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Announcements!

For this quarter, the Monthly Rosary will be held on April 11th, May 9th, and June 13th, by the Marian Windows.

Manna Bags Assembly for this quarter, will be put together in The Social Hall at 3:00pm on April 18th, May 16th, and June 13th.

Evening Manna Bags at 7pm, on April 8th, May 6th, and June 3rd.

Please be on the lookout for an email!



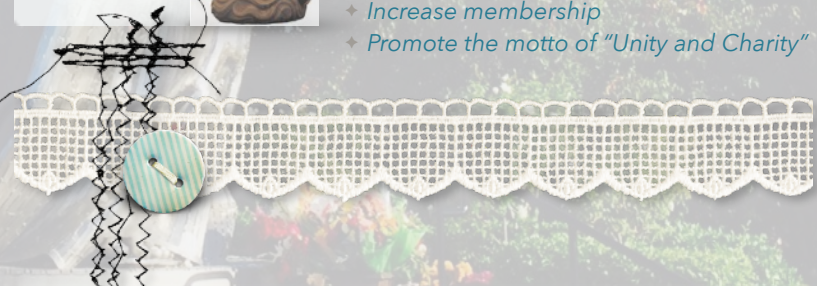
Mission Statement

**"Where God guides, He provides" -
Isaiah 58:11**



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"*





Court Regent Message

Patrice Hampton, Court Regent

Thankful for our doubled + membership, surviving this term & looking forward to handing the reins over to a much more worthy person than I was.

My life has become as unpredictable as the weather & the world we live in.

Praying for a remarkable slate of new officers to lead us through the next 2 years with continued growth in membership, to share new experiences & perform more charitable works in our parish and community.

Wishing everyone beautiful spring, a blessed & holy Easter, and an amazing summer filled with joy & safety.



Clergy Corner



FORSAKEN AND THE CROSS

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Have you ever felt like saying these words? Have you ever felt like God was leaving you? Have you ever done your best and then felt that God wanted more of you? So you keep going, trying to do what the Holy Spirit is telling you. Often much later, after you’ve done your duty for a long time, you realize slowly that God has transformed you. If you follow the Gospel, you see that you have been carrying the cross of Christ. You will become His servant.

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Jesus said this just a little while before He died on the cross and gave up His spirit. When the Lord Jesus said this was He in total despair? I don’t think so. I think He just felt the weight of all our sins of all people for all time. This was His immense burden. Also, Our Lord was quoting from Psalm 22. This psalm is a true lament, a cry of distress. This prayer to God is followed in the psalm by a joyful confidence in final victory. The Son of God looks forward to His resurrection and the victory over sin and death.

We must realize that Christ lives His Passion in each of us. He gave Himself totally for the salvation of the world. Now He calls us to bear His cross. He tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. It can only be like this if we share our crosses with Him. He is Lord of all. Let us say with St. Paul, “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Deacon Mark Clancy



Court Happenings:

Installation of New Members!

Welcome to all new members! We now have 80 members in our court!



New members: Elisa Rocha-Sanchez, and Cathy Baratti

"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal." - St Maximillian Kolbe



Casey Fisher's Memorial

Court CGS 2731 hosted a beautiful funeral luncheon in memory of Casey Fisher, son of Norina Fisher. Norina had an emergency quadruple by-pass a day before the funeral and we are so grateful for her full recovery.

With great love for Norina, her fellow sisters carried out the funeral luncheon in her absence. With much reverence, we shared love, tears, and laughter with her family and friends.

Below are a few pictures of the reception.





"Therefore Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11



7th Anniversary Mass and Reception



We celebrated our 7th wonderful year as a CDA Court! We started the celebration with Mass, then held a reception with cake! Around 24 of our sisters were in attendance. Look at everyone's smiling faces!



More pics!



Preparing Lenten Bags for the Parishioners. Total of around 1500 bags were put together, which included booklets, the schedule for Lent, and most importantly a prayer card for an RCIA member to encourage the parishioners to prayer for each candidate.





Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON EASTER SEASON UPDATE 2024

- Karen Doolittle

Easter blessings and thanks for your continued dedication, support and commitment in supporting our Court's project of supplying 'double' manna bags (covers weekend days) twice a month for the guests of Hope Center Houston, a day center for the homeless located near Northwest Hospital, just east of Hwy 1960 on Peakwood Drive.

Our partnership with the American Heritage Girls Troop #0471 continues and the joy/excitement the girls exhibit is heartwarming. For our evening assembly on Monday April 8th, Troop families have donated all the needed non-perishable food items for the 'double' manna bags!! We thank them for their support of the Troop's partnership with Court #2731.

Future manna bag dates:

Evenings at 7 p.m.: Monday's April 8, May 6 and June 3

Thursday's at 3 p.m.: April 18, May 16 and June 13

We continue to deliver cereal for Hope Center's pantry. If you can, bring a box to any CDA monthly meeting, or to one of the manna bag assembly dates, or if in between just drop it off at the Office and mention it is for CDA/Hope Center. We deliver cereal boxes with each manna bag delivery to Hope Center.

Another no-cost item, is wrapped plastic cutlery distributed with take-out meals---if you do not use the cutlery, Hope Center can sure use them to add to manna bags that do not contain cutlery---all of our manna bags contain wrapped cutlery, wet wipes and a napkin. Bring your unused but saved wrapped cutlery to any CDA monthly meeting or manna bag assembly for delivery with our manna bags to Hope Center.



July 2024-June 2025 manna bag assembly dates will be communicated once our room reservation request is processed—stay tuned!!!





"Give something, however small to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could." - St Gregory Nazianzen

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Mass cards:

Mass cards are always available at the meetings and at Community Weekends, the fee is **\$3.00**. Mass cards can be used for celebrating just about anything! Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, illness, intentions, and many more! The Texas State Chaplain remembers the intentions listed in the Mass enrollments on the 1st Friday of each month. The recipients are enrolled for a period of one year. When you enroll a loved one, you are not only giving them the gift of prayer, but also contributing to the Scholarship Fund! **Last year you raised \$100,000!!!**



If you are not able to attend the Community Weekend or a Monthly meeting, but would like to purchase a Mass card (s), please send an email to cda2731masscards@gmail.com, with mass card requests and/or questions.

What We've Been Up To:

Pre-National Convention meeting in preparation for the National Convention August 14-18, 2024 in New Orleans, LA. 2 Delegates, 4 Alternates are attending, as well as 10 additional court members.



Spring Break Trip, March 9-11 - Maggie Zanco



Spending time with my son, Sammy, who lives in Weslaco, TX



Inside the Basilica of San Juan, TX



This is on the outside of the Basilica of San Juan, TX.



The most inspirational church that I have been too.

In the picture is my dad, Josie and I.

Visiting family in McAllen, TX

A Little Note from Newsletter Editor:



Well, we have a new driver in the house! At least he is just permitted for now, so we have a whole year before we will be really scared! Spring has not been very snowy here this year, which is not normal, so we are praying for no drought and fires this Summer... Hope you are all doing well, and hope to see you all soon!



Fish Fry's

Fish Fry's were well attended... the number of participants were well into the 100s. Our court donated 100s of desserts. We could not have been successful without the members who set the desserts on the tables, manned the tables, and stayed to help serve. Our sisters were so helpful!

Everyone loved the desserts, the pies went especially well!

Chocolate chips seem to be a favorite!

See you next year!



Fish Fry with St Patrick's Day Theme!



We had so much fun making St Patrick's Day themed desserts and decorating!



"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me." - St Patrick



WORDS OF
WISDOM



From Sue

Life's Little Instructions

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.

Look a person in the eye when you talk to them.

Watch a sunrise or sunset at least once a year, and then God you can see His beauty.

Commit yourself to constant improvement.

