation)
5:15 PM	Jazzercise
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Baptism Class-Spanish
7:00 PM	Baptism Class-English
7:00 PM	Gran Misión Parroquial (Parish Mission)
7:30 PM	CRHP Men's Team-English

Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Q of A Chapel  
Rm 206  
Great Hall  
Multi B & C  
PLC Lounge  
Pastoral B1  
Pastoral B1,B3,B4  
Café & Youth Space  
Great Hall  
Rm 203  
Rm 204  
Rm 206  
Multi B & C  
Church  
Pastoral A1/Library

## TUESDAY, March 8

### St. John of God

9:00 AM	Jazzercise
12:00 PM	Al-Anon
5:15 PM	Jazzercise
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
6:00 PM	Great Christian Texts Discussion
6:30 PM	JustFaith
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Gran Misión Parroquial (Parish Mission)
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary

Café & Youth Space  
Pastoral B1,B3,B4  
Café & Youth Space  
Q of A Chapel  
Rm 205  
Multi B  
Rm 204  
Church  
Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, March 9

### St. Frances of Rome

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session
9:00 AM	Jazzercise
9:15 AM	Light Weigh
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM	ESL Classes

Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Rm 206  
Pastoral B1  
Rms 201-206

## THURSDAY, March 10

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study
9:00 AM	Jazzercise
9:30 AM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
10:15 AM	Stations of the Cross
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
5:15 PM	Jazzercise
6:30 PM	Women's CRHP Night of Discipleship
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group
7:00 PM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
7:00 PM	RCIA

Q of A Chapel  
Café & Youth Space  
Rm 206  
Q of A Chapel  
Rm 205  
Pastoral B1  
Café & Youth Space  
Church  
Youth Space  
Rm 206  
Multi B & C

## FRIDAY, March 11

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus
7:00 AM	Jazzercise for Men
9:00 AM	Jazzercise
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00 PM	K of C Fish Fry
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross-Bilingual

Great Hall  
Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Pastoral B1  
Great Hall  
Church

## SATURDAY, March 12

8:00 AM	Retiro de Ninos (MFC Children's Retreat)
8:30 AM	Jazzercise
9:00 AM	Gospel of Luke Workshop

PLC  
Café & Youth Space  
Multi B & C

## 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

## PARISH NEWS

**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**

Because we want to personally welcome you to Emmaus Catholic Parish, we invite you to attend a parish **WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT** on Sunday, **Mar. 13**, 9:45 AM in the PLC Great Hall. Whether you normally attend at Emmaus or at Queen of Angels Chapel, this event is for YOU! This event is especially important for parents who wish to enroll their children in Faith Formation and sacramental preparation classes in the year ahead. Childcare will be provided in the parish nursery.

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.

If you've ever wanted to sing with our choir at any of our Holy Week/ Easter masses, give the Emmaus **MUSIC MINISTRY** couple hours of your time and you are good to go! We are in need of singers and instrumentalists of all kinds. There is something for *all ages* beginning with the children in grade 2. Returning college students are always welcomed. Scheduled liturgies include the following (select as many as you like):

- Holy Thursday Bi-Lingual Choir (grade 7-adult)
- Good Friday Choir (grade 7-college students)
- Easter Vigil Choir (grade 7-adult)
- Emmaus Early Easter Group (grade 7-adult)
- Easter Children's Choir (grades 2-6)
- Emmaus Youth Band (grade 7-college students)

Please contact John Guarino at [music@emmausparish.org](mailto:music@emmausparish.org) for more information, to request the complete schedule, or sign up. **Join Special Event Choirs 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.

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. A retreat for men will be presented in English **Apr. 9-10**. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp). **Join CRHP on The City**

New food, new fun, new fabulousness. It's a whole new gala, and we're reaching into our special bag of tricks to bring you a magical evening to remember! Gather your group of 8 for a reserved table, or purchase general admissions and make some new friends. Tables and tickets for our **Apr. 16** gala - **MAGIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT** - are available now, and we hope you'll be a part of this special evening for our parish. Can't attend but would like to help? Your cash contribution of any amount helps us offset the costs of this event, allowing us to make a bigger impact on our parish. Visit [biddingforgood.com/emmausgala](http://biddingforgood.com/emmausgala) for all the details and to register or donate. Thank you!

