



## MASS DEDICATIONS

- Jan. 24**  
5:00pm..... For Catholic Education
- Jan. 25**  
8:30am..... For Catholic Education  
10:00am..... For Catholic Education  
10:30am..... For Catholic Education  
12:15pm..... For Catholic Education  
5:00pm..... For Catholic Education
- Jan. 26**  
8:30am..... For Jovito Aguirre, Sr.
- Jan. 27**  
8:30am..... In Memory of Josie Stiles
- Jan. 28**  
8:30am..... For Phil Richards
- Jan. 29**  
8:30am..... In Memory of John Brabham  
9:30am..... For Dorothy Haba
- Jan. 30**  
8:30am..... For Bernice Guess

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Richard Cohen, Joe & Ruth Jacobi,  
Kelly Cobb, John Madden, Peggy  
Clark, Theresa Ramos, Trini Aleman,  
Dottie Sharp, Leon Van  
Blerk, Family Unity, Jesus  
Cruz, Gretchen Pachlhofer,  
Winston Lee, David Bliss,  
Block Olbrich, Barbara  
Birrell, Claude Marchais, Carmen  
Schunior, Jody Fish, Jan Jackson



## BAPTISMS

*Mikaile Moreno*

January 25, 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”*  
– Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! Jesus asks us to help Him build His church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.

# PARISH SUPPORT

### Weekly Stewardship Report

January 18, 2015: .....\$36,368  
Fiscal YTD Offertory: .....\$1,124,914

### Fiscal Year to Date: July 1-Dec. 31, 2014

Total Income (Offertory & Other): .....\$1,300,213  
Total Expenses (Operating & Principal/Interest): .....\$1,302,136  
Budget Excess (Deficit): .....(\$1,923)

PLC Loan Balance: .....\$1,326,087  
Church Loan Balance: .....\$4,338,338

**Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans:**  
**\$46,410/month**



2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: .....\$18,156  
2013-14 SEED Gift Card Program: .....\$27,863

### Second Collections at Emmaus

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

### Tax Statements

Statements of your generous donations during the 2014 calendar year will be available for pick-up in the narthex after weekend Masses on Jan. 24-25 and Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

### 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. Note that SEED cards are safe cards! They contain no personal information like standard credit and debit cards do. For more information, visit [emmausparish.org/seed](http://emmausparish.org/seed).

### 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.

### 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.

# 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, January 25 - *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:45 AM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Multi B
10:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal Session	Café
11:15 AM	Monthly Celebration Blessing	Q of A Chapel
11:30 AM	Farewell to Sharon	Great Hall

## MONDAY, January 26 - *St. Timothy & St. Titus*

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Catholicism	Q of A Chapel
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	Great Hall
11:00 AM	Spiritual Book Club	Lounge
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
6:30 PM	Preparacion de Tamas	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
7:00 PM	Men's CRHP #26	Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University	Rm 204
7:00 PM	Adoration Experience	Church

## TUESDAY, January 27 - *St. Angela Merici*

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Priest, Prophet, King	Multi B & C
12:00 PM	Alanon Pastoral B1,B3,B4	
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Q of A Chapel
7:00 PM	Men's CRHP-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, January 28 - *St. Thomas Aquinas*

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
5:15 PM	Padres e hijos felices	Multi B
6:15 PM	Pastoral Council	Pastoral A1/Library
6:30 PM	Parent Discussion Group	Rm 201
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 202-206
7:00 PM	Women's CRHP	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Health Inspires Seminar	Multi B

## THURSDAY, January 29

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	Q of A Chapel
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Matthew: The King and His Kingdom	Multi B
10:15 AM	Game Day at Q of A	Q of A Chapel
10:30 AM	Parish Nursing Meeting	Café
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	CRHP Continuation Committee	Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM	The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible	Lounge
7:00 PM	RCIA	Multi B & C
7:30 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space

## FRIDAY, January 30

6:00 AM	Symbolon/Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:30 PM	Mesa Directiva	Pastoral B1 & B3

## SATURDAY, January 31 - *St. John Bosco*

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
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## 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, Monday-Friday at Emmaus, at 4:30 PM on Saturdays at Emmaus, and at 9:15 AM on Sundays at Queen of Angels.

