



## August 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear JTD Community,

Journey to Damascus #201 was a very special and memorable weekend. We were beyond blessed with a beautiful team of ladies who served with a true servant's heart and a smile on their face. The group of pilgrims that were able to attend were a great group that meshed well starting Thursday night! We felt the presence of love, unity and The Holy Spirit. The talks were all amazing. Each speaker's message was powerful. The pilgrims couldn't wait for the next talk!

The JTD community came together beautifully. God allowed us to reach out to the community when circumstances were beyond any of our control. Giving others an opportunity to serve in his honor. God's plan is always greater than our own. God is always working behind the scenes in ways we cannot see. Thank you to Fr. Sam Medley, Fr. Don Downey, Fr. Paul Hesse, Fr. Carlos de la Rosa and Fr. Charles Silvas for attending on short notice.

We are forever grateful for the outpouring of agape, agape love and prayers we received. Thank you to everyone who made this weekend truly be "The Best Journey Ever."

A special thank you to my husband, Chris, for all of his love and support. To my St. Elsewhere Team: Anna Adrian, Christa Creek, Lina Garza, Jennifer Riley, Bea Martinez, Katherine Benavides, Janie Riojas and Marila Colunga. Our Spiritual Team: Rev Billy Storms, Sr. Teresa Diaz and Rev Gwen Jennings. The Music Team: Marila Colunga and "Las Primas plus One," Special Music by Jason Benavides, Bagpipes by Mike Eggenberger, Cindy Garcia and the Ohana reunion group for taking care of our Sponsor Service. Our Prayer Chapel coordinators: Tess Gonzalez, Marivel Garza, Jessica Moya, Roger Flores, Mariza and Richard Rodriguez. Our Agape dinner decorators: Mariza & Marivel. Ada & Juliana Besinaiz for the delicious agape dinner dessert cakes. To the men who served our agape dinner. To the G.I.G.G.L.E.S. Reunion group for the agape ice cream social. Thank you to Rick Carreon for going above and beyond this weekend. He fed us well! I would like to thank everyone else who quickly said yes last minute to complete our cook team and make it the "Best Cook Team Ever." A heartfelt thank you to everyone who provided agape meals, gifts and your time. Thank you to all the Pax Christi Sisters, especially Sr. Laura, for your hospitality and prayers. .

De Colores!

Edna Lopez Alonso

Lay Director JTD #201



LET ALL THAT YOU  
DO BE DONE IN  
*love*  
1 COR 13:4

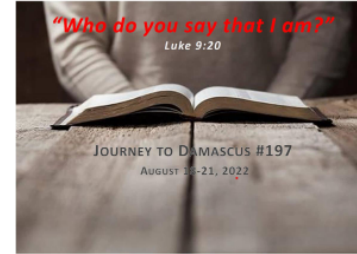
JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS #201 JULY 28-31, 2022

## JTD #197 Team and Pilgrims!!

Dearest Journey to Damascus Community,

Having the Journey back up and going has stoked the fire that was still burning in the hearts of all of us. The

first three weekends have been amazing. You never know how much something is missed until you walk into that chapel for candlelight and that rush of the Holy Spirit falls upon you as you are reminded of how much it meant on your pilgrim weekend. When we see the Lord move through the weekend, not only for the pilgrims, but to all those who showed up in support of the pilgrims and team is a great reminder of why we are here in the first place. To share God's Love to all.



JTD197 is so grateful to the community and the Board of Directors to allow us to come in late and bring others closer to Christ. God's team of JTD197 have been in prayer and preparation for the last three years since having been shut down due to covid two weeks prior to the first scheduled weekend. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future" Jeremiah 29:11. God knows something we don't, and he has us at this weekend with this team for His glory. August 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

The team is ready, the pilgrims are ready, and I know you, the community, are ready to bring the pilgrims of JTD197 into your hearts and prayers and welcome them into the community with open arms.

I pray everyone can come out to join us in candlelight, closing, and all other JTD activities. The time is now to get fired up and get back to serving in the best way. We are ready to walk through those doors on Thursday and fired up to make JTD197 the BEST JOURNEY EVER!!

As always, God loves you and so do I. Christ is counting on YOU!!  
De Colores,  
Jason Cartwright  
"Who do you say that I am" – Luke 9:20

