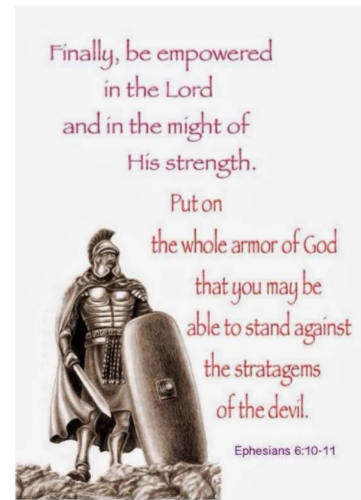




MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

As a team we have looked forward to this upcoming weekend for over two years. I know that it has been a tough couple of years for everyone, but we are so blessed to be finally able to complete this mission that God has put in front of us. We are about to have our final team meeting and God has brought all of it together in a way that only He can accomplish. We have changed a few team members, and all of our talks have changed, but it is all in God's perfect timing. We know that God knew all along that it would happen on June 16, 2022, and that He has handpicked each team member and pilgrim that will participate on this weekend.



I am so thankful for all of the support from the community, my St. Elsewhere team and all that have prayed for us. We have stayed strong together throughout this time and I pray that God will use JTD #200 to reignite the fire in all of our hearts for this ministry. It is going to take work from everyone to come back together. The difficulties of the last couple of years has fractured our community and our inability to meet has allowed the world to take back some of our focus. But Christ is counting on us to be leaders and to rebuild this ministry that does so much to glorify God and bring others into a relationship with Christ as well as strengthen our own relationship with Him.

I hope to see everyone at candlelight, closing and every other community gathering that is coming up. I hope we will all get back to our reunion groups and back to the focus on God that we know we need.

Christ is Counting on YOU!!!!

Thank you for your prayers and your love as the great example of the Body of Christ. We still have a few open spots on our prayer vigil that can be signed up for on the JTD website and please contact me or Richard Voss if you would like to sign up for any agape.

De Colores,
Joe Willesden

JTD #200 Team and Pilgrims!!

Team

Lay Director

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Perseverance

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Sr. Teresa Diaz
Grace
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Faith
Rev. Billy Storms
Obstacles to Grace

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Richard Voss
Life in Piety
Stuart DeKoch
Growth Through Study
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Discipleship

Table Leaders

Chance Kolacek
Changing our World
Alonzo Garza
Rudy Lerma
Joe Riios
Patrick McBride
Body of Christ
Jason Naranjo

Assistant Table Leaders

David Pressley
Rene Garcia
Dee Gomez
Raphael Moya
Richard Rodriguez
Joe Hopkins

Co-Head CHAs

Mark DeKoch
Casey Mengele
Priesthood of all Believers

CHAs

LJ Franco
Priorities
TJ Arredondo
Eric Strakos
Mitch Hippensteal
Matt Morales
Mike Johnson
Love and Unity
TO Duenez
Victor Garcia
Rene Garza
Brian Boatright
Frank Pompa
Javier Flores
Korey Haredeman
Tony Arredondo
Eddie Rodriguez
Cash Crawford

Music Team

Alex Bayarena
Frank Newell
Ray Ray Paz
David Reichenbacher
Bill Dunn
Chrisian Action



Pilgrim		Sponsor	
Alex	Villa	Brian	Boatright
Rey	Saenz	Alonzo	Garza
Ric	de Leon	Richard	Voss
Isaac	Rodriguez	Sonya	Rodriguez
Israel	Rodriguez	Sonya	Rodriguez
Gabe	Gatica	Richard	Voss
Jonathan	Maxwell,Sr.		
Joe	Barrera	Emily	Barrera
Kevin	Hippensteal	Mitchell	Hippensteal
Mark	Paiz	Mitchell	Hippensteal
Chad	Tomanec	Joe	Willesden
Larry	Pagan	Joe	Willesden
Cody	Kirkland	Joe	Willesden
Ryan	Simpson	Joe	Willesden
Michael	Hernandez	Gena	Lerma
Chad	Evans	Rick	Svetlik
Kendell	Solomon	Joe	Willesden
Luis	Hernandez	Gena	Lerma
Cyril	Ward	Joe	Willesden
Marcos	Garza	Marivel	Garza
Anthony	Aquino	Joe	Willesden
Eduardo	Pirela	Romy	Doherty
Rudy	Martinez	Luis	Flores
Jonathan	Rios	Marivel & Alonzo	Garza
Michael	Casas	Alonzo & Marivel	Garza
Derek	Saenz	Marivel & Alonzo	Garza
Caydan	Maldonado	Marivel & Alonzo	Garza
Albert	Salinas	Alex	Bayarena
William	Shepherd	Jennifer	Beach