**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 24 hours in advance.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Fridays, 12 noon, [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org).

**LOST AND FOUND** is located outside the church at the left hand side of the narthex by the St. Michael statue. Any valuable items are taken to the parish office.

**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.

### 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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION NEEDS

**24 hours/day, 7 days/week in the Saint John of the Cross Adoration Chapel**

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM

Monday: 3-4 AM, 1-2 PM

Tuesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM

Friday: 12-1 AM, 4-5 PM, 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturday: 7-8 PM

If you would like to commit to a specific hour that is convenient for your schedule, please contact Michelle Ford, (512) 261-4992.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS** is sponsoring a number of information sessions and workshops to serve families who might be eligible for benefits under deferred action programs. The information sessions are to learn more about eligibility for the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the new Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) program. In addition, workshops are scheduled where attorneys and accredited representatives will assist eligible participants with filing applications for DACA status. A listing of the information sessions and workshops is available from the east narthex information racks. Learn more at [ccctx.org/ils/executive-action](http://ccctx.org/ils/executive-action).

**COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS** provide FREE income tax preparation services to low-income families. For more information, visit [CommunityTaxCenters.org](http://CommunityTaxCenters.org), or pick up a flyer from the narthex information racks.

**CAPITAL IDEA** can help you get into a new career. We provide assistance to qualified adults to help them get a professional certification or a two year associate's degree in one of our sponsored careers. Capital IDEA will cover the full cost of tuition and books for adults. More information can be found in the narthex information racks. Orientation sessions begin **Feb. 2**.

## PARISH NEWS

The next **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 28**, 6:15 PM in A1/Library. A fifteen-minute open forum is offered at the beginning of each meeting for parishioner comments or concerns. If you have a topic that you would like to present, please contact Stacy Barna by Jan. 26 at [sbarna13@yahoo.com](mailto:sbarna13@yahoo.com) or (614) 975-5424 to have it added to the agenda. We welcome your input.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for their monthly **COUNTRY BREAKFAST**, Sunday, **Feb. 1**, 9:15 AM-12 noon in the Great Hall. The all-you-care-to-eat breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and juice. Proceeds benefit local charities.

**DIA DE LA CANDELARIA**, (Candle Mass), like many other Mexican celebrations, represents a fusion of pre-Hispanic traditions and Catholic beliefs. Celebrated on Feb. 2, it falls forty days after Christmas, and is celebrated by Catholics as the "Feast of Purification" or as the "Presentation of Christ at the Temple." According to Jewish law, it was customary to bring a baby to the temple after that period of time had passed, so Jesus would have been taken to the temple on that date. Another important custom in Mexico is for families to own an image of the Christ child, a *Niño Dios*. At times a godparent is chosen for the *Niño Dios*, and is then responsible for hosting various celebrations between Christmas and Candlemas. First, on Christmas Eve, the *Niño Dios* is placed in the Nativity scene; on Jan. 6, King's Day, the child is brought presents from the Magi; and on Feb. 2, the child is dressed in fine clothes and presented in the church. This ritual will be celebrated at Emmaus immediately following the 12:15 PM Mass on Sunday, **Feb. 1**. Please join us!

Resolve to be your best self now with **HEALTH INSPIRES: FOUR WEEKS TO THE REAL YOU**. Learn how to recognize, achieve and sustain all that you are meant to be; physically, emotionally and spiritually. The presentation by Kathryn Scoblick, Certified Wellness Coach, is taking place Wednesday evenings through Feb. 4, 7-8 PM in Emmaus' PLC Multi B. To learn more and to register, visit [healthinspires.com/four-weeks-to-the-real-you.html](http://healthinspires.com/four-weeks-to-the-real-you.html) or pick up a flyer from the narthex racks.

Sure, it may not be until April, but sponsorships, tables and tickets for **GLITZ GLAMOUR GROOVE** are available now! The sooner you reserve your table, the better its location in the hall. Visit [emmausparish.org/gala](http://emmausparish.org/gala) for all the details, or call Paula at the parish office, (512) 261-8500 x 204.

### WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

**Fr. Samuel invites you be his guest at the new rectory  
for a Parish Input Session.**

**Monday, Jan. 26, 6-7 PM -or- Thursday, Jan. 29, 7-8 PM**



Fr. Samuel invites you to join him at the new rectory to talk about the parish. As we continue to study the input and make plans to address your concerns voiced in last fall's Parish Survey, there was an evident lack of input from our younger parishioners. We know you are very busy with families and work obligations, but you are a vital part of our parish and we really want to hear from you. Therefore, we have scheduled these two Parish Input Sessions to take place in the rectory (located in The Hills of Lakeway) and facilitated by Fr. Samuel. Choose the one that works best for your schedule.

These sessions are open to all, but we especially encourage our parishioners with school-aged children to attend. These sessions are for adults only, but childcare will be provided (by advance reservation) at the parish nursery. Couples may attend together, or if it works better for your family, a husband could attend one session and a wife the other. Singles are encouraged, as well. Space will be limited, so we must ask you to RSVP.

- To attend, **RSVP to [emmaus@emmausparish.org](mailto:emmaus@emmausparish.org)** with the number of people and which date you prefer.
- If you would like to request childcare, please include the number and ages of the children.

For those who did not get a chance to complete the Parish Survey, we will be putting it back online during the period of Jan. 26-Feb. 8. You will be able to access the survey from a link on the right column of the parish website, [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org). Thank you for your participation!

## FAITH FORMATION

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

It's time to sign up for **JOURNEY'S TRAVELING OVERNIGHTER**. This night of no sleep and non-stop fun will take place Friday, **Feb. 20**, 8 PM through Saturday, Feb. 21, 6 AM. Emmaus middle school youth will be joining with students from St. Thomas More, traveling to Austin Sports Arena, Gatti-land, and Main Event. Cost is \$50, and this is open to the first 50 to register. Your spot is confirmed when Julie Sawyer receives your permission form and payment. Visit the website, [emmausparish.org/journey](http://emmausparish.org/journey), to download a form today!

This year's **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** will be held **Mar. 20-22** at Camp Buckner. The cost of \$120 is due by Mar. 15. All sophomore students who are going to be confirmed are required to attend unless previously discussed with Matt. To register, complete a permission form from the parish website, [emmausparish.org/outcry](http://emmausparish.org/outcry), and turn in with your payment to the parish office.

### ADULTS

**THE PROPHETS: MESSENGERS OF GOD'S MERCY** is a new 10-week course being offered on Wednesday mornings beginning **Feb. 4**. Discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with Him and to become His voice to others. For details and to register, please visit [emmausparish.org/adultfaith](http://emmausparish.org/adultfaith).

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? Men of the parish are invited to join us for a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. This retreat in Spanish will be held **Feb. 7-8** at Emmaus, and is perfect for men who are looking for time to relax, pray, and rethink priorities. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp) or pick up a registration form from the narthex racks.

## FOCUS ON MINISTRY

*How do you live out your faith?* Emmaus has more than 75 ministries which are reliant on our parishioners' time and talent. Engage with your parish by signing up to help, and you'll be making a meaningful impact on your fellow community members as well as yourself.

### RCIA

Contact: Tracy Rodenborn, (512) 261-8500 x 308  
Are you looking for a special way to grow in your faith deeply while offering a wonderful ministry to the parish? Maybe you should consider getting involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation Adults ministry as a sponsor, parish support person or team member! RCIA offers a special opportunity to grow in your own faith as you journey with adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. For more information or to inquire about how you can get involved in this special ministry, contact Tracy Rodenborn.

## EN ESPAÑOL

25 de enero, 2015

3o domingo de tiempo ordinario

*"Siganme, y los haré pescadores de hombres."* – Marcos 1:17

¡El llamado de Jesús "a seguirlo" es un llamado a todos los cristianos! Jesús nos pide que le ayudemos a construir su iglesia en la tierra compartiendo generosamente todos nuestros regalos de oración, talentos y tesoros. Recuerde, Jesús nos llama para desarrollar y compartir generosamente todos nuestros dones, no solo aquellos que nosotros escogemos.



**PADRES E HIJOS FELICES**, Miercoles, 21 de enero hasta 29 de abril. Por favor, únase a nosotros para una conversación diez semanas para los adultos, será dirigido por la Hermana Mary Lou Barba, 5:15-5:45 PM en Multi B. Sin costo.