**JTD #197 TEAM**

Lay Director

Jason Cartwright Perseverance/4th Day

Board Rep

Jim Stegall

Observing LD

Rick Oliveira

Spiritual Director

Father Joseph Lopez Sacraments

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rev. Billy Storms Grace

Rev. Gwen Jennings Obstacles to Grace

Deacon Rey Rojas Faith

Assistant Lay Directors

Rob Stewart Christian Action

Darren Chapman Life in Piety

Bud Rodriguez Priorities

Table Leaders

Jarod Huggins Discipleship

Ray Paz

Hector Rendon

Mark Schuman

Steve Jennings

Aaron Vice Body of Christ

Assistant Table Leaders

Adam Gonzales

John Johnson

Jesse Garcia

Greg Fossum

Raymond Rivera

Albert Salinas

Co-Head CHAS

Doug Walker Changing Our World

Jimmy Rivera Growth Through Study

CHAs

Steve Tagliabue

Moe Bueno Priesthood of All Believers

Bud Colwell Love and Unity

Andrew Colwell

David Weaver

Israel Scott

Joe Riojas

Sam A. Arredondo

Richard Rodriguez

Shane Beckwith

Chad Roulston

Shenouda Tefal

Dylan Garza

Edward (Ed) Cantu

Daniel Graber

Ryan Parr

Matt Guzman

Sam Shores

Music Team

Alex Bayarena

Owen Gallagher

Charles Allen

Gary Richards

Danny Lopez

David Reichenbacher

**Pilgrim**

Curtis	Rock
Saul	Soulsa
Mike	Whitaker
Charles	Deason IV
Jojo	Wright
Charles	Elliott
Carl	Sitzler
Johnny	Leiva
Emmanuel	Macias
Ramon	Pereida
Tim	McCoy
Raymond	Garcia
Ruben	Palacios Sanchez III
Natividad	Lopez
Jose (Joe)	Pena
Tyler	Rossum
John	Tamez
Thomas	Blanquez
Carlos	Bazan
Christopher	Dittman
Israel	Garcia
Joshua	Rabalais
Frank	Hastings
Joshua	Beach
Craig	Anderson
Russel	De Arman
Jaime	Rocha
Bill	Carroll
Ray	Ramos

**Sponsor**

Rolando	Barrera
James	Jarnagin
Soila	Whitaker
Bud	Colwell
Darren	Chapman
Darren	Chapman
Shane	Beckwith
Shane	Beckwith
Lisa	Pereida
Marti	Huerta Quintanilla
Rene	Garcia
Paul	Martinez
Craig	Vittitoe
Amy	Suriz
Ada	Besinaiz
Shane	Beckwith
Jim	Stegall
Paul	Limke
Chad	Dittman
Chad	Dittman
Jason	Cartwright
Matthew	Guzman
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Robert	Marraro
Jean Marie	Giegerich
Ryan	Parr
Klint	Hoelscher
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***Christ is counting on you!!!***

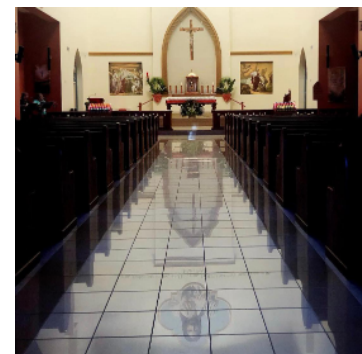
Please click on the prayer vigil links and sign up for a slot or two. Prayers are very welcomed and can be said anywhere.

**Corpus Christi Men's JTD #197**

August 18-August 21, 2022  
Lay Director: Jason Cartwright  
[\*JTD 197 Prayer Vigil\*](#)

**Corpus Christi Men's JTD # 203**

September 15-September 18, 2022  
Lay Director: Rick Oliveira  
[\*JTD 203 Prayer Vigil\*](#)



## Corpus Christi Women's JTD # 204

October 27-October 30, 2022

Lay Director: Janie Riojas

*JTD 204 Prayer Vigil*

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### JTD 2023 Weekends

JTD #210

April 13-16, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Lucy Lozano

JTD #212

June 22-25, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Marila Colunga

JTD #213

July 27-30, 2023 – Corpus Christi - LD Casey Mengele

JTD #215

September 14-17, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Byron Unterbrink

JTD #216

October 26-29, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Mariza Rodriguez



## **JTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Treasurer: Mariza Rodriguez

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Director: David Sisk

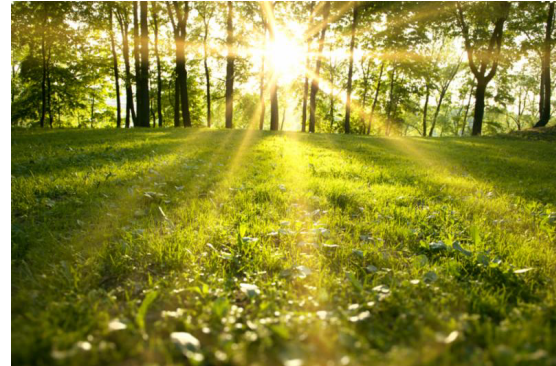
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### **JTD BOARD LIAISONS**

Registrar: Anna Adrian

Co-Music Chair: Ric Ricard

Co-Music Chair: Melissa Ricard

4th Day: Steve Tagliabue

Website: Gracie Martin

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



### **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 will 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 [Journeybod@gmail.com](mailto:Journeybod@gmail.com)

*Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical weekend retreat based in Corpus Christi, Texas. The mission of the Journey to Damascus is to inspire, challenge and equip the Christian Laity to witness for Christ on a daily basis. This will be accomplished in ecumenical fashion through the Journey to Damascus Weekend and the Fourth Day activities. For more information on JTD, visit: [JourneytoDamascus.org](http://JourneytoDamascus.org)*

*¡De Colores!*

