



MASS DEDICATIONS

NOV. 28
5:00 PM..... For Betty Figg

NOV. 29
8:30 AM..... In memory of Peter Casentino
10:30 AM..... For the Van Chau Family
12:15 PM..... In memory of Rosa Maria Abreo
5:00 PM..... In memory of Dolores Marcin

NOV. 30
8:30 AM..... For Maddie Tartaglia

DEC. 1
8:30 AM..... In memory of John Black

DEC. 2
5:30 PM..... For the Van Chau Family

DEC. 3
8:30 AM..... In memory of Mary Lauderman
9:30 AM..... For John & Shari Bauer

DEC. 4
8:30 AM..... In memory of Mack Lafargue

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

Due to advanced holiday print deadlines, the offertory report is not available this week. We will provide updated figures in next week's bulletin.

PLC Loan Balance: \$1,286,462
Church Loan Balance: \$4,175,838

**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

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.

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$11,872
2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

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 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 for a list of items and further details.

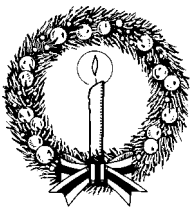
Planned Giving

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.

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness this Season

Each holiday season, Emmaus anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at emmausparish.org/egiving. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

WEEKLY REFLECTION



November 29, 2015
1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

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, November 29- 1st Sunday of Advent

3:00 PM Preparacion de Temas Pastoral B1,B3, B4

MONDAY, November 30- St. Andrew, apostle

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| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 9:30 AM | Emmaus Moms Sacred Dwelling | Rm 205 |
| 9:30 AM | Epic: A Journey through Church History | Q of A Chapel |
| 10:00 AM | Bright Horizons | Great Hall |
| 11:00 AM | Spiritual Book Club | PLC Lounge |
| 12:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous | Pastoral B1 |
| 5:15 PM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 6:00 PM | Pastoral Council | Pastoral A1/Library |
| 6:30 PM | Boy Scouts | Great Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Women's CRHP-Spanish | Pastoral B1 |
| 7:00 PM | The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study | Rm 203 |
| 7:00 PM | OLG Dance Troupe | Church |

TUESDAY, December 1

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| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 9:30 AM | Al-Anon | Pastoral B1,B3,B4 |
| 9:30 AM | 33 Days to Morning Glory | Multi B |
| 5:15 PM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 6:00 PM | Great Christian Texts Discussion | Rm 205 |
| 6:30 PM | JustFaith | Multi B |
| 7:00 PM | Men's CRHP-Spanish | Pastoral B1 |
| 7:00 PM | A Spiritual Walk at Emmaus | Pastoral A1/Library |
| 7:00 PM | Women's CRHP Team 27 | Rm 204 |
| 7:30 PM | Legion of Mary | Rm 206 |
| 7:30 PM | Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting | Café |

WEDNESDAY, December 2

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| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 10:00 AM | Transforming Loss | PLC Lounge |
| 5:30 PM | Church Wide Wednesday | Church/Great Hall |
| 6:00 PM | Summit Discipleship Group | Narthex |
| 7:00 PM | Narcotics Anonymous | Pastoral B1 |
| 7:00 PM | ESL Classes | Rms 01-206 |

THURSDAY, December 3- St. Francis Xavier

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| 8:00 AM | Men's Scripture Study | Q of A Chapel |
| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 10:00 AM | Game Day | Q of A 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 | Mobile Loaves & Fishes | Rm 206 |
| 7:00 PM | RCIA | Multi B & C |
| 7:30 PM | Spanish Prayer Group | Youth Space |

FRIDAY, December 4- St. John Damascene

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| 5:45 AM | Men of Emmaus | Great Hall |
| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 12:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous | Pastoral B1 |
| 6:00 PM | Journey into Marriage | Multi B & C |

SATURDAY, December 5

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| 9:00 AM | Jazzercise | Café & Youth Space |
| 10:00 AM | Journey into Marriage | Multi B & C |
| 10:30 AM | Queen of Angels Wedding Committee | Q of A Chapel |
| 12:00 PM | Austin Bridge | Café & Youth Space |
| 6:00 PM | Social Saturday | Narthex |

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 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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION is available 24 hours a day in the St. John of the Cross Adoration Chapel. To sign up for available hours, visit emmausparish.org/adoration, or call Michelle Ford, (512) 261-4992.

