

## MASS DEDICATIONS

- DEC. 17**  
5:00pm..... In Memory of Dick Mahoney
- DEC. 18**  
8:30am..... For Sr. Mary Lou Barba  
10:00am..... In Memory of Frank Plunkett  
10:30am..... In Memory of Francis Casey  
12:15pm..... For Rosario Martinez  
5:00pm..... For Emmaus Parish
- DEC. 19**  
8:30am..... In Memory of John Vance
- DEC. 20**  
8:30am..... For Joe Colley
- DEC. 21**  
5:30pm..... In Memory of  
Deacon Boyce Foreman
- DEC. 22**  
8:30am..... In Memory of Valente &  
Margarita Aguirre  
9:30am..... In Memory of William W. Wilson
- DEC. 23**  
8:30am..... In Memory of Brian Harlan

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

## PARISH SUPPORT

December 11, 2016 .....	\$55,750
Fiscal YTD Offertory .....	\$904,765
Fiscal YTD Offertory [July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016] .....	\$2,109,362
2016-17 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: .....	\$14,487
PLC Loan Balance: .....	\$1,220,893
Church Loan Balance: .....	\$3,954,171



**Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: \$46,937/month**

### Second Collections at Emmaus

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

### Next Special Collection:

Family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin: Jan. 1, 2017

## Christmas Mass Schedule



### Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Mass in Church \*
- 4:15 PM Mass in PLC
- 6:00 PM Mass
- 8:00 PM Spanish Mass \*
- 11:59 PM Midnight Mass

\* Mass to be preceded by  
Children's Nativity Play

### Christmas Day

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 10:00 AM Mass at Queen of Angels Chapel
- 10:30 AM Mass

## WEEKLY REFLECTION



### December 18, 2016 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### Important Dates for Early 2017:

- No Youth Faith Formation classes from Dec. 15 through Jan. 7, classes resume on Jan. 8.
- World Day of Peace, Sunday, Jan. 1
- Solemnity of Mary, Sunday, Jan. 1 - normal Sunday Mass schedule
- Feast of Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 8 - normal Sunday Mass schedule
- Parish Registration Event, Sunday, Jan. 8 - 9:45 AM in the Great Hall
- Knights of Columbus Bingo Night, Friday, Jan. 20
- **Emmaus Gala in the Galaxy, Saturday, Feb. 11**
- Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 12
- Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat: Feb. 18 & 19 - sign-up on the parish website: [www.EmmausParish.org/CRHP](http://www.EmmausParish.org/CRHP)
- Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, Mar. 1

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

## SUNDAY, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today Knights of Columbus Holiday Nut Sale Narthex

## MONDAY, December 19

8:00 AM Jazzercise Early Session Café & Youth Space  
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 10:00 AM Bright Horizons Great Hall  
 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1  
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 6:30 PM Just Faith Pastoral A1-Library

## TUESDAY, December 20

8:15 AM Jazzercise Strength Training Café & Youth Space  
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 9:30 AM QOA Book Club QOA  
 12:00 PM AI-Anon Pastoral B1,B3,B4  
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus General Meeting Café

## WEDNESDAY, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

8:00 AM Jazzercise Early Session Café & Youth Space  
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 9:30 AM Women's Advent Prayer Group Multi B/C  
 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer Church  
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Pastoral B1  
 7:00 PM English as a Second Language Rms. 202-206

## THURSDAY, December 22

8:00 AM Men's Scripture Study QOA Chapel  
 8:15 AM Jazzercise Strength Training Café & Youth Space

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 10:00 AM Game Day QOA 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 Posada - Grupo de Oracion Great Hall

## FRIDAY, December 23 - St. John of Kanty

5:45 AM Men of Emmaus Great Hall  
 8:00 AM Jazzercise Early Friday Café & Youth Space  
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space  
 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1

## SATURDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:40ish PM Children's Nativity Play before Mass Church  
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church  
 4:15 PM Christmas Eve Mass Great Hall  
 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church  
 7:30 PM Posada y Pastorela Church  
 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in Spanish Church  
 9:15 PM Comida y Piñata Great Hall  
 11:59 PM Midnight Mass Church

## Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass Church  
 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at Queen of Angels Chapel QOA  
 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass Church

## 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. Next Welcome Event is Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at 9:45am in Great Hall.

**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 / 7 Days a week. You may visit at any time. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 5 AM to 10 PM. To sign up for available hours, visit [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration). New Adorers are most welcome.

**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, except on holiday weekends. 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. To request more than one Mass Intention, please stop by the office in person.

**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

**PREGNANT? Need Help? Gabriel Project:** 1-877-932-2732

# HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

2017 Calendars, sponsored by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes are available for pick-up in the Narthex, near the TV screens. These are available in both English and Spanish.