Necesitas a volverte a conectar con ti mismo y a Dios? ¿Quieres conocer a otros católicos como a tu? Andas en búsqueda de la espiritualidad? Se invita a los hombres de la parroquia a unirse a nosotros para un fin de semana de renovación espiritual, compañerismo y diversion de **CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA**. Este retiro en español se llevará a cabo el **7 y 8 de febrero** en Emaús, y es perfecto para los hombres que buscan tiempo para relajarse, orar, y repensar las prioridades. Deja que el Espíritu te mueva! Regístrese en línea en [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp) o recoger un formulario de registro de los bastidores del nártex.

**CAPITAL IDEA** puede ayudarle a entrar en una nueva carrera. Proporcionamos asistencia a adultos cualificados para ayudarles a obtener una certificación profesional o un título de asociado de dos años en una de nuestras carreras patrocinados. Capital IDEA cubrirá el costo total de la matrícula y los libros para adultos. Vea detalles in los estantes de información in el nártex. Sesiones de orientación comienzan **2 de febrero**.

Los Centros Comunitarios de Impuestos proporcionar **SERVICIOS GRATUITOS** de preparación de impuestos para personas de bajos ingresos. Para más información visite [CommunityTaxCenters.org](http://CommunityTaxCenters.org). Vea detalles in los estantes de información in el nártex.

### LAS PREGUNTAS MÁS FRECUENTES DE LA PARROQUIA DE EMAÚS

**QUIERES HACERTE MIEMBRO O NUNCA TE HAS REGISTRADO EN LA PARROQUIA?** Puedes ir a la pagina web [newcomer@emmausparish.org](mailto:newcomer@emmausparish.org) o hablar a la oficina para informase cuando se van hacer las registraciones.

**ANUNCIOS O DEDICACIONES DE CUMPLEAÑOS O FALLECIMIENTOS EN MISA:** Todos anuncios y dedicaciones tienen que ser registrados en la oficina antes de hacer anunciados. Para mas información pueden llamar al (512) 261-8500.

Las **PLATICAS DE BAUTISMO** han cambiado, Serán el primer lunes de cada mes; de 7-9 PM. Por favor llamen a la oficina para registrarse para las pláticas.

**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. También puede ver los boletines electrónicos de la parroquia en español. Únete a las listas de correo electrónico en [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org). Cuando reciba los mensajes de correo electrónico, haga clic en el enlace a "vista en el navegador," y usted entonces tiene la oportunidad de hacer clic en un enlace de "traducir" para ver en el idioma de su preferencia.

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Join us Monday, **Jan. 26**, 5-7 PM for **ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**. Student Council and School Advisory members, faculty and parents will be giving tours and available to answer any questions you have about St. Austin. St. Austin also invites you to school Mass, Friday, **Jan. 23** at 8:15 AM in St. Austin Catholic Church. The Principal and Director of Admissions will be available after Mass for questions. Applications for Pre-K 3 through 8th grade are available online through the school website [www.staustinschool.org](http://www.staustinschool.org). If you have any questions or would like to arrange a tour, please contact Keili Smith, (512) 477-3751 x 311 or [admissions@staustinschool.org](mailto:admissions@staustinschool.org).

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center invites you to a Day of Spirituality, **THE ART OF BALANCE: DOING GOD'S WORK INTENDED ONLY FOR YOU**, on Tuesday, **Jan. 27**. Explore how setting limits actually sets you free and learn how to have fun with your new-found freedom. Enter the New Year with clarity, refreshment and energy as you discover how to set clear parameters around your expectations versus God's expectations, and reconcile your life's mission with that of God's commission for you. Intended for both men and women. Presenter: Lori Mulady Burdick MA, LPC; Currently the Liturgy Director at St. Thomas More Church and has over 22 years as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Private Practice. 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, \$35 per person, with breakfast and lunch included. For information and to register, contact Sherie Zebrowski, (512) 715-0017.

