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Issue 9

Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731

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Court Regent's Message

Gloria Riley, Court Regent

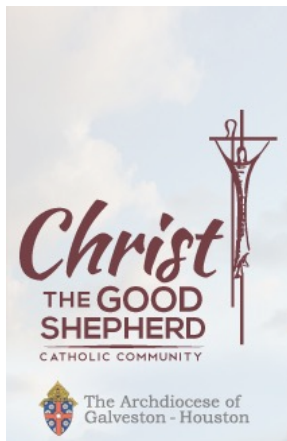
February, a time of Lenten Reflection and a time of celebration. No, it is not the Super Bowl. It is not Valentine's Day. It is our Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731 First Anniversary!!! Our Court is One year old. It is really amazing!!! A big congratulations to our members, board, District Deputies who made this a successful year. Thank you, Reverend James Burkart for requesting a Court to be established at Christ the Good Shepherd.

On Thursday, February 1st, the Court will celebrate with Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a short meeting and a party with appetizers and desserts (finger foods). Our Charter will be unveiled and will be on display in the Social Hall next to the Knight's charter. Be there for the unveiling and see your signature on this important document.

Lent, is a time to reflect on God's love for us because He sacrificed His only son, Jesus, for our salvation. Lent is the time for us to make a pact with ourselves to reunite with God through fasting, prayers, acts of charity, etc., so that we may become closer to God.

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." - 2Corinthians 5: 17-21





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Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. That's right, February 14th! Although, it is not a holy day of obligation, we are encouraged to attend mass, or at least go to the church and receive our ashes so we can officially begin our Lenten Season. A little history of Ash Wednesday and why we distribute ashes:

Until the 7th century, Lent actually began on the Sunday 6 weeks prior to Easter. The extra 4 days were added later, to unite us to the 40 days of fasting by Jesus Christ in the desert.

Originally, the 1st day of Lent was the day public penitents began their penance. The penitents were sprinkled with ashes, clothed in sackcloth, and required to remain separated from the community until Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. Between the 8th and 10th centuries, the practice ceased, and was replaced with what we know today; the entire congregation receives ashes out of devotion. Reflection and Penance. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and scented with incense.

"They fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and rent their clothes." - Maccabees 3:47

"Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." - Daniel 9:3





Legislation:

Please consider this appointment, as it is a very important position. See important news in the Quarterly Newsletter, Pg 11: http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Otr_Newsletter/2017_12/QuarterlyNewsletter_December2017.pdf

Mass Cards Committee:

The fee for Mass cards is \$5.00. \$2.50 will be given to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, and \$2.50 will be donated to an organization our parish supports. This amount and the designated charity will be specified in our budget. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund and a charity approved by our court. Please contact Peggy O'neil, 281-440-0286, or email at cda2731masscards@gmail.com, with mass card requests and/or questions.



Websites:

CCGS Court 2731 website: www.catholicdaughters2731.com

Texas CDA website: <http://www.texasda.org/#loaded>

Texas CDA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/texasda/>

++February 1st, 7pm mass for our court's one year anniversary! Short meeting and reception to follow. ++





Local News:

- **February 10th, the 8:30am mass will include the Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the receptionist, 281.376.6831, if you would like to receive this sacrament**

CGS Knights of Columbus
South American Carnaval Wine Dinner
February 10, 2018

Featuring food & wines of South America

**Tickets are \$65 each
or \$500 for reserved table of 8.**

**For more information or tickets,
call 832-356-0866
or email WineDinner@kc10872.com**

Proceeds to benefit CGS & Knights ministries.

This year is Christ the Good Shepherd's 40th Anniversary!
Please attend mass on April 21st at 10am with a celebration to follow in the Social Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to help setup for the 40th anniversary celebration, there will be a volunteer meeting February 5th, 7 - 9pm at CGS, Contact: Jean Sanfelippo, jmsanfelippo@comcast.net

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." - St Teresa of Calcutta



Fr. James is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination!

Please attend mass May 19, 2018 at 10am with a celebration to follow in the Social Hall.



Dr Ray Guarendi is a father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" is aired in 140 countries.