**Adult Faith Formation Classes for Spring 2017:** Our schedule of classes for Adult Faith Formation is available on the Parish Website. Please visit: [www.EmmausParish.org/AdultFaith](http://www.EmmausParish.org/AdultFaith) to learn about each class and for the registration form. Look in *Emmaus on The City* for information this week.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON HOURS

Faith Formation (including ELEMENTARY, CLOW, FOCUS, OUTCRY, JOURNEY) are on Christmas Break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 7. Faith Formation classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 8. Parish Office & Sunday Nursery closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3, 2017. Parish Office reopens on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

### From the Parish Nursing Ministry

Stroke is the #3 killer in America. Stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer. Prompt treatment and rehabilitation can help stroke survivors and their families recover and cope.

#### Warning signs include:

- sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body,
- sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding,
- sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes,
- sudden trouble with walking, dizziness, loss of balance or confusion,
- and a sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Warning signs may be temporary or last from a few minutes to 24 hours. Even if they last only a short time, they may indicate stroke and treating them is very serious.

#### How can you prevent a stroke:

- Don't smoke.
- Treat diabetes.
- Eat a healthy diet.
- Be physically active.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Control your blood pressure.
- Get regular medical checkups.

STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. Never hesitate—call 911 immediately or go to your nearest hospital.

Submitted by Carolyn Thomas, RN



### CONGRATULATIONS

Twelve Emmaus parishioners consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary following the vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: "Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire with love for Jesus." Congratulations to: Michelle Delmonico, Elizabeth Garcia, Stacey Granger, Linda Guilbert, Mary Everts, Rita Kane, Barbara Maggio, Kim Nguyen, Sheila Niles, Anna Patriarca, Catalina Villalba, and Joe Wagner.

## Save the Date for Emmaus' Annual Gala: Gala in the Galaxy! Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 in the Great Hall.

### Gala planning is underway!

We are actively seeking Gala donations for the silent and live auctions and we need your help. Remember, proceeds from the Gala support all of the ministries at Emmaus and Emmaus' community outreach. So, please talk it up!

**People who have a personal business:** Can you give them a call and ask if they would consider donating an item, package, or gift certificate to the auction? They get great publicity with our online auction catalog linking to their website. And they will likely gain a new customer for the long haul.

**People who have vacation homes:** A few nights in a vacation home is exciting to anyone who needs a getaway! The donor states all the restrictions and transportation does NOT need to be included. So, from Fredericksburg to Hawaii or even Downtown Austin - we really appreciate this consideration.

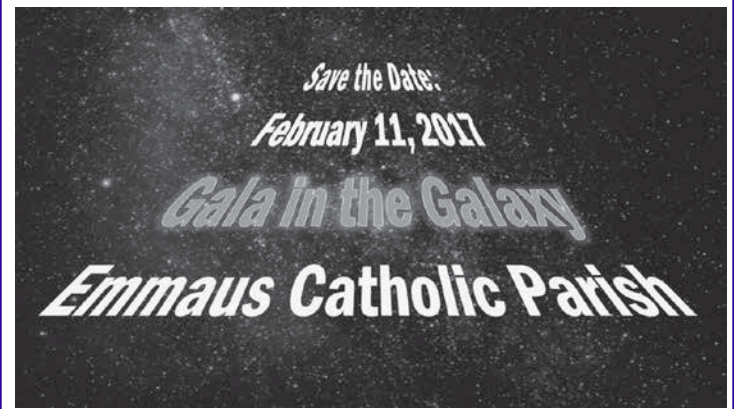
**People who have season tickets:** Whether to sporting events, concerts, or Broadway shows, we would love tickets for just one event from their season subscription. They might not have the tickets yet, but they can provide us the details and we can create a certificate on their behalf.

**Restaurants:** Gift cards (minimum value of \$25 please; \$50 is twice as nice) are easy for restaurants to give, but the best way to obtain is to ask when you are there eating! Their donation helps support the work Emmaus does in our community, and they will gain publicity and new patrons in the process!

**Group donations:** Do you play bunco? Have a regular golf foursome? Participate in a ministry group? Consider combining monetary contributions into one great item that your group can donate to the gala.

**If you have someone that wants to donate just have them contact the parish office and we will walk them through the process. You are welcome to email Beverly Aviles with any questions: [beverly.aviles@emmausparish.org](mailto:beverly.aviles@emmausparish.org).**

**Thank you so much for your support! Hope to see you at the Gala!**



**Congratulations to our parishioner Mary Ann Heller who was invested as a Dame of Malta.** She is one of only two Texans that were invested this year, the other being Dan Shelling, also from Austin. The Order of Malta is a worldwide, lay, religious order of the Roman Catholic Church, which seeks to glorify God by promoting the sanctification of each member through his or her work with the sick and the poor and defense of the Catholic faith. To learn more, visit [www.orderofmaltaamerican.org](http://www.orderofmaltaamerican.org).



