



Journey to Damascus News & Updates

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Letter from our Board President:

2025 Journey to Damascus Weekends at Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center

We are deeply grateful for the past eight years spent at Pax Christi Retreat Center. Our sincere thanks go to the Pax Christi Sisters for their unwavering support, prayers, and hospitality during this time.

As we embark on a new chapter, we eagerly look forward to the spiritual guidance and support from the SOLT Priests and the opportunity to gather with our community at St. Theresa Hall for the Candlelight.

Please follow the signs for pilgrim and agape drop-off locations.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have dedicated their time and energy to serving the Journey to Damascus community. Your commitment continues to make this experience meaningful and transformative for so many.



JTD Weekends, 2025

May 1- May 4
Women's JTD #230 - LD,
Lina Garza

June 12 - June 15
Men's JTD #232 - LD,
Alonzo Garza

We look forward to all that God has in store for us in this new phase of our journey!

De Colores,
Edna Lopez Alonso
JTD Board of Directors-President

July 24 - July 27
Women's JTD 233 - LD,
Cindy Garcia

September 18 - September
21st
Men's JTD #235 - LD, Mitch
Hippensteal

October 16 - October 19th
Women's JTD #236 - LD, Liz
Yzaquirre

The Lay Directors or a St.
Elsewhere representative
from each team will present
updated status for each
weekend at every candlelight.

Please plan to attend
candlelight for the weekends
listed below. Candlelight
begins at 8:00 p.m. each
Saturday of a Journey
weekend at OLCC, St. Teresa
Hall, 1252 Lantana St.,
Corpus Christi, Tx.

Lastly, if you would like to fill
out a team application or sign
up a pilgrim for any of the up
coming Journey weekends
please click the link below.

[Applications](#)



Journey to Damascus #229 March 20-23, 2025

"Seek first the Kingdom and his Righteousness, and
all these things will be given up to you"
Matthew 6:33

Dearest JTD Community,

JTD #229 is just around the corner, and I can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown. Yet, here we are— as prepared as we can be, prayerfully ready, and eager to welcome our Pilgrims with open arms.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the greater JTD community for entrusting me with the honor of leading this incredible team and journey. My own Pilgrim experience in July of 2011, at OLCC left an indelible mark on my heart. I walked away with a profound desire to spread the Good News and a certainty that one day, I would lead a team of my

own.

I would like to give a special shoutout to Gracie Martin and Celeste Lutz—you both were shining examples of Christ's love during my journey, and I am beyond grateful to have each of you on my team for #229. Your leadership, faith, and servant hearts have inspired me more than words can express. I wouldn't be here without the example of your Christ-centered leadership.

Now, the time has come! Team #229 has been praying, preparing, and pouring our hearts into this weekend. We are ready to witness the powerful transformations God has in store for these women. We humbly ask for your prayers as we embark on this journey—may it be one they carry in their hearts for a lifetime.

I also have one special request for our entire community: **please set aside time Saturday to join us for Candlelight.** This is not just the first Journey of the year—it's also the first Journey back at OLCC! Let's fill the hall and surround these women with the overwhelming, unconditional love of Christ. Let's show them what it truly means to be embraced by His grace.

With a full heart and great anticipation,
Becca Ramos Taylor
Lay Director
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Journey # 229Team:

Lay Director

Becca Ramos Taylor "*Perseverance/4th Day*"

Spiritual Director

Fr. Scott Braathan "*Sacraments*"

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rev. Billy Storms "*Grace*"

Rev. Gwen Perkins "*Faith*"

Deacon Ruben Soliz "*Obstacles to Grace*"

Board Representative

Celeste Lutz

Music Director

Gina Ramon "*Life in Piety*"

Music

Sarah Kessler

Susan Dalrymple-Hyde

Celia Fossum

Sonya Rodriguez

Assistant Lay Directors

Velma Garcia "*Priesthood of all Believers*"

Nancy Lechner "*Christian Action*"

Ana Rivera Soto "*Growth Through Study*"

