

# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

## October 2015 Newsletter

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### Reminders - This Weekend

Corpus Christi -  
Women's Journey to Damascus #147  
October 15 - 18, 2015  
Sponsor Hour - Oct 15 - 6:30 pm  
Candle Light - Oct 17 - 8:00 pm  
Closing - Oct 18 - 2:00 pm

\*\* Babysitting is available for Candlelight ONLY - at Dougherty Hall \*\*

**JTD #147**

### SAVE THE DATE!

JTD # 148  
Central Texas Men's  
When: December 3 - 6

### 2015 Weekends

JTD #147- Corpus Christi  
Women's  
October 15-18  
Cathy Benavides -  
cathycook888@yahoo.com

JTD #148 - Central Texas  
Men's  
December 3 - 6  
Rudy Garza



## **Journey to Damascus #147**

October 15 - 18, 2015

Cathy Benavides

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

*Jeremiah 29:11*

Perseverance brings many of God's blessings. Our love and devotion to God have brought us to this point. Journey to Damascus #147 will prove to be blessed, glorious, and filled with God's love and mercy. God placed on this JTD #147 team women who have much love and hearts of service. Together we serve as the hands and feet of Jesus, sacrificing so much to see God's glorious plan revealed. God's plan for us and the pilgrims to come are brighter than we could ever imagine. I'm eternally grateful to the Journey to Damascus community for the outpouring of support and for revealing God's love countless times. Thanks to God for blessing me more than I deserve.

See you at Candlelight!

De Colores!

Cathy Benavidez

Lay Director Journey to Damascus #147

### **Lay Director**

Cathy Benavides

*"Fourth Day/Perseverance"*

### **Spiritual Director**

Fr. Al Albainza

*"Sacraments"*

### **Music Team**

Melanie Brown

Magda Madla

Marila Colunga

Terri Lynne Schofield

Katelijne Acker

## **2016 Weekends**

JTD #151 - Corpus Christi  
Men's

March 31 - April 3

Ron Alonzo - [email](#)

JTD #153 - Corpus Christi  
Women's

May 12 - 15

Gail Colwell - [email](#)

JTD #154 - Corpus Christi  
Men's

June 12 - 15

Luis Flores - [email](#)

JTD #155 - Corpus Christi  
Women's

August 4 - 7

Becky Weaver - [email](#)

JTD #158 - Corpus Christi  
Men's

September 15 - 18

Jason Rodriguez - [email](#)

JTD #160 - Corpus Christi  
Women's

November 17 - 20

Alison Alonzo - [email](#)



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Deacon Rey Rojas  
"Faith"  
Rev. Ceil McKinney  
"Obstacles to Grace"

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Gail Colwell

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"Christian Action"  
Sonia Dowty  
"Growth through Study"  
Edna Lopez  
"Life in Piety"

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Katherine Benavidez  
Jessica Moya  
"Body of Christ"  
Rose Herbert  
"Discipleship"  
Irene Martinez  
Jody Kuhl  
"Changing our World"  
Crystal Robertson  
Debra Mendoza  
"Priesthood of All Believers"  
Kimberly Merritt  
Paula Ryan  
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Kathy Hendrex  
Angie Limon

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Angie Acovio  
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## Letter from the Board

Greetings JTD Community,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Helen Orsak, after much discernment and with a heavy heart, has made the decision to step down as Lay Director for JTD #153. We wish Helen all blessings from God and look forward to the gift of her service to the Journey to Damascus community in the future. The BOD is pleased, however, to announce that the position of Lay Director for JTD #153 has been filled with another woman of God's own heart, Gail Colwell, who graciously answered Christ's call with a resounding "Here I am Lord!". We ask you to keep both Helen and Gail in your prayers.

Ron Alonzo	JTD # 151	March 21 - April 3, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>
Gail Colwell	JTD # 153	May 12 - 15, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>
Luis Flores	JTD # 154	June 16 - 19, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>
Becky Weaver	JTD # 155	August 4 - 7, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>
Jason Rodriguez	JTD # 158	September 15 - 18, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>
Alison Alonzo	JTD # 160	November 17 - 20, 2016	<a href="#">email</a>

## Past Weekends

JTD # 143 Thank you!

Brothers and Sisters In Christ –

Thank you thank you thank you to everyone for making JTD #143 a complete success! My heart was so full when we walked through for Candlelight and saw all the love and support from this outstanding community. As JTD #143 goes down in the History books as the “Best Journey Ever” I would like to include a couple of side notes. First and foremost, thank you to everyone in the community who rushed to our aid, and the aid of Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center, when we encountered the water boil alert on Thursday evening. So many individuals immediately began to shuttle in cases and cases of water and several bags of ice for the weekend. Because of your generosity and the best crew of Angels, the team and pilgrims never encountered a problem nor did we ever go without water or a cold beverage. Praise God! Secondly, JTD #143 brought in a beautiful piece of jewelry for the community. Due to the inability to serve on this team, Ms. Adrianna Alvarez (JTD #123) felt a desire to somehow serve in a different capacity. With the help of the JTD Board of Directors, Adrianna contacted Mr. Marc Alonso, a jeweler in San Antonio. Together they created the first official Journey to Damascus pendant. Our board representative, Marisa Vera-Herrera and I received the first pendants at closing. The pendants can now be ordered online at <http://actsjewelry.com/religious-pendant/journey-to-damascus>. Mr. Alonso has also generously agreed to contribute a portion of the proceeds to Journey to Damascus! Thank you again Journey family. You have truly made this one of most blessed experiences of my life. God bless you. De Colores.

Delma A. Edge, Lay Director JTD #143

## Sr. Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund

We are also very pleased to announce the establishment of the Sister Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund. The goal is to be able to pay the weekend fee for one pilgrim per JTD weekend from this scholarship. To raise money to fund this endeavor we are selling JTD car emblems. The cost of the emblems is \$15 for one and \$25 for two. We should have the car emblems for sale before candlelight services and at the Sunday weekend closings. If you would like to order emblems for your Reunion group or to sell at your team meetings please contact Jim Stegall at [jstegall64@gmail.com](mailto:jstegall64@gmail.com).



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