



# PARISH SUPPORT

## MASS DEDICATIONS

- JAN. 9**  
5:00pm.....For Herman Gonzales
- JAN. 10**  
8:30am..... In memory of Richard Vorwerk  
10:00am.....For Emmaus Catholic Parish  
10:30am..... For Alex Herman  
12:15pm..... In memory of Alfonso Araujo  
5:00pm..... For Julie Kocurek
- JAN. 11**  
8:30am..... In memory of Eugene Carter
- JAN. 12**  
8:30am.....In memory of John Basilotto
- JAN. 13**  
5:30pm.....In memory of John Basilotto
- JAN. 14**  
8:30am..... In memory of Thomas Shrader  
9:30am.....In memory of Yolanda Aviles
- JAN. 15**  
8:30am..... For Thomas & Michelle Shrader

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

### Weekly Stewardship Report

January 3, 2016:.....	\$66,339
Fiscal YTD Offertory: .....	\$1,107,193
PLC Loan Balance:.....	\$1,278,301
Church Loan Balance:.....	\$4,142,504
<b>Mortgage payments (principal/interest)</b>	
<b>on above loans: .....</b>	<b>\$46,708/month</b>



### 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](http://emmausparish.org/seed).

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$17,783  
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](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.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION



January 10, 2016

### The Baptism of the Lord

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

# 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 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:45 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
9:45 AM	Welcome & Registration	Great Hall
6:00 PM	Confirmation Workshop	Great Hall

## MONDAY, January 11

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
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
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
7:00 PM	The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study	Rm 203

## TUESDAY, January 12

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1, B3, B4
9:30 AM	An Introduction to the Theology of the Body for Adults	Multi B & C
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Q of A Chapel
6:00 PM	Great Christian Texts Discussion	Rm 205
6:30 PM	JustFaith	Multi B
7:00 PM	CRHP Men's Team-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Team #27	Rm 204
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, January 13 - St. Hilary

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206

## THURSDAY, January 14

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	Q of A Chapel
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Rm 206
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
6:00 PM	Ladies of Charity Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space
7:00 PM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Rm 206
7:00 PM	RCIA	Multi B & C

## FRIDAY, January 15

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
6:30 PM	Bingo	Great Hall

## SATURDAY, January 16 - Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM	Rosary Ministry	Multi C
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	EIM Basic Workshop-English	Great Hall
2:00 PM	EIM Refresher Workshop-English	Great Hall

## 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.

**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](http://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](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

Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring your friends! **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** returns to the Emmaus Great Hall on Friday, **Jan. 15**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join us for bingo, food, fun, and prizes. Doors open at 6:30 PM, games start at 7 PM, and proceeds raised this month benefit Frontline Faith, which provides spiritual support for our men and women serving in the armed services. All are welcome!

**EIM WORKSHOPS**, Basic and Refresher in both English and Spanish, have been scheduled at Emmaus for January. The English workshops will take place **Jan. 16**, and the Spanish workshops on **Jan. 23**. Please visit [emmausparish.org/eim](http://emmausparish.org/eim) for the dates and times and for information on how to register. The nursery will be available for those who call the parish office at least 72 hours in advance to make a nursery reservation.

Our mission is to empower and give hope to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Taught by best-selling author Dave Ramsey, **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 9-week life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. You will learn step-by-step cash flow planning, common sense techniques to eliminate debt, how to invest wisely, and much more. This series will meet nine Monday evenings, 7-8:30 PM, beginning **Jan. 18** in Emmaus PLC Rm 204. You may access the registration link through Financial Peace University on The City, or from the front of the parish website, [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org). **[Join Financial Peace University on The City]**

**LIFE AFTER DIVORCE** provides a step-by-step process for putting your life back together after a love relationship has ended. This participation-centered seminar turns the crisis of divorce into a creative emotional recovery experience. Its guides provide the way to get oneself into a position to enjoy life according to God's plan and purposes. The seminar portion is 8 weeks but is designed so individuals may begin at any time. This series meets Tuesday evenings beginning **Jan. 19**, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Emmaus PLC Lounge. Please call the parish office to register.

**TAX RECEIPTS** for 2015 donations will be available for pick-up in the narthex the weekends of **Jan. 23-24** and **Jan. 30-31**.

Losing someone you love is excruciating for it leaves heartache. The truth is you come face-to-face with your powerlessness. So instead of just encountering the difficulties and contradictions, bend them with gentleness and embrace the love which leaves a lasting, treasure-filled memory. You are not alone. Join us for **HEALING JOURNEY OF GRIEF**, Saturday, **Jan. 30**, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM in the PLC Cafe and Lounge. Please call the parish office to register.

