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Journey to Damascus Community News

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Follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of Men."

Matthew 4:19

Journey to Damascus #232

June 12th- June 15th, 2025

JTD #232 – The Journey is Almost Here!

We're just around the corner from JTD #232, and the team is putting the final touches on what promises to be an amazing weekend.

We are incredibly blessed to have 42 pilgrims confirmed, with 6 more on the waiting list. What a beautiful testament to how God is moving through this community. As Jesus said in *Matthew 4:19* - "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

A heartfelt thank you to my St. Elsewhere and to each member of this incredible team for your unwavering dedication and servant hearts. Your

commitment throughout this journey has made all the difference.

I also want to thank the JTD Board of Directors for entrusting us with the privilege of leading this weekend. And to everyone who signed up for agape and helped fill every slot in the Prayer Vigil, thank you for surrounding this weekend in love and prayer.

Please find it in your heart to join us for candlelight on Saturday night, June 14th. It would be such an amazing way to show all the new pilgrims the light of Jesus.

Let's continue to lift-up our pilgrims, team, and community in prayer as we prepare to witness God's powerful work in action.

De Colores,
Alonzo Garza
Lay Director, JTD #232

Team

Lay Director

Alonzo Garza

"Perseverance / 4th Day"

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Joseph Lopez

Fr. William Brady *"Sacraments"*

Spiritual Team

Rev. Billy Storms *"Grace"*

Rev. Bobby Brooks *"Faith"*

Deacon Jason Cartwright

"Obstacles to Grace"

Board Representative

Robert Ramos

Assistant Lay Directors

Stuart DeKoch *"Discipleship"*

Patrick McBride *"Body of Christ"*

Brian Boatright *"Life in Piety"*

Observing Lay Director

Mitchell Hippensteal

Music Team

Owen Gallagher

Rick Svetlik

Ray Paz

Marcos Ibarra

Peter Moore

Co-Head Chas

Chad Tomanec

Delphino Gomez

CHAS

Scott Tomanec

Israel Scott

Pilgrims

Ralph Silva

Elijio Garza

Roberto Sanchez

Larry Kirkland

Michael Anderson

Anthony Castillo

Raul Garcia

David Standlee

Mark Cano

Joey Mendoza

John McKinney

Brian Letterman

Fidel Salas

Ricardo Trevino

John Miller Sr.

John Miller Jr.

John Luis

Benjamin Trejo

Christopher Hernandez

Jesus Vasquez

Michael Camarillo

Isaac Munoz

Armando Munoz

Elian Pulido

Eladio Ramos

Edward Rodriguez

Tony Lugo

Mando Garcia

Brandon Moreno

Raul Villarreal

Christopher Trevino

Johnny Guerra
Mike Johnson
Michael Miller
Joey Chapa
Ronald Deleon
Roel Ramos
Richard Voss
Joe Willesden
Casey Mengele
Rene Garcia
“Changing Our World”
Rudy Lerma
Rey Saenz
Rudy Martinez *“Christian Action”*
Marcos Garza
Derek Saenz
Everado (Jr.) Sanchez *“Priorities”*
Gerald Garza
Robert Fernandez
Korey Hardeman
Michael Puente
Andrew Solis

Table Leaders

Cash Crawford
Chance Kolacek
Russell Jungman
Trey Hughes
Paul Rodriguez *“Growth thru Study”*
Kevin Sacky
Rick Rivera

Assistant Table Leaders

Shawn Woolf
Joe Riojas
Robert Arcibia
Kenneth Soto
Kendell Solomon
Mark DeKoch
Shannon Kimmel

Rory Stephens
Jason Galihadd
John Doherty
Eddie Lopez
Matthew Alexander
Lee Trujillo
Joseph Rose
Isaac Ortiz
Robert Garza
Sonny Gavilian
Anthony Rodela



Journey to Damascus #230

May 1-4, 2025

**“While I am in the world,
I am the light of the world”**

John 9:5

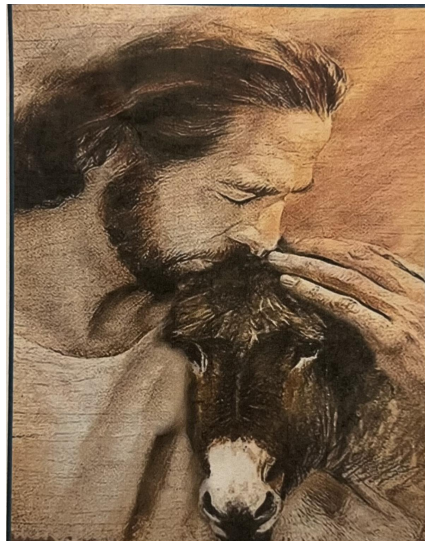
I would first like to thank our good Lord for placing the amazing JTD #230 weekend in my care and giving me the grace to see it through. The Holy Spirit surrounded me with a very special group of women and Spiritual Directors who made the beautiful JTD #230 what it was! To the JTD Board

and my wonderful Board Rep Edna Lopez Alonso, thank you for your loving guidance this last year. My amazing St. Elsewhere team, Romy, Kristy, Noela, Christa, and Jamie thank you for your beautiful friendship and

servant's hearts. We were meant to be on this team together! To the MOST amazing JTD #230 team...our angels, table leaders and assistants, thank you for your generous hearts and for filling the weekend with laughter and love! Lasting friendships were made! To our music director Gina Ramon and the talented music team The Journey 5, thank you! Your beautiful music filled our souls all weekend! A special thank you to our amazing cook team who tirelessly worked to provide delicious meals, Bert, Dylan, Israel, and Phil you spoiled us the whole weekend! To our amazing prayer chapel coordinators Ned and Laurene Raleigh, thank you for your loving and peaceful prayers that were felt all weekend! I am also so grateful to our powerful Spiritual team, Father Scott, Rev. Billy, Rev. Gwen and Hester Rodriguez who were available to the pilgrims and team. Our Lord's presence was truly felt through their loving embraces and guidance. To my loving husband Dylan, my children, Josh, Abram and Ella, my parents and sisters, thank you for your love and support over the last year. Finally to the newest members of this beautiful community the JTD #230 pilgrims- our new sisters in Christ! Thank you for saying yes, I am still in awe of what a beautiful and powerful weekend it was! I can't wait to see you all at Afterglow!!

It has been a true privilege and honor to have served as lay director for JTD #230, thanks be to God!

De Colores,
Lina Garza
JTD #230 Lay Director



Journey to Damascus #233

July 24-July 27, 2025

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God, and the peace of God will guard your heart and mind. Philippians 4:6-7

As JTD#233 nears, we are halfway to the weekend. Our team is working hard and bonding together.

I am overwhelmed by the love and support of our Journey to Damascus community. The agape book is almost full. We ask the community to continue to support our weekend by signing up online for our prayer vigil and go fishing for women who want to be a part of the Best Journey Ever!

De Colores,

UP Coming JTD Weekends

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](#)



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 #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 logo features the text "Please Join US!" in a playful, rounded font. "Please" is in red, "Join" is in blue, "US!" is in purple, and there is a green exclamation mark at the end.

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

Please contact Marivel Garza, President or Javier Flores, 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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