

# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

## September Newsletter

### -- REMINDERS --

#### Corpus Christi Men's Journey to Damascus #191

Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center

September 12 - 15, 2019

**Sponsor Service** - Thurs. September 12 - 6:00pm

**Candlelight** - Sat. September 14 - 8:00 pm

**Closing** - Sun. September 15 - 2:00 pm

### SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #193- Corpus Christi Women's  
October 24 - 27  
LD - Cheryl Brown Yeager

### JTD # 191 - Corpus Christi Men's

#### 2019 Weekends

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#### 2020 Weekends

JTD #197- Corpus Christi Men's  
March 26 - 29  
LD - Shane Beckwith

JTD #198- Corpus Christi Women's

**JTD # 191**  
**September 12 - 15, 2019**

**"I am with you ALWAYS"**  
*Matthew 28:20*

Dearest JTD Community,

I am delighted to report that the team and pilgrim rosters are full (the prayer vigil is also full). After 15 months of anticipation, planning, meetings, and a few sleepless nights, the time has finally arrived for JTD #191. I have strived for perfection in every aspect, and have failed miserably, our St. Elsewhere meetings usually took too long, the agendas for our team meetings, were hardly ever correct, much less followed, the practice talks were not given in the proper sequence, we never had 100% of the team at any meeting, a number of team members have been changed, and I am just touching on the highlights.

The problem of course as I mentioned in my previous letter back in July was to "Let go and let God!" it's amazing what happens when a person FINALLY does that.

So, God has surrounded me with a bunch of imperfect sinners, which fits me right in, and I could not be prouder of the team that God has selected. I wish all of you could hear and feel the talks that will be given by clergy and lay people, or hear a music team that had never played together before, or watch a group of Chas that have been shuffled around to different positions and never batted an eye, or see how 4 team members that had never served on the St. Elsewhere team embraced their duties and rose to the challenge.

Perfection, .... Not even close.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit.... Without a doubt.

Want to be a part of #191, show up to candlelight on Saturday, September 14th and when those doors open and the team and pilgrims start to file in, and the goose bumps pop up. You can ask yourself.... Is this perfection?

May God bless each and every one of you.

David Sisk  
JTD #191, Lay Director

## TEAM

### Lay Director

David Sisk  
*"Fourth Day/Perseverance"*

### Spiritual Director

Fr. Jose Lopez  
*"Sacraments"*

### Spiritual Team

Deacon Teo Faria  
*"Faith"*

Rev. Bobby Brooks  
*"Grace"*

Rev. Gwen Jennings  
*"Ecumenism & Obstacles to Grace"*

### Board Representative

### Music Team

Robert Cockrell  
Bill Dunn  
CJ Huff  
Ray Paz  
David Reichenbacher  
Christopher Saenz

