

MASS DEDICATIONS

DEC. 24

4:00pm..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

4:15pm..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

6:00pm..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

8:00pm..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

Midnight..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

DEC. 25

8:30am..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

10:00am..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

10:30am..... For Peace on Earth and Unity
Among all People

DEC. 26

8:30am..... For Victoria Espinoza

DEC. 27

8:30am..... In memory of Dominic
Impelizzieri

DEC. 28

5:30pm..... In Memory of Tib Scallon

DEC. 29

8:30am..... For Luisa Medrano

9:30am..... In Memory of Annie Sierra

DEC. 30

8:30am..... In Memory of Alma Coplin

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

WEEKLY REFLECTION



December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord

“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

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: \$15,702 profit

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



**Welcome to our church,
We are glad you are here!**

Are you new to the parish?
Are you new to Catholicism?

Have you been away
from the church?

*Do you have questions
about your faith?*

Are you or a family member
struggling and in need of support?

Would you like to visit a priest?

Are you searching for ways to
engage in your parish community?

*Would you like to learn more about
joining Emmaus?*

Please call us - we are here for you!

512-261-8500

Visit us on the internet:
www.EmmausParish.org

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

We want to get to know you. Whether you are new to Emmaus or Queen of Angels Chapel or you have been here a while, we invite you to formally register at our next WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT on Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 AM in the Great Hall at Emmaus PLC. This event last less than an hour and you can meet Fr. Samuel and our staff. We will have an activity table for the children, refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available for young children in our nursery. We will not be adding any newcomers to our official parish rolls until the next event on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Please know that at any time, you are welcome to participate in parish activities.

**We look forward to
meeting you!**

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 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM	Mass in English	Church
10:00 AM	Mass in English at Queen of Angels	QOA
10:30 AM	Mass In English	Church

MONDAY, December 26 - St. Stephen

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space

TUESDAY, December 27 - St. John, apostle & evangelist

8:15 AM	Jazzercise Strength Training	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Volunteer Legal Services	Rms. 203 & 204
7:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm. 206

WEDNESDAY, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
5:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

THURSDAY, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

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

FRIDAY, December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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
4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal: Valadez & Dunn	Church
5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal: Romasko & Jimeno	Church

SATURDAY, December 31 - St. Sylvester 1

8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
2:00 PM	Wedding: Valadez & Dunn	Church
7:00 PM	Wedding: Romasko & Jimeno	Church

GROUNDING IN FAITH, *GROWING TO SERVE* Capital Campaign

The Growth of Emmaus:

- 1963 Emmaus was established as a Catholic Community with 25 families.
- 1972 The Lakeway Ecumenical Church was dedicated. The Catholic community and Protestant community shared fellowship and space with 100 Catholic families.
- 2001 The Church of the Resurrection of the Lord (Emmaus) was dedicated with 600 families.
- 2004 Queen of Angels Chapel was dedicated with 950 families.
- 2011 The Parish Life Center was dedicated with 1,650 families.
- 2016 Over 2,500 Families and growing. 125 new families registered in the last six months!



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GROWING TO SERVE

As of December 16, 2106:

#pledges: 122 (4.9% of parish)
 Pledged\$570,811
 Total in hand.....\$216,390
 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.

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

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 to learn about each class and for the registration form. Look in *Emmaus on The City* for information also. Some classes start the week of January 8, 2017!



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: It is coming back to Emmaus on January 19, 2017 for 9 Weeks on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM in the PLC, Rm. 204. For more information or to register go to: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1032858>. Or contact Mary Voll Miller at 512-925-4698 or maryvollmiller@gmail.com. The first lesson is free on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM!

SPECIAL ORDER SEED CARDS: The last day to special order SEED cards so they arrive before Christmas is Monday, Dec. 19 by 10:00 AM. These will arrive for pick-up at the parish office on Friday, Dec. 23.

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
- Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, Mar. 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHEDULE



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St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

Tuesday, Jan. 3: Planning Meeting 7:30 PM in Café
Friday, Jan. 20: Bingo Night in Great Hall, 6:30 PM

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

We thank our Bulletin Sponsor:
Richard Family Chiropractic
Dr. Al Richard, D.C. - Parishioner
512-542-9031

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. The Gala Contribution form is available to download from the parish website: www.EmmausParish.org/Gala. You are welcome to email Beverly Aviles with any questions: beverly.aviles@emmausparish.org.

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



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.

25 de diciembre de 2016 - La Natividad del Señor

"Y el Verbo se hizo carne" Juan 1:14

Jesús es máximo regalo de amor que Dios nos da. Las innumerables bendiciones que Dios derrama sobre nosotros no son nada en comparación con el don de su único Hijo. La única forma adecuada en que podemos responder a ese amor generoso es con nuestro propio amor generoso. Cuando dedicamos nuestras vidas a compartir todos los dones que Dios ha puesto en nuestras manos, la paz de Cristo verdaderamente controlará nuestros corazones y todos los días conoceremos la alegría de la Navidad.

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 CHAPEL esta disponible a la 24 horas. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite 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.

ANUNCIOS: jueves, 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.

¿EMBARAZADA? ¿Necesitas ayuda? Proyecto Gabriel: 1-877-932-2732



PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Clark, Bob Gurney, Megan Matthyssen, Teresa Carreon, Kathryn Boucvalt, Christopher Lynch, Kelly Hyatt, The Kuykendall Family, Lloyd Patrick Family, Anna Roberts

Family, Jenny & John Capps, Mitchell Mikula, Carolina Hernandez, Selina O'Dwyer, Adriana Rodriguez, Charlotte Ariel Roberts, Bernard Ortiz, Mitchell J. Mikula, Justin Rodriguez

EMMAUS THANKS YOU!



Emmaus thanks our parishioners for their contributions to the Advent Giving Tree. An incredible \$16,034 was purchased for the Giving Tree from the Emmaus' SEED gift card program. An additional \$4,775 in gift cards was purchased elsewhere and brought to the Parish Office. Another (approximately) \$3,000 in physical gifts was received. Lastly, \$4,600 was collected for the Guardian Angel Education Fund. ***This is a total of over \$28,000 raised for those in need.*** Your gifts were passed along to eight charities within Austin and Guatemala. You are a blessing to many! A big 'thank you' goes to Lindsay Christensen and Charlene Lowe for organizing our annual Advent Giving Tree. Incredible!

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED
Saxon Gray Stutes

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

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.

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. 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. 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

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. 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