"BACK TO THE FAMILY" - "BACK TO THE CHURCH"



Dr. Ray Guarendi

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:00am-3:30pm



8:00am-Mass, 8:45am-Registration (light breakfast available)

Morning Session-"Laughter: The Sanity of Family"

Afternoon Session-"The Logic of Being Catholic"

Tickets are \$30, includes Lunch

To purchase tickets, go to:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/665>

For more information, e-mail: cgs.ticketing@gmail.com

Hosted by Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Spring, TX



Opportunities! Needs a Chair and/or committee members:

- ✦ **PUBLICITY** - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- ✦ **LEGISLATION** - Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- ✦ **CIRCLE OF LOVE** - Chairperson, need someone to keep a log of members' volunteer hours
- ✦ **CAMERA PERSON** - Chairperson, plus members
- ✦ **SUNSHINE** - Chairperson, plus 1 member
- ✦ **FUNDRAISING** - Chairperson, plus members

Need Members:

MEETING PRAYERS - Mary Jane Brewster, needs 1-2 members

MEMBERSHIP / TELEPHONE - Vice Regent Charlotte Prieve, needs 3-4 members

STANDING RULES - Sheryl Andrews, needs 2 members

Circle of Love:

Each month, we will be publishing a full page description of one spoke of the Circle of Love seven point program.

This month, please see [Legislation](#):

OPERATION Morning Star

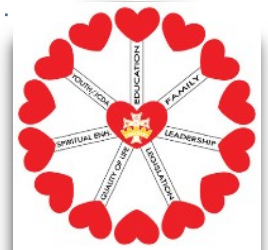
The empowerment of Catholic womanhood to develop a Catholic Policy Agenda to reach out and speak out in the legislative arena for the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind, in accordance with the principles of justice and peace.

Our obligation is to become better informed on public issues, addressing the morals and human dimension while supporting church teachings on human life, human rights, justice and peace. This is the purpose of Operation Morning Star, to focus on the public issues which will have an impact on quality of life and family values.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas DOES NOT SUPPORT, ENDORSE, OR OPPOSE POLITICAL CANDIDATES OR ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

It is the program of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas dedicated to Our Lady under her title, Morning Star, to encourage Catholic women to speak out in the legislative arena.

Operation Morning Star is an issue-oriented program. Our involvement is focused on legislative bills under consideration for passage into laws. It is very difficult to change a law after it has become a law. Therefore, our Catholic influence needs to be projected to the legislators before the laws are enacted.



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." - St Rose of Lima



Standing Rules - Please read the revised rules approved in January's meeting:

1. Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731 meets at 7 pm for regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month.
2. No meetings will be held in the months of July and August.
3. We will hold a short business meeting for the month of December and then have a social event.
4. Membership dues will be \$25 per year and collected in February or at the time of membership.
5. The Court funds will be held at Wells Fargo Bank of Texas.
6. The Regent may spend up to \$50 per month without the vote of the Court. She must provide receipt(s) for reimbursement.
7. Cards may be sent to the members for their birthdays and anniversaries.
8. A mass card may be sent for serious illness or death of a Catholic Daughter or an immediate family member.
9. The Court may donate up to \$25 to each new court established in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
10. The Court will present a Mass card to each parish priest and deacon on their ordination anniversary and to transitional deacons assigned to Christ the Good Shepherd upon their ordination.
11. The Court will waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting providing there are no corrections. A hard copy report will be available at the meetings. The minutes will be sent to all members by email or attachment to the newsletter.
12. State CDA convention expenses may be subsidized as follows: Based on the amount approved in the annual budget, State convention expenses will be reimbursed by equally dividing the amount approved in the annual budget between two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates attending the convention. The convention amount in the budget will also take into consideration the monies for registration, travel expense, meal cost and lodging.
13. The Board members are allowed to spend up to \$50 each without getting Court approval and by presenting receipts to the Court for payment.
14. The Party Planning Committee can spend up to \$50 without getting Court approval and by presenting receipts to the Court for payment.
15. If there is a conflict with a meeting date and a Holy Day or a church sponsored event, the Board can reschedule the meeting to the first available date that the church has a room opening.

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache." - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

State News:



From State Regent, Rosie Stockwell: The 3rd Biennial Pray & Play Project is right around the corner and we are counting on all of you to help us make this project a huge success!

This is a State Project coordinated by the Missions of Mercy (MOM) State Chairman, Cathy Bittner and State Co-Chairman, Benji Pardee.

All proceeds will go the Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects. The Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects include Casa Juan Diego in Houston, Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Cameron Park After School Tutorial Project -- Proyecto Juan Diego in Brownsville, and Missionaries of Charity in Dallas. These projects are located throughout the state to allow all courts the opportunity to help with a MOM project in close proximity to their area of the state.