### Co-Head Chas

Frank Pompa  
*"Life in Piety"*  
Mark Perez  
*"Priorities"*

### Chas

April 16 - 19  
LD - Marivel Garza

JTD #200 Corpus Christi  
Men's  
June 18 - 21  
LD - Joe Willesden

JTD #201- Corpus Christi  
Women's  
July 23 - 26  
LD - Edna Lopez Alonso

JTD #203 Corpus Christi  
Men's  
September 17 - 20  
LD - Rick Oliveria

JTD #204- Corpus Christi  
Women's  
October 22 - 25  
LD - Janie Riojas

David Weaver

**Observing Lay Director**

Shane Beckwith

**Assistant Lay Directors**

Pat O'Boyle

*"Body of Christ"*

Willie Rivera

*"Growth thru Study"*

Kris Havelka

*"Priesthood of all Believers"*

**Table Leaders**

Rick Alaniz

Alex Bayarena

*"Christian Action"*

Eddie Besinaiz, Sr

Sam Cruz

Jamie Dow

Gerald Garza

Jessie Hastey

Jody Henson

Chito Garcia

Urby Mancha

Darren Chapman

Doug Walker

**PILGRIMS**

Anthony Albus

Christopher Alonso

Marcos Armendariz

Weston Armendariz

Adrian Ayala

Michael Blaha

Daniel Bodiford

Chris Bowen

David Brooks

Israel Cavazos

Curtis Clark

John Cruz

Christopher Fierro

Jesus Garcia

Jorge Garcia

Jesse Gil

Justin Huggins

Barton Lee

Kody Baros

Peyton Baros

Ross Boswell

Stephen Schonefeld

Adam Gonzales

*"Discipleship"*

Matt Guzman

*"Changing Our World"*

James Hastey

Daniel Bluntzer

Klint Hoelscher

Chad Marshall

Bob Martin

Ned Raleigh

*"Love and Unity"*

Richard Rodriguez

Kyle Sisk

John North

Doodle Jarnagin

Ron Enderle

Rick Svetlik

Paul Limke

Charles Majek, III

Marc Manuel

Paul Martinez

Robert May

Scott McCoy

Fredrick Medina

Herbert Morrison, III

Ron Osman

Terry Otwell

Adrian Pena

Hector Perez

Omar Ramirez

Michael Secord

Scott Seevers

Randall Stanton

Jon Vittitoe

Miguel Zaragoza

## BOARD NEWS

Dear Journey to Damascus community,

Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 5th 2019 @ River Hills Country Club. We need teams to sign up & we need donations for the silent auction.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Journey to Damascus Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Scramble

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Registration at 8:00 am, Tee Off at 9:00 am (Shotgun Start)  
River Hills Country Club

**\$500 per Team (4 Person Scramble)**

\*\*\* Limited to first 20 teams \*\*\*

*Mulligans \$5.00 each*

*Tiger Drive \$20.00 per team*

*Hole Sponsors will be available for \$250.00 each*

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PILGRIMS OR TEAM MEMBERS  
WHO MAY OTHERWISE BE DENIED THE LOVE WE HAVE  
ALL FELT ON A JOURNEY WEEKEND.**

### AWARDS

PRIZES will be awarded!!!

Special prize for Longest Drive

50/50 Cash Give Away (\$5.00/ swing)

Prize for Closest to Pin



Please mail entries to:

JTD Corpus Christi – C/O Daniel Bluntzer  
PO Box 1266 Robstown, Texas 78380

*for more information about helping or  
contributing to hole sponsorships, auction items,  
prizes or green agape: 361-813-9819*

----- CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US AND WE ARE COUNTING ON CHRIST -----

[Click to download the Golf Registration Form](#)

### Annual Agape Appeal - Please Help!

The Annual Agape Appeal will be used to assist those who need financial support in order to attend a Journey to Damascus weekend.

By offering your monetary donation, we can ALL continue to be Fishers of Men and insure JTD's continuation for our friends, family and strangers.



Contact Us

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Journey to Damascus  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403  
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**JOURNEY  
TO  
DAMASCUS**

**An Ecumenical  
Movement**

**ANNUAL  
AGAPE  
APPEAL**



We are **ALL** called to be  
Fishers of Men

**MISSION**

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.

*Give, and it will be given to you.  
A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running over,  
will be poured into your lap.  
Luke 6:38*

**DE  
COLORES**

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE **YOUR**  
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE  
TO BUILD **HIS** COMMUNITY

**GOAL**

Our Annual Agape Appeal is structured to offer the entire Journey to Damascus community the **opportunity** to continue our Lord's call to be **Fishers of Men!**

Our goal is to have at least 50% participation from the over 3000 members of the Journey to Damascus Community.

**JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU!**

[www.journeytodamascus.org](http://www.journeytodamascus.org)

**Corpus Christi**  
Journey to Damascus  
P. O. Box 948  
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

**GOAL**

Due to an increase in food and lodging costs over the last few years, the Annual Agape Appeal will be used to off-set these increased expenses for the Team and Pilgrims.

*The Annual Agape Appeal's goal is to:*

- Never turn anyone away by making the weekend affordable for **ALL**.
- Provide a sustainable, annual fund to insure the continuation of JTD for **ALL**.

The intent of this appeal is to assist those who need monetary support in order to attend this Christian weekend. No one should be turned away due to financial need.

By joining our resources, we can insure JTD's continuation for friends, family and strangers.

**AGAPE  
DONATION**

**Suggested donations:**

- \$5.00 each month
- \$60.00 Annually
- \$30.00 Semi-annually
- \$15.00 Quarterly
- \$100.00 Husband and wife

**Or... Whatever you can GIVE**

It's not about how **MUCH** each one can give.  
It's about how **MANY** will give.

Only \$5.00 a month folks!

**UNITY**

*With God all things are possible.*  
And by uniting together, we can change the world!

Please sign up for the JTD News Letter at:  
[www.journeytodamascus.org](http://www.journeytodamascus.org)  
All the information on how to send your Annual Agape Appeal will be available.

Please make checks Payable to Journey to Damascus and write **JTD Appeal** in note section of check. Please include your name, address, email address and phone number.

You may send it to **JTD Appeal**, P.O. Box 948, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.

Please help spread this opportunity by word of mouth or social media to encourage **all** the JTD community members to participate in this appeal.