The Pastoral Council will host a **MINISTRY FAIR** at Emmaus on the weekend of **Jan. 30-31**. If you are a ministry lead and would like to reserve space, please email [emmaus@emmausparish.org](mailto:emmaus@emmausparish.org) with your name and your ministry's name. Ministry representatives will be given a table and be able to answer parishioner questions and take sign-ups. This is a great opportunity to share your ministry's works and needs with the parish.

Sponsorship benefits for Emmaus' 2016 Gala - **MAGIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT** - include great marketing opportunities and, in some cases, reserved tables at the event. Opportunities are first come, first served. Visit [emmausparish.org/gala](http://emmausparish.org/gala) for all the details. Make some magic with us while you help support your parish!

## FAITH FORMATION

Students wishing to be Confirmed in 2016 must be enrolled in Faith Formation (Outcry) and attend four mandatory **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS** with their parents. The second workshop in this series will take place Sunday, **Jan. 10**, 6:15-7:30 PM in the PLC Youth Space. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend. **[Join Outcry on The City]**

This Sunday is the deadline for Outcry students to sign up for the **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC)**, **Jan. 29-31** in Waco. The theme this year is "Restless." Download an Outcry permission form at [emmausparish.org/outcry](http://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]**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR ADULTS:** Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life is an eight-part, four-hour study presented by Christopher West, designed to give you a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity – a plan stamped right into our bodies. The series will meet for eight Tuesday mornings beginning **Jan. 12**, 9:30-11 AM in PLC Multi B&C. To register, RSVP through Adult Faith Formation on The City, or call the parish office. **[Join Adult Faith Formation on The City]**

### BAPTISMS

#### WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Camila Lopez Arreola, Viviana Rosa Cantu

### IT'S ON THE WEB!

Did you know that you can find the following items on the Emmaus website?

- Upcoming Parish Events
- Mass, Rosary & Confession Times and Schedule of Presiders
- Daily Readings
- Sacramental Preparation Details
- Ministry Opportunities
- Ways to Financially Support Your Parish
- Details on signing up for The City
- Archived Bulletins
- Forms to Submit Prayer Requests, Personal Data Changes, and Name Tag Orders
- Links for Catholics and the Diocese of Austin
- Photo Albums of Events at Emmaus
- The ability to view any of the pages in Spanish by using the Google Translate tool at the very bottom of the page
- ...and so much more!



Visit **EMMAUSPARISH.ORG** and choose from the dropdown menus on the teal navigation bar near the top. You can also type into the Search box at the top of the page and enter to get a list of options. Thank you for engaging with Emmaus!

## EN ESPAÑOL

### FOCUS ON MINISTRY

#### RESOLVE TO JOIN IN PARISH MINISTRY

This year, how about making a New Year's resolution to be a more inviting and welcoming parish? Can each of us resolve to pick up the phone and invite ONE person to join us in parish life? Whether you invite them to serve with you on a ministry, attend a CRHP retreat with you, go out with you to gather gala auction items, or invite them to attend a bible study with you, this would be something that would improve not only their life, but yours as well. Pick up the phone. It's an easy and friendly thing to do!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Luisana Cayetano, Clark Hanley, Dominga Gauna, Martin Kennedy, John Madden, Jeronima Milreles Vazquez, Philomena Rowlands, Christina Martin, Jan Zapata, Jeffrey & Rebecca Cohen, Megan Splittstoesser, Lusanda Tyolo, Lloyd Patrick Family, Mary Burks

### SOCIAL OUTREACH

Emmas' Respect Life Committee invites you to the annual **TEXAS PRO-LIFE MASS, MARCH & RALLY** on Saturday, **Jan. 23**. The parish has arranged with the diocese to reserve a bus to transport parishioners to this event. The bus will depart from the Emmaus parking lot promptly at 8:30 AM and drive to St. Vincent de Paul Church for Chaplets of Divine Mercy and the Diocesan Mass with Bishop Joe Vasquez. Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus. The bus then departs for the Pro-Life March and Rally at the State Capitol. Return to Emmaus is scheduled for approximately 3:30 PM. Transportation cost is \$10 per person and available to the first 32 Emmaus parishioners who register online in advance at [secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=5d302d](http://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=5d302d). (Link is available from the front of the Emmaus website, [emmausparish.org](http://emmausparish.org).) Lunch tickets and t-shirts are also available for purchase through the diocese's online form. For additional information, contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818, [ljm8459@gmail.com](mailto:ljm8459@gmail.com).