## EN ESPAÑOL



Para noticias en español, por favor recoja un boletín de *La Voz de Emaús* noticias disponible en los revisteros al lado de la sacristía en la iglesia.

### 18 de diciembre de 2016 - 4er Domingo de Adviento

*“Cuando José se despertó, hizo lo que el ángel del Señor le había mandado, y llevó a su mujer a su casa.” Mateo 1:24*

Pongamos toda nuestra confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Tratemos de poner a Dios primero en todo y de seguirlo a donde sea que nos guíe. Mientras nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, oremos por fortaleza y valor para ser un modelo de discipulado, así como lo fue José.

### 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 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](http://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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHEDULE



St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

**Tuesday, Dec. 20:** KofC Rosary 7:00 PM, General Meeting at 7:30 PM in Café

**Tuesday, Jan. 3:** Planning Meeting 7:30 PM in Café

**Friday, Jan. 20:** Bingo Night in Great Hall, 6:30 PM

# EMMAUS THANKS YOU!



In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, nine evenings of prayer were directed by the Legion of Mary ministry. Each evening was hosted by a different family. Friday, December 9, Emmaus parishioners enjoyed a special evening of procession and prayer, dance, and fellowship.

Thank you to all the families that hosted the novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe: Familia Harris, Grupo de Oración Emaús, Familia Jaimes, Familia Cobos Castillo, Familia Moreno, Familia Estrada and Familia Cruz.



**WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**  
Saxon Gray Stutes

**Catholic Services Appeal update:** Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal. To date, we have received pledges from more than 11,400 families totaling more than \$3.1 million. Parishioners are encouraged to generously support the CSA. Our second CSA mailing was sent out on Dec. 6. The data file for this mailing was run on Nov. 23, so if you have made a pledge in the meantime, please disregard this second letter.

**The Women of Faith Retreat** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton on Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will reflect on the gifts of five women whose courageous actions effected the world — Sojourner Truth, Thea Bowman, Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman. Their fearlessness and faithfulness changed lives because they embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come and learn about these incredible women, who they were and what they did. Beverly Collin will facilitate this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register or for more information, call (254) 780-2436.

Please contact Thomas Miner at 512-452-3413 if you are interested in advertising in this bulletin and supporting your Catholic Parish. Thank you!

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## Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

# pledges:..... 114 (4.6% of parish)  
Pledged .....\$551,611  
Total in hand .....\$244,390  
Fund-A-Need & Matching Program: .....\$322,000

Our Parish Website has information on how to contribute to the capital campaign with securities, roll-overs, stock, etc. Please look under the Share Your Gifts tab or go directly to [www.EmmausParish.org/capitalcampaign](http://www.EmmausParish.org/capitalcampaign).

The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent: Those age 70 ½ and older who are required to take minimum distributions from their IRA accounts may use those funds to make a charitable gift, thereby avoiding increased taxes. To take advantage of this opportunity for 2016 and beyond, here are some things you should know about the IRA Charitable Rollover:

- You must be 70½ or older.
- You can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Emmaus. This opportunity applies only to IRAs and not other types of retirement plans.
- You pay no income tax on the gift. The transfer generates no taxable income, but at the same time, no deduction, such as a charitable contribution deduction, may be taken for the distributed amount.
- Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution for the year.
- Transfers need to be made by Dec. 31, in order for your gift to qualify for that particular year.
- You will need to contact your IRA plan administrator to have a distribution directed to Emmaus prior to the deadline.
  - Instructions to transfer stock
    - DTC #: 5198 Merrill Lynch
    - Acct.: Emmaus Catholic Church Operating Account 512-02398
    - Tax ID: 74-2799336
    - Contact Ron Riehs-Merrill Lynch at 877.456.4699 or [ronald\\_riehs@ms.com](mailto:ronald_riehs@ms.com)
    - To ensure proper credit to your account, contact Jane Heckler at the parish office (512.261.8500 x202 or [business@emmausparish.org](mailto:business@emmausparish.org))
  - Instructions to transfer cash
    - Check should be mailed to the parish office
    - To ensure proper credit to your account, contact Jane Heckler at the parish office (512.261.8500 x202 or [business@emmausparish.org](mailto:business@emmausparish.org))
  - You can specify to Emmaus how to apply your donation, for example, *Growing to Serve* capital campaign, offertory, PLC, benevolence, etc. by contacting Jane Heckler at the parish office.

The IRA Charitable Rollover is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of our parish while being able to take advantage of the tax benefits. \*\* Consult with your personal financial or legal advisors to determine if the IRA Charitable Rollover would benefit you and your philanthropic goals. \*\*