

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



JTD 213 JUNE 15-18, 2023

"More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

which has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

It's hard to believe that in one week, the JTD 213 team will be at Pax Christi putting everything together to welcome the pilgrims that God has called to join us. We are truly humbled by the outpouring of love and support shown to us during our team formation. The team is READY to be His hands and feet.

We currently have 23 pilgrims on the roster, but we do have room for more. Please continue to keep the team and pilgrims in your thoughts and prayers for clear calendars and open hearts! I can't wait to see everyone at Candlelight on Saturday, June 17, at 8:00 pm. You're also welcome to join us at closing on Sunday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m.

De Colores!

Casey Mengele Lay Director, JTD 213

PILGRIM LIST

- Daniel Delgado
- Henry Salinas
- Frank Ochoa
- Taran Dunn
- Shannon Kimmel
- Bobby Casanova
- Isai Rodriguez
- Ilias Rodriguez
- Erasmo Ortiz
- Fred Treio
- Michael Hernandez
- Cesar Cavazos
- Dominic Bailev
- Michael Cavazos
- Kevin Blankenship

- Justin De Los Santos
- Paul Bullard
- Cole Martinez
- Jim Mask
- Thomas Mask
- Shaun Woolf
- Mark Solis
- Lee Caro
- Juan Garcia



JTD 210 APRIL 13-16, 2023

I want to thank our Lord and Savior for the most beautiful weekend of JTD 210. God provided the best of everything for us, beginning with the blessing of our team of ladies who faithfully said a resounding YES to everything that was

asked of them. I saw and experienced a love of God and of love of sisterhood that warms my heart. They loved on all the pilgrims being sweet servants to all and to each other.

Our spiritual team opened the pilgrims' hearts during the weekend. Many of the pilgrims expressed their gratitude and affection for these spiritual leaders. Many of the pilgrims immediately joined a reunion group and are getting involved right away. Also hats off to the cook team! They fed us like Queens. Oh, those homemade biscuits! The music team kept us entertained with their talent.

My sincere gratitude goes to the JTD Board and community for continually asking if there was anything we needed help with. We were provided with pilgrims, music, prayers, agape and your loving presence at candlelight. That love of God in your hearts is the very definition of this special community. It truly takes a village.

De Colores!

Lucy Lozano Lay Director, JTD #210

!!! WELCOME JTD 210 PILGRIMS !!!

- Alma De La Garza
- · Amy Paiz
- · Ana Pena
- Anita Riojas
- Becky Sheldon
- Becky Quinones
- · Brandy Vera
- Brooke Flores
- · Cynthia Jones
- · Emma Buitron
- · Eva Cantu
- · Hortensia Acosta
- Jackie Martinez
- Jasmine Sanchez
- Jennifer Martinez
- Lisa Arciba

- Lori Thompson
 - Lori Valverde
- Maria Martinez
- · Maria Uballe
- · Mary Leal
- Michelle McMillan
- · Rodona Henderson
- · Shannon Ybarra
- · Stacie Murrah
- Sylvia Davila



JTD 212 July 27-30, 2023

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." - Proverbs 31:25

Dear JTD Community,

Thank you for your outpouring love and support during our team formation. Thank you to those of you that have helped fill our AGAPE book and PRAYER VIGIL. If you have not joined our 72-hour Prayer Vigil, please consider signing up for a slot or two. My continued prayer for the weekend is that the team and pilgrims experience LOVE, JOY, and PEACE! Our team is bonding through guided spiritual activities, prayers, music, games, and talks. We are praying for each other and the pilgrims that God is calling by name. I cannot wait to meet them! As we approach the last two team meetings, we ask that you continue to keep JTD 212 in your prayers. We hope to see all of you on Saturday, July 29 for Candlelight. Come show the pilgrims what agape love is all about. They will be amazed at the number of new brothers and sisters in Christ who have been praying for them without even knowing them. God is counting on you, and we are counting on Christ! HE continues to show up in the most amazing ways! I cannot imagine what the Holy Spirit has in store for us: JTD 212, the BEST **Journey EVER!**

In His peace,

Marila Colunga, Lay Director

PILGRIM LIST

- Della Gunning
- Denise Elizondo
- Dominique Perez
- Elizabeth Bradfute
- Gloria Ramirez
- · Iris Garcia
- · Kitty Wilson
- Kristy Monjaras
- · Leticia Lara
- Lisa Welker

- **Lorraine Soliz**
- Magen Martin
- Malachi Riley
- **Monica Carranza**
- **Nicole Watkins**
- Rosalinda Garza
- Sandra Riley
- · Sarah Meza
- · Selena Loza
- Stephanie Vaughn
- · Tami Wilson
- **Terry Salazar**
- Valerie Leyba

<u>Lay Director</u> Marila Colunga "4th Day/Perseverance"

Spiritual Director

Spiritual Team Sister Angela Murdaugh-

"Faith"
Rev. Gwen Jennings-"Grace"
Rev. Ceil McKinney"Obstacles to Grace"

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Observing Lay Director Mariza Rodriguez

Assistant Lay Director

Lina Garza-"Body of Christ" Bea Martinez-Evie Tello-"Christian Action"

Table Leaders

Cyndi Cartwright Tess Gonzales Deidra Hernandez Peggy May-"Discipleship" Gina Ramon Mari Rivera

Assistant Table Leaders

Vanessa Castaneda Jennifer Garza Alejandra McKinney Amanda Sakaris Maegan Stelfox-"Changing Our World" Karen Whelan

Co-Head Angels Elizabeth Johnson

Sonya Rodriguez-"Growth Through Study"

Angels Brandi Bennett Liz Bodiford-"Priesthood of all Believers" Clarissa Carreon Cece Ceballos Susan Dalrymple-Hyde Diane Estringel Noela Garcia Arissa Garza Marivel Garza "Love and Unity" Kathy Hendrex Michele Hoelscher Sarah Kessler-"Life in Piety" Laurene Raleigh Delayna Ramirez Kristy Scott Missy Socha Yvonne Tijerina Rosa Trevino

Music Team Melanie Brown

Katelijne Acker Magda Madla Terri-Lynne Schofield

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JTD 2023 WEEKENDS

JTD #213

June 15 - 18, 2023: LD Casey Mengele

Men's JTD #213: June 15-18 Prayer Vigil Signup

JTD #212

July 27 - 30, 2023: LD Marila Colunga

Women's JTD #212: July 27-30 Prayer Vigil Signup

JTD #215

September 14-17, 2023: LD Byron Unterbrink Men's JTD #215: Sept 14-17 Prayer Vigil Signup

JTD #216

November 2 - 5, 2023: LD Mariza Rodriguez

Women's JTD #216: November 2-5 Prayer Vigil Signup



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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

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



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