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

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thursdays, 12 noon, 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



As you begin your **HOLIDAY SHOPPING**, please remember that there is no cost to you to use Emmaus' SEED Program or to make your online purchases through Amazon Smile. Shopping using these tools earns money for the parish. You can even double the donation by purchasing Amazon.com SEED cards and using them to pay for your Amazon Smile purchases! Please stop by the SEED table after mass or the parish office during business hours. Thank you for your support!

ADVENT DOLLARAMA! Stock up on all you need to bring Advent into your home by taking advantage of our Advent Market Clearance Sale at the **Dec. 2 Church Wide Wednesday**. Advent candles, calendars, wreaths, children's DVDs and activity books, and so much more! Most items \$1 with nothing over \$7, and 100% of income benefits a family in need this holiday season. Church Wide Wednesday begins with a 5:30 PM Liturgy in the Church, and continues in the Great Hall with a Potluck Supper and Advent activities. Bring your favorite potluck dish for 8, grab your friends and family members, and let's share in faith, food, and fellowship.

SOCIAL SATURDAY returns next Saturday, **Dec. 5!** Gather in the narthex with your fellow parishioners following 5 PM Mass. Relax and enjoy some casual time with friends, old and new! Join us for a glass of wine, a beer and snacks. This popular event happens about once a month. Please join us...all are welcome!

The **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** focuses on the Virgin Mary being conceived without sin. The holy day of obligation will be celebrated with the following liturgies:

- Monday, **Dec. 7:** 6:30 PM Vigil Mass, 8 PM Vigil Mass (Spanish)
- Tuesday, **Dec. 8:** 10 AM Mass (at Queen of Angels Chapel), 12 PM Mass

emmaus' parenting support group - for not so traditional parents - invites you to join them for **stress reduction for the holidays, thursday, dec. 10, 6:30-8 pm in the plc lounge. sometimes being a non-traditional parent offers special challenges. whether you're a single or two-parent household, co-parents sharing custody, grandparents raising a grandchild, or other non-custodial family member raising school-aged children (grades k-12), this self-help family and peer support group is here to help. the parish nursery may be available for those who call the parish office at least 72 hours in advance to reserve. [rsvp through parenting support on the city.]**

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our celebration of the **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** on Saturday, **Dec. 12**. The day will begin at 5 AM with Las Mañanitas, featuring mariachis and Emmaus' OLG Dance Troupe. Mass will follow at 6:15 AM with a reception afterward in the Great Hall. In addition, participants in the 33 Days to Morning Glory program will celebrate their consecration to Mary.

CLUB 10:14 invites all parish elementary-age children and their parents to come decorate **GINGERBREAD HOUSES** on Sunday, **Dec. 20**, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Great Hall. Please bring a candy decorating item to share (M&Ms, red hots, etc.). Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. **[RSVP through CLUB 10:14 on The City.]**

Our church will soon be adorned with beautiful poinsettias. Those flowers get thirsty and it's a big job for one person to keep them alive until Christmas. Can you help? Join the **POINSETTIA PARTNERS** and volunteer to help with watering! The more that help, the less time each person needs to give. Plus it's a short-term commitment! Please call the parish office to offer your assistance.

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.

29 de noviembre 2015 - 1er domingo de adviento

"Cuando comiencen a suceder estas cosas, cobren ánimo y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca su redención." (Lucas 21:28)

Celebramos el Adviento cada año en preparación para el nacimiento de Jesús, Su primera llegada, mientras esperamos por su segunda llegada. En este tiempo de Adviento, use el sacramento de la Reconciliación para fortalecer su relación con Jesús. Nunca es tarde.



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 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 PERPETUA esta disponible a la 24 horas en La Capilla de Adoracion. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite emmausparish.org/adoration, a Michelle Ford, al (512) 261-4992.

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.