**CALLING ALL RELIGIOUS ARTISTS** - The Austin Diocese Fine Arts Council is now soliciting religious art of the Judeo-Christian tradition for its thirteenth exhibit in the Religious Art Gallery at the Pastoral Center for the Diocese of Austin. To submit religious art for consideration, please e-mail your images to [craig.kanewske@gmail.com](mailto:craig.kanewske@gmail.com) by **Jan. 29**, and include the title, dimensions, price (if for sale), and an artist's statement briefly describing the intended religious context for each piece submitted. All two-dimensional work must be professionally framed. Accepted art will be exhibited for approximately six months beginning Feb. 27. For more information go to [www.austindfac.org](http://www.austindfac.org).

You are invited to join thousands throughout our diocese for 33 days of prayer for **TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**. The prayers are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit [TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by Jan. 31 to receive your FREE Montfort prayer book by mail and for more information. (NOTE: Emmaus offers a similar program for small groups on site. Please see the Emmaus website for details.)

**MAINTENANCE POSITION** at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple. This is a full time position that requires experience with electricity, plumbing and carpentry. The person is responsible for the overall maintenance of the Cedarbrake facility and will assist with landscape duties. All applications must be submitted directly through the Diocese of Austin web page: [austindiocese.iapplicants.com/searchjobs.php](http://austindiocese.iapplicants.com/searchjobs.php).

Are you interested in making the pilgrimage of a lifetime? Ready to have your life changed by encountering the places where Jesus walked and taught? **A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**, led by Dr. Marcellino d'Ambrosio, is scheduled for **Apr. 2015**. "Dr. Italy," who spoke on the Second Vatican Council at Emmaus in February 2012, has led several pilgrimages of Catholics to Israel and is opening up this exciting opportunity. Visit [crossroadsinitiative.com](http://crossroadsinitiative.com), or [goholyland.info](http://goholyland.info) for more information. Don't delay – seats will be gone by the end of January!

**I BEGIN NOW!** Three simple words to remind us to live in the present time in the "presence of God." Life can teach us many lessons, if we take time to ponder and be aware. Brian Egan, Beverly Collin and Father Angelo Bertini will present this weekend retreat, **Feb. 6-8**. Cost is \$160 shared room, \$195 private room, \$85 commuter rate. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or e-mail [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

The fourteenth annual **WHITE MASS** will be held on **Feb. 11** at St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin. The Mass, held on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, begins at 6 PM and is intended for all those who work in health care. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be offered. For details and to register, visit [austindiocese.org/whitemass2015](http://austindiocese.org/whitemass2015).

**PROJECT ANDREW** will be held **Feb. 14** at 10 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Catholic men between the ages of 16 and 45 who are interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood and seminary life are invited to attend. The day will include prayer, testimonials by priests and seminarians, Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at [vocations@austindiocese.org](mailto:vocations@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2430.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION** will be held on Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 18**, at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The real sign of Lent is not the ashes but the cross. Jesus says, "If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me" (Mk 8:35). Begin this Lenten journey by reflecting on the challenges Jesus lays before us. The day will begin with Mass and the distribution of ashes. Brian Egan, Beverly Collin and Father Angelo Bertini will present this retreat. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or e-mail [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

The tenth annual **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** on **Feb. 21** in San Antonio is for men of all ages, and will offer powerful speakers such as Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Nathan Cromly, and Fr. Patrick Martin, a Healing Service, Mass with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, inspirational music, and more! The event has sold out the past two years. Register online at [cmcsanantonio.com](http://cmcsanantonio.com) or call (210) 521-3377.

The San José Council of Catholic Women will host the tenth annual **WOMEN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE**, "The Three Pillars of Lent: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving," on **Feb. 21**, 8 AM-3 PM at San José Parish in Austin. Participants will explore these pillars of the Catholic faith and understand their Lenten journey towards life renewed, life saved and life that reaches beyond oneself to share God's love. Speakers are Cheryl Maxwell and Father Alberto Borruel and Debbie White will provide the music. For registration information, visit [www.sanjosechurch.org](http://www.sanjosechurch.org) or call Rosie Castillo at (512) 441-2748.

**PROJECT MIRIAM** for women ages 16 to 45 will be held **Feb. 21** at 10 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic women are invited to learn more about Mary's joyful "yes" to God. The day will include testimonials and prayer with religious sisters as well as Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at [vocations@austindiocese.org](mailto:vocations@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2430.

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