Say "thank you" and "please" a lot.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

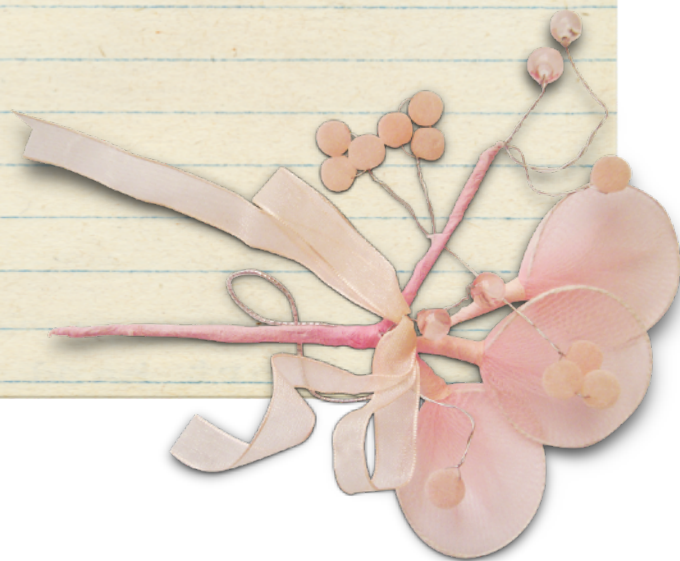
Be there when people need you.

Don't be afraid to say, "I made a mistake."

Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know."

Count your blessings...every day.

Author unknown.





Texas News and Events

See **Lone Star Messenger** MARCH 2024 Edition below:

[March 2024 Lone Star](#)

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."



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Texas State Court, Organized 1917

Where
God guides,
He provides
EST. 1917



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

This year, we are selling Wreaths Across America all year! Please see link to donate:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0739P



Save the Date

54th Biennial Texas State Convention

April 23 -27, 2025

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

Events Coming Up:

Please keep District Deputy #47 Paulette Fay and her family in your prayers. Her mother, Rose Louise (Ricciadi) Vanecek, passed away on March 21, 2024, at the age of 92.

Eternal rest grant unto Rose, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Funeral Services

The visitation will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024, starting at 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM with the rosary at 7:00 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. The funeral mass will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton followed by graveside services at the Sinton Cemetery.

For the obituary details..

www.ritcheagonzalesfuneralhome.com



Our District is scheduled for April 27th., to provide breakfast for the volunteers.

- Casseroles
- Fruit
- Juice
- Water
- Paper Goods - covered

We will serve at 9:30 am, more information to come!



*You are cordially invited
to attend the 110th celebration
of
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #234
Houston, Tx
on
Saturday April 20, 2024*

*Our celebration will begin with 9am Mass
at
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St Joseph Parkway
Houston, TX 77002
Our celebrant is Reverend Steven Tran, C.Ss.R*

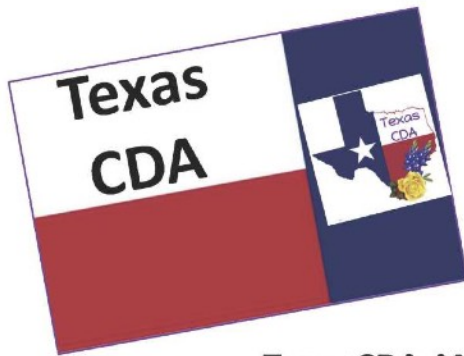
*Reception following Mass at
Cathedral Centre
1701 San Jacinto, 3rd floor
Houston, Tx 77002*

Mass Procession: Officers: Whites and Robes

"Unity and Charity"

*Please RSVP to Teresa Cuevas, at:
(713) 376-5813
or
cuevast@sbcglobal.net*





Texas CDA AND Houston Astros
Sharing a Faith in God
AND A



PASSION FOR WHAT WE DO!

Houston Astros vs Minnesota Twins
June 1, 2024 3:10 PM

Game Tickets are ready- **ORDER NOW!**

Available thru May 15th!

Below is your link. Please feel free to begin promoting our event.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Catholicdaughters>

Purchase tickets sooner than later.

Questions? Or for help:

Dela Garza 832-724-2000 garzadela1965@yahoo.com

All Astros Tickets are delivered via MLB Ballpark
app: <https://www.mlb.com/astros/tickets/mobile>

How to forward tickets (help those who don't do computers) :

<https://www.mlb.com/astros/tickets/mobile/ticket-forwarding>

Game tickets: Field box tickets \$84 View Deck \$41

INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, CDA SISTERS, WORK ASSOCIATES – EVERYONE WELCOME!