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. En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

A **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES TRAINING SESSION** will be held at Emmaus on Thursday, **Dec. 3**, 7-8:30 PM in Rm 206. It will encompass general information about the ministry, time commitment, how to log on and navigate the Mobile Loaves & Fishes website to plan your own itinerary, training for both the make-ready and truck prep volunteer teams, upcoming volunteer sign-up for the 2016 calendar year, and input on commissary feasibility at our parish. Please join us to learn more, or contact Maria Soo, mpsoo@yahoo.com. **[Join Mobile Loaves & Fishes on The City]**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kelly Cobb, RoAnn Sitka, Linda Silinski, Beth Bertin, Leigh Assini, Eduardo Mercado, Bowen & Barrett Bayless, John Kistner, Patrick Family, Martin Kennedy, Martha Scallon, Bill Carson, John Madden, Januarío Ortega, Erin Nixon, Diana Villalba, Maurice Kirkpatrick, Zulli Cedeño, Ahilyn Escalante, Renee Iovine, Beverly & Larry Rosson, Luisana Cayetano, Familia Vences, Ruth Jacobi, Mary & George Ruiz, Julie Kocurek, Moreno Family, Matt Bowers, Braxton Murray, Aida Ferrera



Have you "moved in" yet?

The City allows us to:

- interact in small groups
- learn about different ministries
- interact with ministry members
- share stories of hope and healing
- get to know our parish family members
- connect with people with similar interests
- stay up to date on events for your group/ministry/faith formation class
- build community and share faith, not just on Sundays, but anytime, anywhere

www.emmausparish.onthecity.org

FAITH FORMATION

ATTENTION ALL FAITH FORMATION PARENTS - We continue to hear from parents who say, "I didn't know that!" And we also have parents dropping their children off for classes when no classes are scheduled. It is *extremely* important that you join your child's faith formation group on The City. The City is the *only* place you'll receive electronic notifications of schedules, updates, and valuable information regarding classes, sacraments, and other programs. After you sign up for The City, join the appropriate groups: FLOCK, Elementary Faith Formation, CLOW Parents, First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parents, Journey Middle School Formation, Outcry High School Formation. Don't be left in the dark! Move into The City today!

Attention Outcry students: If you are planning to be confirmed this year, you must turn in all **CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK** by **Dec. 15**. Download the Confirmation Application from emmausparish.org/confirmation and assemble all required documents by the deadline. Only complete application packets will be accepted.

Outcry students are encouraged to plan now for the **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC)**, **Jan. 29-31** in Waco. The theme this year is "Restless." St. Augustine of Hippo, doctor of the Church, teaches us about the power of conversion, forgiveness, and God's love. We are excited to announce that this year's theme is inspired by his quote: "for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." We are also asking for his intercession as we plan this year's conference. St. Augustine, pray for us! Download an Outcry permission form at emmausparish.org/outcry and submit with your payment of \$150 by Jan. 10 to be included in this year's conference. **[Join Outcry on The City]**

We are in need of **DCYC DRIVERS AND/OR CHAPERONES** to transport the students to and from DCYC **Jan. 29-31** and inspire them in their faith. Drivers/Chaperones must be EIM complaint. Drivers must be insured and at least 25 years old. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old. All others will be considered students. For more information, contact Matt Scruggs, outcry@emmausparish.org. **[Join Outcry on The City]**

FOCUS ON MINISTRY



The **MUSIC MINISTRY** at Emmaus is in need of extra voices and instruments for Christmas. We are looking for all ages, from children in grade 2 through adult, and can incorporate all instruments, especially brass. Just attend a couple of rehearsals and you are good to go; your commitment ends there! Volunteers may choose from different ensembles and/or mass

times. Build Christmas spirit for yourself and your fellow parishioners! For more details, contact John Guarino, Director of Music Ministries, at music@emmausparish.org.

To find more ways to help your parish, log on to **The City** and click on Growth-Service Opportunities.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

A **SILENT ADVENT RETREAT** will take place **Dec. 4-6** at Cedarbrake. Take time away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes with Mass on Sunday. Spiritual direction is available. Cost is \$165 (private room). For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

You are invited to the annual **GREEN SANTA SING ALONG CHRISTMAS SHOW** on Sunday, **Dec. 6** at the Lakeway Activity Center. Shows are at 2 PM and 4:30 PM. Proceeds support Lake Travis Green Santa. Admission is an unwrapped gift for a child up to age 17.

Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you seeking deeper sense of purpose or a clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly is bringing **LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION & PURPOSE** to St. John Neumann Catholic Church on **Jan. 22**. Tickets are selling fast. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose/.