



## JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



### Journey To Damascus #212

July 27th - July 30, 2023

Thank You! Thank you! Thank you!

What an incredible experience this past year has been. The abundant generosity we received from the JTD community is beyond measure. Thank you for showering us with your prayers and support. We felt them. I want to thank my fabulous St. Elsewhere team, my spiritual team, and my amazing Board Rep. for making my vision come to fruition. I asked for simplicity and laughter, and they made it happen. The angles, TL/ATL, speakers, and music team made this weekend come alive! I am forever grateful for their love and generosity. My prayer for the team and pilgrims all along was that the JTD 212 weekend be filled with God's love, peace, and joy, and it has been every moment that. Thank you to the JTD Board for trusting us to bring our beautiful pilgrims closer to Christ. God truly qualifies the called. What a privilege and honor it has been to serve as Lay Director for JTD 212. The Best Journey ever!

Marila Colunga, JTD 212 Lay Director

Lay  
Director  
Marila Colunga  
"4th  
Day/Perseverance"

Assistant Table Leaders  
Vanessa Castaneda  
Jennifer Garza  
Alejandra McKinney  
Amanda Sakaris

**Spiritual  
Director**

**Father Paul Hesse**  
*"Sacraments"*

**Spiritual Team**  
Sister Angela Murdaugh-  
*"Faith"*

Rev. Gwen Jennings-  
*"Grace"*

Rev. Ceil McKinney-  
*"Obstacles to Grace"*

**Board Representative**  
Marisa Flores

**Observing Lay Director**  
Mariza Rodriguez

**Assistant Lay Director**

Lina Garza-  
*"Body of Christ"*

Bea Martinez-  
*"Priorities"*

Evie Tello-  
*"Christian Action"*

**Table Leaders**

Cyndi Cartwright

Tess Gonzales

Deidra Hernandez

Peggy May-  
*"Discipleship"*

Gina Ramon

Mari Rivera

**Pilgrim**

Dominique Perez

Sarah Meza

Iris Garcia

Nicole Watkins

Stephanie Vaughn

Lorraine Soliz

Denise Elizondo

Selena Loza

Kitty Wilson

Magen Martin

Kristy Monjaras

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"*

Janice Hartman

Kathy Hendrex

Michele Hoelscher

Sarah Kessler-

*"Life in Piety"*

Laurene Raleigh

Delayna Ramirez

Kristy Scott

Missy Socha

Celia Fossum

**Music Team**

Melanie Brown

Katelijne Acker

Magda Madla

Terri-Lynne Schofield

**Sponsor**

Stephanie Ybarra

Vicki Garcia

Gina Ramon

Tiffany Walters

Tiffany Walters

Beatrice Martinez

Marila Colunga

Yvonne Tijerina

Jennifer Garza

David Martin

Marila Colunga

Tami Wilson  
Malachi Riley  
Gloria Ramirez  
Della Gunning  
Terry Salazar  
Valerie Leyba  
Linda Cadena  
Eli Soto  
Donna Kuebel  
Julia Gonzalez  
Sylvia Benavidez  
Stella Hatch  
Nichole Trevino-Torres  
Deandra Cardenas  
Whitney Copeland  
Sarita Bennett  
Maria  
Infante  
Katrina Iglesias  
Skyler Godsey  
Loretta Evans

Cathy Benavidez  
Dana Riley  
Diane Estringel  
Diane Estringel  
Macie Gold  
Vanessa Castaneda  
Gina Ramon  
Ana Rivera-Soto  
Sister Angela Murdaugh  
Arisa Garza  
Heather Sanchez  
Rosa Trevino  
Yvonne Tijerina  
Yvonne Tijerina  
Sonya Rodriguez  
Lori Stoner  
Bobby Brooks  
Maegan Stelfox  
JoAnn De Los Santos  
Brandi Bennett  
Gina Ramon

Come unite with the team of JTD #212 in helping the pilgrims learn what a community can do to bring them closer to Christ.

Candlelight will be held this weekend, July 29th, at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel at Pax Christi.

### JTD 2023 Weekends

JTD #215  
September 14-17, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Byron Unterbrink

**Men's JTD #215: Sept 14-17 Prayer signup**

JTD #216  
November 2 - 5, 2023 – Corpus Christi – LD Mariza Rodriguez

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

### JTD 2024 Weekends

JTD #219  
March 14-17, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Jesse Garcia

JTD #220  
April 18-21, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Sonia Dowty

JTD #222  
June 13-16, 2024- Corpus Christi - LD: Robert Ramos

JTD #223  
July 25-28, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Debra Mendoza

JTD #225 -  
September 12-15, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Bill Green



JTD #227

October 17-20, 2024 - Corpus Christi - LD: Jessica Moya

Lay Director Training is scheduled for all upcoming 2024, St. Elsewhere teams. August 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. You can talk with your LD or any BOD.

**JTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
has recently had some new additions and appointments. The current BOD is listed below and meets the second Monday of every month with the purpose to serve the JTD community in a prayerful discernment, and carry out the work of the Journey to Damascus.

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Lopez**  
**Asst. Spiritual Director: Rev. Billy Storms**  
**President: Mariza Rodriguez**  
**Vice President: Edna Lopez Alonzo**  
**Treasurer: Cheryl Brown Yeager**  
**Secretary: Lori Green**  
**Director: Cindy Garcia**  
**Director: David Sisk**  
**Director: Marivel Garza**  
**Director: Tony Arredondo**  
**Director: Ada Besinaiz**  
**Director: Owen Gallagher**

**JTD BOARD LIAISONS**  
**Registrar: Anna Adrian**  
**Co-Music Chair: Ric Ricard**  
**Co-Music Chair: Melissa Ricard**  
**4th Day: Steve Tagliabue**  
**Website: Gracie Martin**  
**Candlelight Committee: Janie Riojas**  
**Newsletter: Marivel Garza**

## 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)

★ ALL proceeds benefit the Journey to Damascus ★



**Friday, October 13, 2023**  
6:00pm - 10:00pm

## **Moravian Hall**

5601 Kostoryz Rd, Corpus Christi, TX

### **Play Classic Casino Games**

**Blackjack, Craps, Texas Hold'em, & Roulette**

**Tickets: \$50 Pre-Sale    \$60 at the Door**

**Includes: Rib eye Steak dinner and \$500 in chips!**

**Cash bar will be available**

**Win FANTASTIC prizes and enter into our Silent Auctions!**

**For tickets: Contact any Board member or  
ogallagher819@gmail.com**

**SPONSORS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOMED!**

**Opportunities for Sponsorship include: Sponsoring a table as well as donating  
items for the gaming raffle and silent auction.**

**Adults only event. Must be 18 years or older**

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)