Cathy and Benji are ready to sign everyone interested for **Holy Rollin' Bowling**, which is great fun! For those of you who do not want to or cannot bowl, a **Games & Brains** table will be set up for your entertainment. In addition take your chances on the **Jumbo Raffle!**

The retreat promises to be a day of reflection and spiritual growth for all involved. This Pray and Play Project is being held on the 1st weekend of Lent, which is a time of preparation for all of us for the Resurrection of Our Lord. Olga Samaniego, National Regent Elect and Past State Regent, will be the Retreat Master speaking on **"Be Not Afraid! St. John Paul the Great**, which is the theme for this term.

3RD BIENNIAL "PRAY & PLAY" WEEKEND
 Sponsored By The State Court
 FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2018

RETREAT
 St. John Catholic Church
 401 E Lampasas St.
 Ennis, Texas 75119
 Saturday, February 16, 2018 @ 1:00
 Mass @ 5:00
 Dinner & Social Following

RETREAT MASTER
Olga Samaniego
 National Regent Elect
"Be Not Afraid!"
 - St. John Paul the Great

HOLY ROLLIN' BOWLIN'
Ennis All Star Bowl
 972-875-7827
 2303 W. Ennis Avenue, Ennis, TX 75119
 Sunday, February 17, 2018
 11:00 - 2:00
 Benefiting Texas MOMS Project
 Retreat & Bowling \$35.00

Hotel Arrangements @ Quality Inn
 972-875-9641
 107 Chamber of Commerce Dr.
 Ennis, Texas 75119
Mention: CDA for Room Rate
LIMITED AVAILABILITY, RSVP BY JANUARY 25, 2018 FOR SPECIAL RATE!!!!

COORDINATORS:
 Cathy Bittner, MOMS Chairman - cbee1026@sbcglobal.net
 Benji Pardee, MOMS V. Chairman - pardeem@earthlink.net

★ REGISTRATION FORM ★

Name: _____
 Court: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone #: _____

EVENTS

CIRCLE EVENTS ATTENDING

★ **Retreat & Bowling** ★ ★ **Retreat Only** ★ ★ **Bowling Only** ★ ★ **Shirt Only** ★

(RECOMMENDED)

ALL FOR ONLY \$35.00!

PLEASE CIRCLE V-NECK T-SHIRT SIZE

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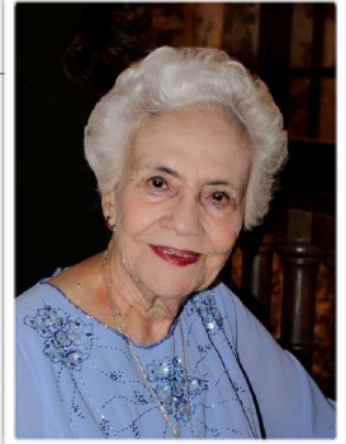
Please Make Payable To: CDA Texas State Court

Please Mail Registration Form & Payment To:
Benji Pardee, 14214 SE County Road 4250, Kerens, Texas 75144

For More Information Contact:
Cathy Bittner @ 713-419-7620 or Benji Pardee @ 281-773-8175
 All Proceeds To Benefit The Texas CDA MOMS Projects.

In Memoriam

On December 20, 2017, Amy Rueda passed away. She had been Texas State Regent from 1996 - 1998. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas for 60 years and a charter member of Court Our Blessed Mother #1731. She served as District Deputy and held multiple local and state offices before running for State Regent. She received the Bishop Sartoris Membership Aware for 1996 - 1998. She was well-loved and respected. She was laid to rest January 12, 2018. Please pray for the repose of her soul.



Contests!

Deadline to enter contests is March 1, 2018. Please see <http://catholicdaughters.org> for more information about the requirements to enter. Links are below, click in the table, click on the title, then 'go to page':

[Membership Contest](#)
[Website Contest](#)
[Education Contest Forms](#)
[Education Contest Forms Spanish](#)
[National Newsletter Contest](#)
[2017 CDA Award Winners](#)



National News:

National Convention will be held July 17 - 22, 2018 in Sioux City, South Dakota. Our court will not be sponsoring attendance, however anyone can attend who would like to. No one in our court has chosen to attend. However, if anyone changes their mind, the deadline for advance registration is June 15, 2018.



