

# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

## May 2016 Newsletter

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### Reminders - This Weekend - NEW LOCATION

Corpus Christi - Women's Journey to Damascus # 153

NEW LOCATION (see information below)

May 12 - 15

Sponsor Hour - May 12 - 6:30 pm

Candle Light - May 14 - 8:00 pm

Closing - May 15 - 2:00 pm

### JTD # 153 - Corpus Christi Women's



### Journey to Damascus #153

May 12 - May 15, 2016

Gail Colwell

Be joyful in hope, patient in  
affliction, faithful in prayer

*Romans 12:12*

### SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #154 - Corpus Christi  
Men's

When: June 12 - 15

### 2016 Weekends

JTD #154 - Corpus Christi  
Men's

June 12 - 15

Luis Flores - [email](#)

JTD #155 - Corpus Christi  
Women's

August 4 - 7

Dear JTD Community,

The time is here for JTD #153 and we are finalizing the last few items to get ready for the weekend. The team is a wonderful group of women who are filled with love for Jesus Christ and ready to serve on the weekend. There are a few slots left on our prayer vigil so please sign up at [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org) to pray for our team and pilgrims. Our closing day is on Pentecost Sunday so what a fitting time to remember Christ is counting on us!

We would love to see you at Candlelight. Please come and be the light of Christ for the pilgrims of JTD #153.

De Colores,  
Gail Colwell

**Lay Director**

Gail Colwell  
*"Fourth Day/Perseverance"*

**Spiritual Director**

Msgr. Roger Smith  
*"Sacraments"*

**Spiritual Team**

Rev. Billy Storms  
*"Grace"*  
Sr. Angela Murdaugh  
*"Faith"*  
Rev. Gwen Jennings  
*"Obstacles to Grace"*

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Patricia Stegall

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Linda Avila  
*"Priesthood of all Believers"*  
Angela Wendel  
*"Growth Through Study"*  
Hilda Curry  
*"Changing our World"*

**Table Leaders**

Fay Crider

**Music Team**

Melissa Ricard - Music Director  
Michele Gonzalez  
Jenny Sehy  
Susan Pyle  
Hester Rodriguez

**Co-Head Angels**

Liz Yzaguirre  
*"Life in Piety"*  
Donna McLellan  
*"Love and Unity"*

**Angels**

Adriana Lopez  
Joann Diaz  
DeeDee Dreier  
Dona Eggenberger  
Linda Hernandez  
Michele Hoelscher  
Debbi Burnett  
Kim Merritt  
Tre Morris  
Nannette Quintanilla-Hatch  
*"Priorities"*  
Crystal Robertson  
Mary Salem  
Julia Stephenson  
Sandra Vasquez

Becky Weaver - [email](#)

JTD #157 - Central Texas  
Men's  
August 11 - 14  
Steve Hanshaw

JTD #161 - Central Texas  
Women's  
August 18 - 21  
Georgia-Lynn Porche

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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Becky Weaver

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Nicole Porter  
Monica Gonzales  
Susan Longoria  
*"Discipleship"*  
Missy Socha  
Elizabeth Johnson

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Hopie Ruiz  
Jeanie Binder  
May Nardone  
Ninfa Martinez  
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Camilla Carraher  
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Cathy Polasek  
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**NEW Location**

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

The Corpus Christi Board of Directors would like to express our deepest gratitude for the tremendous turnout at Candlelight and Closing for JTD #151. Your selfless, loving support as "one Body in Christ" is what makes this JTD Community so special. Although there were expected challenges for the first weekend at Pax Christi, we are happy to report that, through God's grace, the weekend was an overwhelming success!

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the BOD met to discuss what worked well and what needed further adjustment based on our first weekend at Pax Christi. The majority of

the adjustments the BOD voted to make only pertain to the team and the timeline. The purpose of this letter is to address one critical adjustment that will affect the Community.

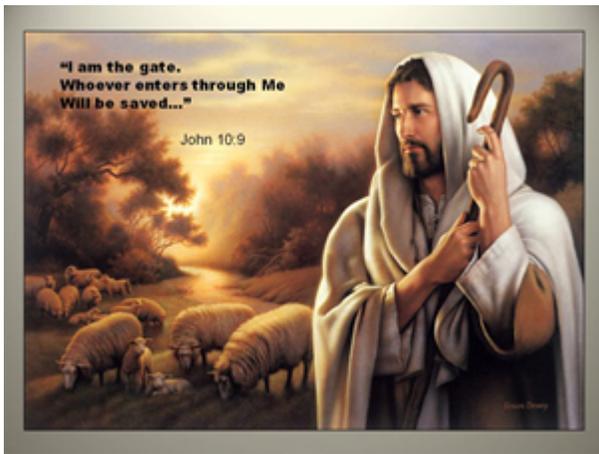
One of the greatest challenges we face with the move to Pax Christi is where to hold the key meditation and confession after Candlelight. At Pax Christi, the pilgrims meet Christ in the meditations, Masses and other important moments that are all held in the Chapel, just like at OLCC, with the exception of this very important meditation and confession. Because of logistical issues, the only place we can host Candlelight at Pax Christi is in the main Chapel. For JTD #151, we tried relocating the Saturday night meditation and confession to another building. Unfortunately, our plan did not work as well as we had hoped, so in the interest of maintaining consistency for the pilgrims in meeting Christ in the Chapel for this very important moment of grace and forgiveness, we ask the Community for your help in the following way:

Once the pilgrims sing to the Community and process out of the Chapel, they will go for a brief walk around the facility grounds and then back to the Chapel for meditation and confession. This will give the Community time to sing "Amazing Grace" before quickly and quietly exiting the Chapel and proceeding to your vehicles to depart for the evening. Out of respect for the pilgrims, we ask that you do not linger in the parking lot to visit with other Community members. We realize that the time after Candlelight is typically one of socialization, so we plan to open the Chapel to the Community at 7:00 p.m. to allow time for that socialization prior to the start of Candlelight. On a lighter note, you will find that the procession of the team and pilgrims at Candlelight will be more like what you are accustomed to with the team and pilgrims circling, stopping in the center aisle to sing to the Community and then circling around again before departing.

Again, the Corpus Christi Board of Directors would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your continued patience and loving support as we work through this transition period. Christ, the pilgrims and the teams of 2016 are counting on all of us! May our response always be "Here I am Lord!".

In His love,  
JTD Board of Directors  
Corpus Christi

**JTD # 154 - Corpus Christi Men's**



## **Journey to Damascus # 154**

**Corpus Christi  
June 16 – 19, 2016**

“I am the gate. Whoever enters  
through Me will be saved, will  
come in and go out and find  
pasture.”  
*John 10:9*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe it has been a year since we have started preparing for this great journey. It seems like just a few months ago we attended Lay Director training and started on building the team for JTD #154. I had the great privilege to attend JTD #151 as Lay Director in training and what an amazing weekend. It not only sparked a fire in me it started an amazing blaze. The Holy Spirit has enabled me to put together an amazing team. Our team formation is slowly coming together and will be in full formation in a couple of weeks.

We would like to thank the community for the amazing love as you have signed up for prayer vigil, agape and some of you have offered to help in anyway possible. Please continue to pray for the team and the pilgrims on JTD #154.

Please mark your calendars to be part of “The Best Journey Ever”. Hope to see you at candlelight and closing at Pax Christi Retreat Center.

May the Holy Spirit come upon the team and pilgrims on this Father's Day weekend and through his son Jesus we will Glorify the Father.

De Colores  
Luis Javier Flores  
Lay Director JTD #154

**Past Lay Director's THANK YOUs**

## **Journey to Damascus #147**

Dear JTD Community,

Journey to Damascus #147 proved to impact lives, fill hearts with joy, and penetrate souls with forgiveness. God always shows up! I cannot express my heartfelt thanks enough to the JTD community, the amazing JTD #147 team, and all whom supported us during the entire process. God was and is revealed in so many ways and I'm grateful. These memories will be held close to my heart.

May our Journey to Damascus community be always strong and bright. Pilgrims old and new rejoice in the opportunity that this community gives us to serve. Let all know we are Christians by our love and service to one another. Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God. Look around and serve God. Look within and find God.

Let us all pray for the continued building of God's kingdom.

De Colores,  
Cathy Benavides, Lay Director Journey to Damascus #147

'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

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## **Journey to Damascus #151**

Friends of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I am truly amazed at the weekend we all refer to as Journey to Damascus and how it is able to touch and change so many pilgrims and team members as well. We just held our Afterglow for the JTD # 151, this past weekend and we had a very good turn out from pilgrims and team members and their families. It was obvious that everyone is still on fire with the Holy Spirit. It is truly amazing to be able to participate and witness God's Blessings. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to everyone that helped to make this weekend "The Best Journey Ever".

To the team members of JTD 151, your sacrifice of time, talent and treasure

to be the hands, feet and love of Christ to the pilgrims was amazing. Your commitment to the pilgrims, each other and to God shone through each of your servant's hearts and I love all of you.

To the pilgrims - serving as Lay Director for your pilgrim weekend was one of the most humbling privileges of my life and you will forever be in my heart. In your Fourth Days remember, It's Not Over, It's Not Over, Never Give Up, Never Give In, It's Not Over!

To the Journey to Damascus community – Your love and support to not only the pilgrims, but the team as well, was fairly obvious in the form of community agape letters, acts of agape from so many individuals, food, snacks, sponsorship, pillow agape, and to those that showed up for our candlelight ceremony. Believe me when I say, all bring the Body of Christ together to support the Journey to Damascus weekend.

Finally, to my wife, Margo and daughters, Alison and Amanda, thank you, I would have never been able to do this without your love and support. I am truly blessed to have each of you at my side.

March 31 – April 3, 2016, has come and gone, but the Journey to Damascus # 151 will continue to live on in the hearts, minds and souls of those God called to the "Best Journey Ever"!

De Colores  
Ron Alonzo  
Lay Director # 151

## 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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