

Journey to Damascus Community News

March 2024

# Journey to Damascus #219



Dear JTD Community,

The process of putting a team together began in August 2023. With the help of the Holy Spirit and the Journey to Damascus Guidelines, JTD #219 was created. I am humbled and truly honored to serve as the Lay Director of Journey to Damascus #219. Together with my team we are an instrument of God and will bring the Holy Spirit to the pilgrims and move them closer to Jesus Christ. I have been so blessed to have such a talented and caring group of men and women. Their dedication and commitment will provide opportunities for our pilgrims to get closer to God. A special thank-you to our spiritual directors for providing their guidance and direction on this journey. I want to extend my gratitude to the JTD Board of Directors and the greater JTD community for all the support, help, and encouraging words throughout the planning and process of creating JTD #219.

We welcome any food agape you may want to donate, so please don't hesitate to contact me. You may sign up for prayer vigil at link provided. I also asked that you make plans to attend the following:

• Sponsor Hour-Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM, Pax Christi, 6:30 PM

- Candlelight–Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8;00 PM
- Closing–Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2:00 PM

Thank you, JTD Community for all of you support at this point. Please continue to pray for our team and pilgrims.

De Colores, Jesse Garcia, Lay Director JTD #219

Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Goodwin "Sacraments"

Spiritual Team Deacon Rey Rojas "Faith" Rev. Billy Storms "Grace" Rev. Anne Kowalczyk "Obstacles to Grace"

Board Representative John Curry

Lay Director Jesse Garcia "Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Observing Lay Director Robert Ramos

Assistant Lay Directors Tony Arredondo "Body of Christ" Mike Riley "Growth Through Study" Mike Morgan "Changing Our World"

Table LeadersTJ Arredondo

### **Pilgrims**

**Catarino Alvear Robert Arciba** Octaviano Beltran Lucio Cruz Alan Flores **Justin Garcia** Jessie Mercardo **Gabriel Mendoza Bo Montalvo Colby Morris Joel Morris** Mario Ochoa Juan Penaflor **Enrique Rivera** Joe Sanchez Everardo Sanchez, Jr. John Seaman **Brad Stokes** Logan Terry Nicanor Velazquez Marcos Ybarra Aaron Zuniga

Sam Arredondo "Love and Unity" Kevin Blankenship Steve Jennings Rene Garcia Andrew (Andy) Garcia "Discipleship"

#### **Assistant Table Leaders**

Leroy Lopez Raymond Cisneros Luis Hernandez Chris Rivera Shaun Woolf Randy Stanton

#### **Co-Head Cha's**

Paul Pilarczyk "Life In Piety" Lupe Cantu "Christian Action"

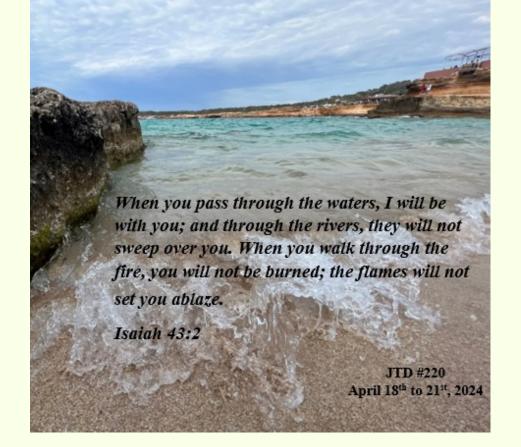
#### Cha's

**Javier Luis Flores** Robert Garcia, Sr. **Tim Legamaro Jimmy Rivera** "Priorities" **Gerald Garza Oscar Ramos** John Rodriguez "Priesthood of All Believers" **Pete Flores Brian Boatright Aaron Hoelscher** Edward F. Day II **Roel Garcia** Weldon Riebschleager **Eddie Rodriguez Ray Ray Paz Paul Rodriguez** 

#### **Music Team**

Dr. Charles Allen-Music Director Mick Boudreau David Reichenbacher Richard Schmidt Gary Richards

## Journey to Damascus #220



JTD 220 April 18-21, 2024

Dear JTD Community,

It is hard to believe that in a little over one month, the JTD 220 team will be at Pax Christi putting everything together to welcome the pilgrims that God has called to join us. Thank you for your outpouring of 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, PEACE, and that each 4<sup>th</sup> day they know that our Lord is with them "...*I will be with you*..." Isaiah 43:2. The team is READY to be His hands and feet. We currently have 36 pilgrims on the roster. Please continue to keep the team and pilgrims in your thoughts and prayers for clear minds and open hearts! I can't wait to see everyone at Candlelight on Saturday, April 20th, at 8:00 pm. You're also welcome to join us at closing on Sunday, April 21st, at 2:00 p.m. HE continues to show up in the most amazing ways! I cannot imagine what the Holy Spirit has in store for us: JTD 220, the BEST Journey EVER! De Colores! Sonia Gonzalez Dowty, Lay Director, JTD 220







## UP COMING JOURNEY

### WEEKENDS for 2024....

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

The lay directors or a St. Elsewhere representative from each team will present updated status for each weekend at every candlelight. Please reach out to a lay director or St. Elsewhere representative if you would like to work on a weekend team.

Team applications can be

Please click on the currently active Prayer Vigils for upcoming Journey Weekends.

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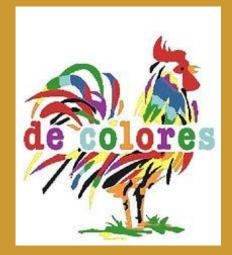
Women's JTD #220 - Apr 18-21 Prayer Signup

Men's JTD #222 - Jun 13-16 Prayer Signup

Women's JTD #223 - July 25-28 Prayer Signup

Men's JTD #225 - Sept 12-15 Prayer Signup

Women's JTD #227 - Oct 17-20 Prayer Signup



## **Reunion Groups**

The JTD group reunion are a small accountability groups consisting of individuals who have participated in a 3day journey weekend. Reunion group members want to continue their 4th day with pursuit of a life lived with continued recognition of His everyday mercy and graces. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims grow the seed that was planted during their journey weekend into a daily walk with Christ. The regular support of a few faithful friends, helps each member of the group to develop a lifestyle of piety, study, and action based in God's love. found on our JTD website: www.journeytodamascus.org or on the link below.

> 2024 Team Application - Download PDF

Reunion groups can be a crucial part of maintaining the connection to Christ and to your journey weekend. Please see the link below to find an established reunion group to join. Pilgrims are also encouraged to start their own reunion groups.

## Happy 4th Day!

Visit our Website



The community is invited to join any of the JTD committees listed below. Please contact Mariza Rodriguez, President or Edna Alonso, Vice President with any questions. Board representatives for each committee are listed below.

1. 4th Day Committee: Liz Yzaguirre & Ada Besinaiz

2. Board of Trustees Report: David Sisk & Marivel Garza

- 3. Candlelight/Closing Committee: Edna Lopez Alonso
- 4. Fundraising: Owen Gallagher
- 5. Historian: Rick Svetlik
- 6. Music: Owen Gallagher
- 7. Newsletter: Marivel Garza
- 8. Registrar: Jenny Sehy
- 9. Spiritual Directors: Billy Storms & Father Joseph
- 10. Spiritual Team Committee: Ada Besinaiz
- 11. Team Selection: Lori Green, David Sisk, Javier Flores

## **Contact Your Board of Directors!**

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