National News

Legislation:

The USCCB's president and the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities [announced a nationwide invitation to prayer](#).

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

When:

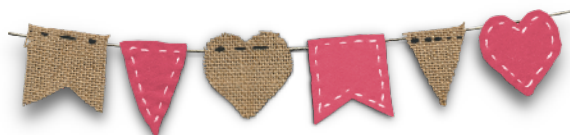
Beginning Monday, March 25 and continuing through June, when a decision is expected. The prayer is below.

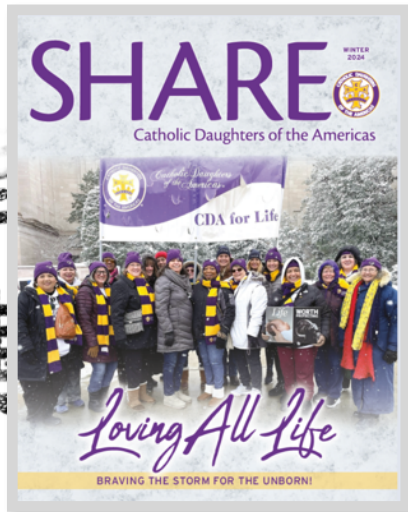
Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

YSIC,
Beth Hutton





Share Winter 2024



National Quarterly



Birthdays:

April

- Apr 13 - Ann Malloy
- Apr 13 - Gizelle Williams
- Apr 23 - Mary Jane Brewster
- Apr 25 - Sade Effiong
- Apr 26 - Lillian Kainer
- Apr 27 - Joyce Taylor Smith
- Apr 27 - Rita Thomason
- Apr 29 - Priscilla Hargraves
- Apr 29 - Suellyn Sweeney

May

- May 12 - Mary Jane Johnson
- May 13 - Cathy Baratti
- May 18 - Ramona Scarlett
- May 22 - Vicky Simental
- May 29 - Karen Doolittle
- May 30 - Josie Zanco

June

- Jun 5 - Maggie Zanco
- Jun 6 - Missy Landry
- Jun 7 - Diana Samson
- Jun 9 - Janet Beall
- Jun 13 - Gloria Riley
- Jun 17 - Dawn Leal
- Jun 25 - Lorena Ortiz
- Jun 27 - Ellie Peterson

Anniversaries:

April

- Apr 21 - Mary Jane Johnson
- Apr 28 - Yvette Gonzalez
- Apr 29 - Diana Samson
- Apr 30 - Tracey Perez

May

- May 1 - Jean Sanfelippo
- May 4 - Mary Jane Brewster
- May 6 - Candice Tyrrell
- May 13 - Christina F Tokarski
- May 28 - Magdalena Barrera
- May 31 - Marla Clancy

June

- Jun 3 - Sheryl Andrews
- Jun 5 - Lori Maldonado
- Jun 8 - Jackie Vail
- Jun 12 - Peggy O'Neil
- Jun 13 - Quetzy Reyes
- Jun 16 - Ramona Scarlett



Court Calendar, 2nd Quarter 2024:

April 2024

4–Regular business meeting (annual budget due) (slate of officer nominations presented to group)

6–Easter Eggstravaganza **SUG**

8–Financial Review/Officers’ meeting

11–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows

13/14–Community Weekend **SUG**

18–Manna bag assembly (3:00 Social Hall)



May 2024

2–Regular business meeting (voting on annual budget) (voting on slate of nominations)

3–Cahill Golf Classic **SUG**

9–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows

11/12–Mother’s Day, distribute baby bottles at all Masses **SUG**

11/12–Community Weekend **SUG**

16–Manna bag assembly (3:00 Social Hall)

June 2024

6–Regular business meeting (new officers take office)

8/9–Community Weekend **SUG**

13–CDA Court Rosary, 6PM at the Marian Windows

15/16–Father’s Day, collect baby bottles at all Masses **SUG**

13–Manna bag assembly (3:00 Social Hall)