**De Colores**

[Click here to view the PDF version of Annual Agape Appeal](#)

**Corpus Christi Board of Directors**

Position Name

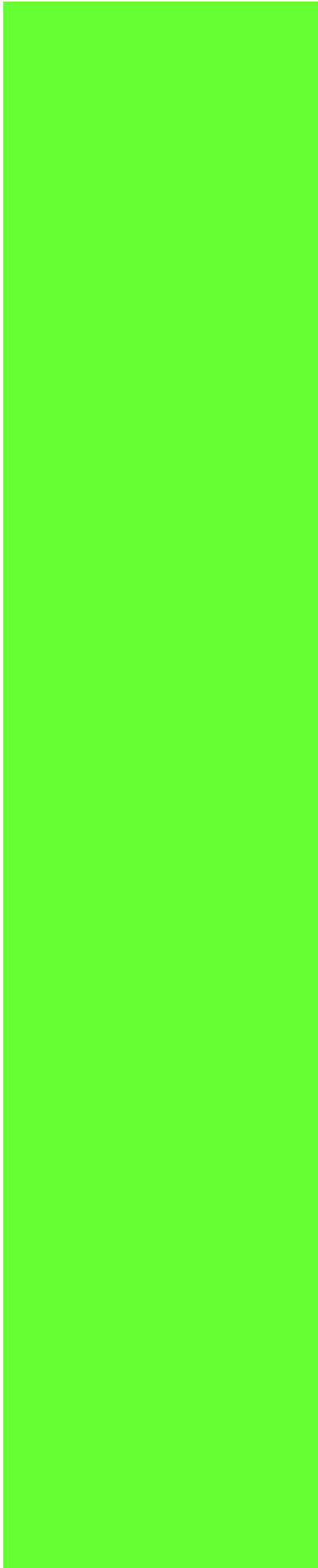
Spiritual Director	Fr. Alfredo Villarreal
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Vice-President	Anna Adrian
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Historian	Becky Weaver
Member	Alex Bayarena
Member	Daniel Bluntzer
Member	Cindy Garcia
Member	Dale Hernandez
Member	Casey Mengele
Member	Angela Wendel

**JTD BOARD LIAISONS CIRCLE**

Position	Name
Registrar	Anna Adrian
Co-Music Chair	Ric Ricard
Co-Music Chair	Melissa Ricard
Co-Candlelight Chair	Janie Riojas
Co-Candlelight Chair	Dale Hernandez
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Steve Tagliabue
Website & Newsletter	Gracie Martin

Decolores,  
Paul M. Pilarczyk  
Board President

**JTD # 193 - Corpus Christi Women's**







## JTD #193

OCTOBER 24 - 27, 2019

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.  
*Romans 12:2*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I cannot believe that JTD #193 has only one team meeting remaining. This has been such an amazing team formation process filled with many blessings! My heart was so full after our fourth team meeting last month! I am still in wonder at the group of ladies God has drawn together to serve Him on this October Journey weekend. The talks that have been given have been incredible--all works of the Holy Spirit!

I am also continually awed by the generosity of this community in signing up for agape and the prayer vigil. We have just a few more items on the agape list and slots on the prayer vigil so if you feel called to sign up, we would be very grateful! As of the current date, we have 26 pilgrims! Please think about who in your life is being called to this weekend and help fill our Pilgrim slots by sponsoring them!

As we move into these final weeks, I ask for your prayers--for me and the members of this team--that God will bless us and lead us as we continue to prepare to be His hands and feet to the pilgrims of JTD #193.

Prayer Vigil Link, [Click HERE](#). Use the Access Code: DeColores.

Decolores!  
Cheryl Brown Yeager  
Lay Director, #193

## Thank you!

Dearest JTD Community

As I reflect on JTD #189, The Best Journey Ever, I continue to be amazed at the renewal and grace offered to each of us from the Holy Spirit and our Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit was present the entire weekend and

I trust that He continues to guide us as we navigate our 4th days. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the community for their prayers, acts of love and agape, sponsorship and the little things that made this journey a beautiful success. There are so many in our community who helped our weekend be exactly what the pilgrims were longing for. I'd also like to thank the sweetest team ever- you all were AMAZING!! Your dedication, love, and compassion for the pilgrims and each other helped make our weekend The Best Journey Ever! My prayer continues to be that we "Trust in the Lord with all of our hearts" and let Him guide our paths.

De Colores!  
Lisa Cervantes  
Lay Director JTD #189

## 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 Dale Hernandez at [dale\\_hernandez@yahoo.com](mailto:dale_hernandez@yahoo.com)



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