Click link below to see the Winter issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/colorfx/share_winter2017/

(NOTE: you must have 'flash' to view)

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." - Ven. Fulton Sheen

"Make few resolutions. Make specific resolutions. And fulfill them with the help of God." - St. Josemaria Escriva

Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the Advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

- ◆ *Be women of Faith*
- ◆ *Encourage Spiritual Growth*
- ◆ *Increase membership*
- ◆ *Promote the motto of "Unity and Charity"*

The theme for the 2017 - 2019 term is:

"Be Not Afraid:" -

St John Paul the Great



The Texas State Court was organized January 25, 1917. Our Mission Statement is a reflection of the CDA motto of Unity and Charity; "The members of the Texas State and Local Courts love Christ and His Church. We are dedicated to leading others to Christ and to His service through active participation in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas."



"At the end of our life, we shall all be judged by charity." - St. John of the Cross



Dates to Remember



CDA Calendar for February 2018

- Thursday, 2-1-18 9:00-2:00 "Gathering Place" in CGS fellowship hall. Please contact Jan Papciak at CGS if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.
- First anniversary of the CDA Court #2731.** Corporate Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by short meeting and social. Circle of Love report forms are due. You may wear your CDA t-shirt, if you have one, but must wear a sweater or jacket over the logo if you are a liturgical minister. After Mass, we will have a short meeting, then share snacks and social time. Please bring something light to share. Also, anyone who wishes, may bring a \$5.00 donation for the court.
- Sunday, 2-4-18 9:00 am Mass, Charlotte Prieve and CDA receive the Traveling Crucifix to pray for vocations the following week. You may wear your CDA shirt at this mass as well. Same rule applies if you are a liturgical minister.
- Friday, 2-16-18 5:00 – 7:00 PM Mass Cards sale at Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, every Friday during Lent.
- Sunday, 2-18-18 6:15 PM, Chaplet of Mercy is sung in the CGS chapel every Sunday evening during Lent and Easter season.
- Thursday, 3-1-18 7:00 PM, CDA monthly meeting. Room # A206-208
- Saturday, 3-3-18 9:00 to 4:00, Houston Catholic Women's Conference at Our Lady of Walsingham parish in Houston. Go to www.houstoncwc.com/home, for information and tickets.
Early Registration, December 26-February 13- \$55.00
Registration February 14-March 2- \$75.00

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent, starting February 16th. On February 23rd, our court is scheduled to lead the service.

Annual Dues are DUE in February

Please see Priscilla or make arrangements with her to pay your dues. Dues remain \$25 for February through January 2019. The dues and fundraisers allow the CDA to contribute our fair share to the National and State organizations, as well as, to fund our charities in the parish and community.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Christ the Good Shepard #2731
Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2018**

Call to Order by Charlotte Prieve, Vice-Regent at 7:10 PM. Gloria Riley, Regent presided over the meeting after the Opening Ceremony.

Opening ceremony

- *Opening Prayer by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Opening Ode led by Mary Jane Brewster*
- *Pledge to US Flag and Texas Flag said by members*
- *Silent Roll Call of Officers by Sheryl Andrews - all were present*



Good of the Order Book – Mary Jane Brewster passed among the members

Introduction of Guests – No guest present

Installation of New Members – No new members this month

Reading of Minutes by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary **Motion made by Karen Doolittle to approve minutes as written, Seconded by Mary Giles, Voted and Approved.**

Reading of Correspondence by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – The Court received a Christmas Card from Helene Shepherd, National Regent

Treasurer's Report by Veronica Arnold (see attached)

Bills were presented to the Court by Sheryl Andrews, Recording Secretary – No Bills were presented this month

Old Business

Newsletter – Chairperson: Gizelle Williams, members: Jo Alice Street and Priscilla Hargraves. The Newsletter deadline is two Mondays preceding the next meeting.

Sunshine Report: Linda Zakrzewski has resigned; the court is looking for a chairperson and volunteers.

Budget Report – Veronica Arnold went over the sample budget. Changes were made. **A Motion was made by Karen Doolittle to approve the Budget as Amended. Mary Jane Brewster seconded the motion. It was voted on and Approved as amended. (see attached amended budget).**

- A. February 1st – CDA Anniversary Mass – 7:00pm Mass followed by small gift exchange for our birthday celebration (less than \$5.00) and finger food appetizers/dessert party. Guylaine Belley will set up. She suggested instead of bringing a small gift for the gift exchange to bring \$5 to donate to the Court as a fundraiser. Members agreed to the \$5 fundraiser for the Court instead of a gift exchange.