We are in need of more **ADULT ALTAR SERVERS** to help with funeral masses at Emmaus. We currently have only two that we call upon for our funeral masses and would like to have a few more to help with these special services for our parishioners. Often the masses are during the week when our younger altar servers are in school. Dcn. Terry Guilbert offers excellent training and our priests and deacons are very grateful for your presence. Adult altar servers are also welcome to serve at Sunday masses as their schedules permit. Please call the office if you are interested, (512) 261-8500, or email [emmaus@emmausparish.org](mailto:emmaus@emmausparish.org).

Registered parishioners of Emmaus Catholic Parish (including those who often attend Queen of Angels Chapel) should soon be receiving their **PARISH DIRECTORIES/GUIDE BOOKS** in the mail. If you do not receive one, it is possible that you are not officially registered with the parish. Please contact the parish office if you believe you are registered but do not receive a directory. If you do receive a directory but find that your information is listed incorrectly, please notify the parish office.

**AS A REMINDER**, for the safety of our younger parishioners, children should always be accompanied by a parent or guardian while attending Mass. If you send your child to the restrooms or vestibules alone, the ushers will have to ask them to return to their seats for a parent. Thank you.

## BAPTISMS

**WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**  
Grayson James Beese, Noe Kevin Murrell

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Helen Pottorff, 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, Francisco Mororo, Diana Villalba, Isabelle Vance, Gloria Garcia, Migdalia Armenteros, Marcie Kennedy, Joe Moya

## 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.

### 6 de marzo de 2016 - 4to Domingo de Cuaresma

*"Y el maná cesó el día después que habían comido del producto de la tierra, y los hijos de Israel no tuvieron más maná, sino que comieron del producto de la tierra de Canaán durante aquel año." (Joshua 5:12)*

Durante los cuarenta años que los israelitas vagaron por el desierto, Dios les dio el maná para comer. Tan pronto como fueron capaces de disfrutar de los frutos de la Tierra Prometida dejó de caer maná. De la misma manera, la Bendición de Dios para nosotros podría cambiar con el transcurso de los años, pero es importante que confiemos que Dios siempre nos dará lo que necesitamos.

### 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).

**ANUNCIOS:** jueves, 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 emaus ¿sabía usted que puede ver la página web de emaus en español? visite [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org). en la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.**

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

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 program 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.

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](http://volunteersignup.org/D4JC8). For additional information, contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818, [ljm8459@gmail.com](mailto:ljm8459@gmail.com). **Join Respect Life on The City**

Back by popular demand, the next **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES** training session will take place on Thursday, **Mar. 31**, 7-8:30 PM in PLC Room 206. Join us to learn more about this wonderful ministry of Emmaus.

Most of us at Emmaus have not carried the burden of knowing we cannot provide good medical and dental care for our families, but do not let that lull you into complacency, thinking there is no need in our community. If you visit the **HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATES CLINIC** any Wednesday evening, you will find a "packed house," but only a limited number of these patients can be seen. The patient load is determined each evening by the number of working volunteers at the clinic. The staff is composed exclusively of volunteers, including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, office staff, and interpreters. The clinic is in need of more volunteers in all areas. To volunteer or to learn more, please contact the clinic at (512) 263-0265.

## 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. The deadline is Mar. 26. For more information, contact Matt Scruggs, [outcry@emmausparish.org](mailto:outcry@emmausparish.org). **Join Outcry on The City**



Early Bird Registration for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is taking 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](http://emmausparish.org/vbs), or stop by the narthex after Masses on Mar. 5 & 6 to sign up. **Join Vacation Bible School on The City**

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

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](http://ewrc.org).

**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](http://alanames.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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:MaryHelen-Russell@austindiocese.org).

The **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OF AUSTIN** will host a healing Mass on **Mar. 18** at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish in Austin. Everyone is invited to come and experience the healing power of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. For more information, visit [ccraustin.org](http://ccraustin.org).

The diocesan **CHRISM MASS** will be celebrated **Mar. 22** at 10:30 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. The holy oils for the year will be blessed and distributed during the Mass.