



## November 2022 NEWSLETTER

*My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

*I am humbled to have answered God's call to be the Lay Director for Journey to Damascus #204. The love and support that the Journey to Damascus community showed to this team was truly amazing. These last three years, this team of humble faithful servants prepared their heart and souls to be the hands and feet of Christ to welcome our new Sisters in Christ.*



*In the last 3 years, JTD #204 endured many trials and tribulations but with God's guidance, he led us all to the top of the mountain. JTD# 204 was small in numbers, but they united as a nation of warriors and saw the victory of the fruits of their labor as each pilgrim arrived. The Holy Spirit was with us from the time we arrived at Pax Christi and to see the Holy Spirit touch each pilgrim as they arrived, oh what a beautiful feeling.*

*The cook team: Alonzo and Marivel Garza, Robert Ramos, Richard and Mariza Rodriguez, Javier Luis Flores, Joe. Riojas, Cody Hardeman and others. My sincere gratitude for your faithful service to our Lord, this weekend would not have been possible without you. The food during the weekend and the Agape dinner was amazing just as God wanted to be.*

*Special thanks to Mariza Rodriguez for decorating for the Agape Dinner, it was beautiful, and God's love was felt by everyone. Also, to Marlana Boatwright for your prayers in the Chapel as each speaker gave their talk, and Christa Creek for praying for each pilgrim at Sponsor hour. You three ladies all came together and did an amazing job out for the love of God.*

*Our Spiritual team, Father Carlos DeLaRosa, Rev. Billy Storms, Rev Gwen Jennings and Kathy Campbell who were all a blessing from God, the interaction with the team and the pilgrims was what we all yearned for.*

*Our amazing Music Director Marila Colunga along with Melanie Brown, Magda Madia, Katelijine Acker, Terri Lynn Scholfield you all rocked the weekend. Special thanks to Chris Saenz for providing the music at Candlelight, Mike Eggenberger for a beautiful ending by playing Amazing Grace. Ray Paz thank you for getting up extra early Sunday and playing such beautiful music. to celebrate the our new Sisters in Christ.*

*JTD # 204 would not had been made possible without the dedication of the St. Elsewhere team God sent to me: Board Rep Angela Wendel; ALDs Cindy Garcia, Anne Lovely, and Courtney Rios; Co-Heads Missy Socha and Paula Ryan. Thank you for three years of dedication to making this*

*weekend possible. We are not Sisters by blood, but we are SISTERS IN CHRIST.*

*To the other man besides our Lord who stood beside me these three years, my husband Joe Riojas. Thank you for all of the encouraging words during all of these trials and tribulations that came during the process and for just loving me. God bless you for being there for me.*

*Blessings,*

*Janie Riojas  
Lay Director JTD #204  
BEST JOURNEY EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

## **Journey Annual Gathering 2023**

**The Journey to Damascus Annual Gathering  
February 25, 2023**

**Pax Christi Retreat Center 4601 Calallen Dr., Corpus Christi**

Mass will be held at 5:30pm to honor those members of the Community that have passed away over the years since the Journey to Damascus was established in 1999.

We would like to invite the members of those that have passed away to join us to remember their loved ones.

We would also like to ask the community to let the board know of any additions to this list so that we can include all of the members of the community that have made an impact on our community.

Please contact one of the following to make those additions:

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Angela Wendel: [sunshineaggie@gmail.com](mailto:sunshineaggie@gmail.com)

Crystal Valdez: [cvaldez\\_jtd@yahoo.com](mailto:cvaldez_jtd@yahoo.com)

FirstName	LastName	Pilgrim Number	Pilgrim Month	Pilgrim Year
Manuel	Vara	5	February	2000
Eddie	Guernsey	9	February	2001
Maurice (Maury)	Jarrell	9	February	2001
Larry	Patterson	15	April	2002
Mark	DeGaish	19	February	2003
Stephen (Steve)	Jones	41	February	2006
Sharon	Reeves	42	March	2006
Martin	Adrian	43	May	2006
Bobby	Ramirez	49	February	2007
Sandy	Theriot	63	July	2008
Denise	O'Neill	69	February	2009
Tre	Morris	103	March	2012
Mike	Hoover	104	April	2012
Thelma	Gallimore-Fuls	111	October	2012
Gayla	Limon	111	October	2012
Sammy	Naranjo	113	March	2013
Delia	Gonzalez	118	August	2013
Karen	Rodriguez	118	August	2013
Amy	Besa	121	November	2013
Jennifer	Phillips	136	October	2014
Pamela	Clark	136	October	2014
Jamie	Avila	153	May	2016
Dakarai	Jennings	170	September	2017
Noemi	Vargas	176	April	2018
Barbara	DeToto	178	July	2018
Michelle	Lord-Arteaga	178	July	2018
Frank	Battaglia			
Chap. Cherie	Hopkins			
Tommy	Northcutt			
Vernon	Smith			
Paul	Zanetti			
Fr. Carl	Tenhundfeld			

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### JTD 2023 Weekends

JTD #210

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

JTD #213

June 15 - 18, 2023 – Corpus Christi - LD Casey Mengele

JTD #212

July 27 - 30, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Marila Colunga

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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## 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. 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!*