- B. February 4th at 9:00 am Mass Vice Regent, Charlotte Prieve will pick up the traveling crucifix and pray for vocation. Any members that want to attend are more than welcome to come to Mass.

New Business

- A. 57th Biennial National Convention – Gloria Riley asked if anyone from our Court was planning on going to the National Convention. It will be July 17-22 in Sioux Fall, ND. Gloria Riley will need to fill out forms for anyone that wants to attend. No one will be attending this event.
- B. Nomination Committee – We will need a nomination committee set up. Their job will be to approach potential candidates to run for an officer position. We will need 3-5 members. The nominees will be presented to the Court in April. Elections are in May and New Officers are installed at the June meeting. Nomination Committee will be Sheryl Bihler-Lopez, Mary Jane Brewster, Mary Giles and Karen Doolittle.
- C. Change of Court monthly meeting date - Gloria Riley suggested moving the meetings from the 1st Thursday of the month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Gloria Riley will check to see if there are any rooms available for the remainder of this year to make the change.
- D. Presentation of New Standing Rules – Sheryl Andrews, Chairperson of Standing Rules, presented the following Standing Rules for consideration: (1) The Board members are allowed to spend up to \$50 each without getting Court approval and by presenting receipts to the Court for payment; (2) The Party Planning Committee can spend up to \$50 without getting Court approval and by presenting receipts to the Court for payment; and (3) If there is a conflict with a meeting date and a Holy Day or a church sponsored event, the Board can reschedule the meeting to the first available date that the church has a room opening. **A Motion was made by Sheryl Bihler-Lopez to approve the new Standing Rules. The Motion was seconded by Candice Tyrrell. The Motion was voted on and Approved.**
- E. Veterans Hospital & Fisher House – Gloria Riley asked if the Court would be interested in collecting rosaries on an ongoing basis and donate them to the Veterans Hospital and Fisher House. A discussion was started about putting an announcement in the bulletin, Facebook and on the App. **A Motion was made by Candice Tyrrell to participate in collecting rosaries for the Veterans Hospital and Fisher House. Sheryl Bihler-Lopez seconded the Motion. It was voted on and Approved.**
- F. 3rd Biennial Pray and Play Weekend in Ennis, Texas by Texas CDA Moms – an email was sent out by Deborah Maly regarding this event. It's a fundraiser for the church in Ennis. It's a bowling and retreat weekend. It's February 18, 2018 from 11-2.
- G. Fundraising – We need a chairperson to research fundraiser for the Court. We will have to have approval from the Financial Committee in order to do a fundraiser on the church grounds. We might be able to ask the Knights of Columbus if they would help us with a pancake breakfast. We could also ask the Knights of Columbus if they would let us set up a table at the Fish Fries to sell Mass Cards.
- H. Framing of the Charter – Sheryl Andrews said it would cost about \$137.91 to have the Charter framed with a glass fronting. **A Motion was made to approve the amount of \$137.91 for the framing of the Charter by Mary Jane Brewster. Sheryl Bihler-Lopez seconded the Motion. It was voted and Approved.**

Priscilla Hargraves has the T-shirts ready for pickup. You can see her after the meeting. It is being looked into as to whether or not we can wear our T-shirts as a group to the Anniversary Mass.

Priscilla Hargraves talked about the Circle of Love forms. They need to be in her hands by February 1st (can be turned in at that meeting). They have to be completed as a Court and submitted by March

1. If you will not be at the February meeting you can scan or mail them to her or give them to her in church. The time period is from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.

Priscilla Hargraves also asked if you have not filled out the supplemental forms (the one with birthday, anniversary dates, etc) please do so and give back to Gloria Riley.

There is a Spiritual Retreat in Columbus on January 27, 2018 from 10-3. The fee is \$15 (which includes lunch). If anyone is interested see Priscilla Hargraves.

*Closing Prayer by Mary Jane Brewster
Meeting ended at 8:46 pm*

**"You don't know how to pray?
Put yourself in the presence of
God, and as soon as you have
said, 'Lord, I don't know how to
pray!' you can be sure you've
already begun." - Saint Josemaría Escrivá**