One hundred seventy-three clients came to the **HELPING HAND CRISIS MINISTRY OF SPICEWOOD** during December requesting food assistance for their 462 family members. Seven of these clients were first-time visitors. Fifty-six families received financial assistance totaling \$4,425. Fifty-five percent of the financial assistance was to help with housing costs with the remainder for help with transportation and communication expenses. The cost for food and personal hygiene products totaled \$3,208. Ministry operating expenses totaled \$546. Gift cards totaling \$2,000 were purchased to help some of our clients have a better Christmas. Repairs to the Vista House totaled \$928. Expenditures totaled \$11,107. We had an exceptional month for donations, which totaled \$21,640. At month's end, the Vista House was occupied by a client couple that would otherwise be homeless. The Board approved the sale of the Oak Hill RV to a client who had previously lived in the RV. While there is no current plan to replace the RV, the Board will certainly consider the future possibility. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who make it possible.

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

#### 10 de enero de 2016 – Bautismo del Señor

"Juan les respondió a todos, 'Yo los bautizo con agua; pero viene uno más poderoso que yo...El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo...'" (Lucas 3:16)

El Catecismo Católico establece que "La inmersión de Jesús en el agua es un signo para todos los seres humanos de su necesidad de morir para hacer la voluntad de Dios". En otras palabras, como católicos bautizados hay un solo don que nosotros necesitamos darle a Jesús- el don de nosotros mismos. Una vez que nos entregamos a Dios, sabremos en nuestros corazones cual es el llamado de Dios para nosotros.

#### 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 PERPETUA** esta disponible a la 24 horas en La Capilla de Adoracion. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://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](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 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.

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** of the Diocese of Austin invites you to join in their monthly healing Mass on Friday, **Jan. 15**, 7 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Come experience the wonder and awe and joy of the Lord as God pours out His gifts, His love, His mercy, His healing upon all his children. Come with expectant faith and open hearts! For more information, contact Christina Turullois, (512) 563-7851, renewal@ccaustin.org.

January is the perfect time to spiritually adopt a recently conceived baby to protect it from an abortion. You can do this with other women of the **AUSTIN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** at their **Jan. 16** meeting at St. Albert the Great Church, 12041 Bittern Hollow, Austin. Prayer Service at 9:00 AM will be followed by a business meeting and complementary brunch. The program features a nurse practitioner from Seton's neonatal unit sharing experiences and stories about the fragile life she cares for on a daily basis. For more information, contact Karen Dunlap, (512) 836-0530, kdunlap78@hotmail.com.

**MARY HOUSE CATHOLIC WORKER OF AUSTIN, INC.**, is celebrating 25 years of service to indigent, critically, and terminally ill people **Jan. 16** at 2 PM at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the thousands of people who have volunteered their time and talent and other gifts to create the only such shelter in the state of Texas. There will be a reception after the Mass.

The next **TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) RETREAT** will be held **Jan. 16-18** at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The retreat is specifically designed for juniors in high school to young adults in their 20s and is focused on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The cost for the weekend is \$100 and includes two nights, meals, and supplies. For more information, contact Jennifer Kodysz at (512) 949-2467 or jennifer-kodysz@austindiocese.org.

The annual Mass celebrating the legacy of **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** will be celebrated **Jan. 17** at 9:30 AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Bishops Joe Vásquez and Daniel Garcia will concelebrate the Mass.

A **HEALING HEARTS RETREAT** for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma will be held **Jan. 22-24** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The cost is \$135. For more information or to register, call Beverly Collin at (254) 780-2436.

The Austin/Travis County **POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT** is an effort to learn more about homelessness in our community so that we can better serve those in need. By knowing who is on the street, where they are, and what they need, ECHO (Ending Community Homelessness Coalition) and its partner agencies can most effectively target services to those that need them the most. Individual and group volunteers are welcome. To register for the Count on **Jan. 23** and for more information about the activity visit: [austinecho.org/2016-point-in-time-count-registration/](http://austinecho.org/2016-point-in-time-count-registration/). If you would like to join the Catholic Charities team, register for Shift 2 and put "Catholic Charities" in the note section. We will meet up for breakfast after the count. Email [christina-schneider@ccctx.org](mailto:christina-schneider@ccctx.org) for more information about the CCCTX team.

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST** is a retreat co-sponsored by Cedarbrake and led by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on **Jan. 30**, 9 AM-2 PM at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock. The day retreat will be based on the diocesan Pastoral Plan entitled "Encounter that Leads to Transformation." The cost is \$25 with lunch included. Register through Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436.

You are invited to attend **MARY'S ENCOUNTER**, a quarterly women's morning of reflection at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt. Upcoming dates: **Feb. 6**, May 21. The program takes place 9:30-11:30 AM followed by Mass. RSVP to [info@schoenstatt.us](mailto:info@schoenstatt.us) or call (512) 330-0602.

Married couples, what better Christmas gift to give your spouse than the gift of your uninterrupted time? Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, Feb. 19-21** at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or **Apr. 15-17** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963, [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

Beginning **Feb. 20**, 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; visit [TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by January 31 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.



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

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