Pilgrim Roster:

Marissa Lopez

Barbie Fowles

Erica Alejos

Rose Perez

Stephanie Padua

Alyse Bass

Meljoree Singson

Rose Mary Fuentes

Alice Castaneda

Sammie Trevino

Andrea Lindquist

Eilayah Mitchell

Barbara Grace Gavilan

Marissa Carrillo

Rosanna Perez

Jennifer Ybarra

Merci McCoy

Cynthia Garcia

Mary Bovolick

Linda Acevedo

Michele Sanchez

Co-Head Angels

Maureen Charleston *"Body of Christ"*
Gianna Flores *"Love and Unity"*

Table Leaders

Joanna Busenlehner
Gail Colwell
Arlene Ochoa
Lisa Porche
Adelita Rojas
Cris Wright

Asst. Table Leaders

Michelle Cabrera
Miranda Cabrera
Desiree Guerrero
Lorraine Guerrero
Leticia Perez
Christina Purnell

Angels

Sarita Bennet
Elizabeth Bradfute
Elsa Elizondo
Bernadette Howard-Rojas
Melissa Jimenez
Valerie Leyba
Gracie Martin
Amanda McBride
Sarah McDonald *"Changing Our World"*
Amanda Miller *"Discipleship"*
Becky Oliveira
Yvonne Oliveira
Iliana Ortiz
Tina Panek
Melba Ramos
Suzzette Ramos *"Priorities"*
Gloria Salazar
Elissa Flores
Myra Shireman

Felicia Davila

Pamela Belicek-Rodriguez

Jacklynn Valadez

Yvonne Dives-Gomez

Linda Guartuche

Lydia Guartuche

Laura Mikulik

**Journey to Damascus #230**

May 1-4, 2025

**"While I am in the world,
I am the light of the
world"**

John 9:5

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

This past year has been an incredible blessing as we have been preparing our hearts to shine Christ's light for our JTD #230 weekend. All the prayers and love from the community have been felt during

our team meetings, we are beyond excited to serve and love being back at the OLCC! I want to thank my amazing St. Elsewhere team and Board Rep for prayerfully guiding our meetings and for being my closest to Christ moment many times. Please continue to keep our team and pilgrims in prayer.

We can not wait to see our beautiful JTD community this weekend at Candlelight-let's fill it up and shine HIS love and light!

In His Love,
Lina Garza
JTD #230 Lay Director

How to Get Involved with your JTD Community?



Each JTD weekend has a 72 hour prayer vigil-

PLEASE CLICK THE "SIGNUP" LINK
to help out:
-access code (for all) DeColores

Women's JTD #230 – May 1 - 4 Prayer [Signup](#)

Men's JTD #232 – Jun 12 - 15 Prayer [Signup](#)

Women's JTD #233 – July 24 - 27 Prayer [Signup](#)

Men's JTD #235 – Sept 18 - 21 Prayer [Signup](#)

Women's JTD #236 – Oct 16 - 19 Prayer [Signup](#)

**PRAYER
VIGILS**

The community is invited to join any of the following JTD committees listed below:

Please contact Edna Lopez Alonso, President or Marivel Garza, Vice President with any questions. Board representatives for each committee are listed below.

1. 4th Day Committee: Liz Yzaguirre
2. Board of Trustees: Javier Flores & Marivel Garza
3. Candlelight/Closing Committee: Jenny Sehy & Liz Yzaguirre
4. Fundraising: Owen Gallagher
5. Historian Report: Rick Svetlik

- 6. Music Report: Owen Gallagher & Rick Svetlik
- 7. Newsletter: Marivel Garza
- 8. Registrar Report: Jenny Sehy
- 9. Spiritual Director: Rev. Billy Storms & Father Joseph Lopez
- 10. Spiritual Team: Owen Gallagher
- 11. Team Selection: Lori Green
- 12. St. Elsewhere: Javier Flores
- 13. Manual Committee: Bud Colwell
- 14. OLCC Timeline: Rick Svetlik

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