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 # 200

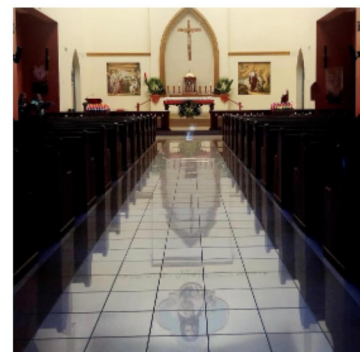
June 16-June 19, 2022

Lay Director: Joe Willesden

[Sign Up for Prayer Vigil Here](#)

Corpus Christi Women's JTD # 201

July 28-July 31, 2022



Lay Director: Edna Lopez Alonso

[Sign Up for Prayer Vigil Here](#)

Corpus Christi Men's JTD #197

August 18-August 21, 2022

Lay Director: Jason Cartwright

Corpus Christi Men's JTD # 203

September 15-September 18, 2022

Lay Director: Rick Oliveira

Corpus Christi Women's JTD # 204

October 27-October 30, 2022

Lay Director: Janie Riojas

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Isaiah 62:3

The Lord will hold you in His hand for all to see - A splendid Crown for the King of Kings.

And that He did – The Lord in All His Glory through the final process of Journey to Damascus #198 left all the pilgrims and team feeling like the Jewels in our King's Crown.

Jesus Christ was present in every pilgrim's face as they left on Sunday, knowing their worth. And ready to share their heart and God's grace with THEIR world. What more could any Lay Director ask for. That was my prayer as I prepared for this weekend. I was gifted so much more. As I write this I am filled with such mixed emotions. It feels like that weekend was a lifetime ago, yet it feels like it just happened. And I would do it all over again. All two and half years of it. To watch the Holy Spirit fill that place and those hearts... YEP! I sure would.

The team for #198 was small but mighty. They were few in number. But their work moved mountains. Every single one of them. And for that I am eternally grateful. Because of that every pilgrim had an EPIC weekend.

This team included the fabulous cook team under the leadership of my husband, Alonzo Garza. Richard Rodriguez, Korey Hardeman, Eddie Rodriguez and TO Duenez worked hard all weekend, and extra hard at the agape dinner to help make it so magical. Gracias!

Father Scott Braathen was directly sent to this entire JTD #198 (pilgrims and team) from Our Lord. Christ knew who we all needed. Father Scott will never know just how perfect a fit he was. Thank you, Father. Our entire Spiritual Team: Rev. Ceil, Sister Rosa, and Rev. Billy were all Rock Stars in our eyes and exactly what this weekend could not have done without.

Vicki Synovitz was the Music Director for the weekend. She will tell you she had been away from the community for a few years. You would have never guessed. She stepped in, with the rest of the music team, and made magic. Our table song (my absolute favorite song) came to life at each talk. The entire weekend they never skipped a beat.

JTD Community THANK YOU!! Candlelight was more than amazing. After two years of not being in the chapel, we looked forward to seeing your faces. And you showed up and said "Here I am, Lord!" Thank you for attending candlelight and not stopping there. For the agape, the letters, signing up for prayer vigil, attending sponsor hour, fishing for pilgrims. This list is long. You are the backbone of each and every weekend, and I personally thank you. JTD #200 team: you gentleman showed up for agape dinner, to help cook, to help with agape last minute, to clean up on Sunday. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Edna Alonzo, you were more than an Observing Lay Director. You have been a friend and sister to our team the entire time, and I am so grateful for you. I am in awe of you. I cannot wait to see the graces that will flow for the pilgrims of JTD #201 because of your giving servant's heart.

Marisa Flores (BR), Mariza Rodriguez (ALD), Marila Colunga (ALD), Jessica Moya (ALD), Marlena Boatright (CoHA), Bernadette Howard (CoHA) God placed these six ladies on St. Elsewhere because



He knew we would be together longer than the typical 6-9 months. Two-and-a-half years later, I can firmly say this was not just me as an LD, it was our JTD #198 team! These are my sisters and I am so grateful to them for all the work and dedication they put into serving. Nothing and I mean nothing would have been possible without them.

Finally, I have to thank Alonzo, Arissa and Marcos Garza, my family. They were excited for this commitment back in 2019 and they followed it through till the end. They worked hard along with this team. Love you all the rainbows. Humbly grateful to have served as this Lay Director, and always asking for God's grace upon each of you,

Marivel Garza
LD, JTD#198

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



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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



Sister 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 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

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