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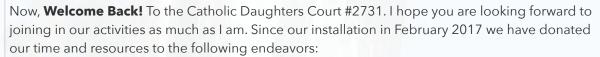
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Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Welcome back!

I pray you have had a restful, peaceful, and spiritual summer!



Recruited numerous members to chair and participate in various committees, e.g. Standing Rules, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Sunshine, Spiritual Enhancement, Scrapbook, The Spirit Newsletter, CDA website, Legislative, Membership, Budget, and Financial Review.

In June 2018, The Spirit newsletter received First Place in our division in the statewide newsletter contest!

Also, in June 2018, our Mass card sales placed us First in our division for our contributions to the Memorial Scholarship Fund!

We have had spiritual enhancement presentations at meetings by our Spiritual Enhancement chairman and our chaplain;

Participated in the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays by donating dessert items and providing Mass Cards;

Donated desserts and volunteers for Knights of Columbus Crawfish Boil;

Provided Mass cards at a number of Community weekends;

For the Fall Festival, CDA members provided over \$350.00 worth of gift cards for the silent auction, in addition to providing information and Mass cards at our CDA booth;



Had a t-shirt sale, so members would have a t-shirt with the CDA logo to wear at functions;

Monthly Hope Center Ministry, including manna bag preparation, and other needed donations. This ministry has provided a large monetary contribution from our members, as well as, volunteer hours;

Members prepared meals and helped serve at several ACTS return luncheons;

One of the organizations to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent;

Assisted at the 40th anniversary celebration of CGS and Fr. James' 25th anniversary;

Attended the Houston Catholic Women's Conference on March 3rd;

Participated in the National organization's program: Read Across America. Sorted and donated books to develop the Little Free Library at CGS, donated books to Our Lady of Guadalupe School, and donated books to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center for use by their clients.

Learned how to make cord rosaries;

Donated one hundred rosaries and "How to Pray the Rosary" pamphlets to the VA Medical Center for their clients.

I am sure there are some activities I have missed. How many have you missed? We have only been a CDA court since February 5, 2017, but during this time, we have developed wonderful friendships and have accomplished quite a lot. So, if you have been unable to participate for any reason, I am giving you a personal invitation to attend a meeting, read The Spirit newsletter, or check the website, http://catholicdaughters2731.com. In this way, you will know what your CDA court is doing and plan to join us whenever you can in the coming year! We look forward to seeing you!



"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Roman 15:7



Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

Returning to the Basics of Faith – The Mystical Holy Trinity

As we come back from vacations, our summer rest and slowed activities, it is time for us to reestablish our lives and our union with our God and His people. In

a short time, we will be launching the "Holiday Season", as it is now called, with its stressful and sometimes overwhelming expectations. But, we have time to prepare ourselves as we prepare with our God of presence, peace and love. To do that, we simply revisit our faith and the mystery of our God.

First, we affirm our knowledge that God is <u>infinitely</u> beyond our human understanding and perception. God manifests God's appearance at key times in history through a *cloud*, from which he has allowed his voice to be heard. For example, Numbers 11:25 records that, "The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses." And, at Jesus' Transfiguration, "a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him'" (Mt 17:5).

The ultimate manifestation of God to humanity is Jesus Christ – Who is God. Jesus is the Eternal Word, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God Himself come to earth. Jesus, the Christ, assumed a human nature, so we might literally see the face of God and hear God's voice. And, that manifestation is continually experienced every time we are so blessed to participate in the celebration of Sacred Mass.

God's will, from the beginning, has been to form a people for himself; yet, when mankind abandoned God, God never abandon mankind. Over many centuries, God patiently developed a chosen people, sharing with them the divine wisdom of his precepts (e.g., Ps 19:8-14). And, when the time was right, God the Father sent God the Son, to complete his work of redemption and the formation of a people peculiarly his own.

Baptized into the Body of Christ, we are now co-heirs, with Christ, of the Kingdom of God.

My sisters, during our earthly journey, we are meant to be about our Master's work. For this reason, God sent the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. The Spirit is here, ever present, to help us follow Christ, speak His message to others, and to live holy lives like the Lord Himself.

To be like Christ and to live for Him means choosing to live by the Spirit, and not by the flesh:

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God (Rm 8:13-14).

May we always be led by the Holy Spirit; bring presence, respect the disadvantaged, feed the hungry, treat others justly, love as Jesus loved and see and hear the face and voice of the Living God as we, the Mystical Body of Christ show those in need the Kingdom of God.

Peace!





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Welcome back! I am very excited to continue publishing the newsletter. As our Regent stated, our newsletter won 1st place in our division in the State Competition and 2nd place in the National competition. It was truly wonderful to be recognized for all our hard work! For a charter court, we accomplished a lot last year. I know this year will even be better! I hope you all had a great summer. We are still loving it here in CO, but I hope to see you all very soon!



Mass Cards Committee:

The fee for Mass cards is \$5.00. 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.

Mass cards are always available at the meetings.



Opportunities! Needs a Chair and/or committee members:

- PUBLICITY Chairperson, plus 1-2 members
- **CIRCLE OF LOVE** Chairperson, plus members

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

"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." - Romans 12:13

Circle of Love:



During the months of July and August our Court continued to provide Manna Bags to 1960 Hope Center and during August we included peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. 1960 Hope Center is the main charitable project of CCGS #2731!

With July being the middle of summer and Hope Center unsure of how to deal with sandwiches, a small team of members gathered in the Social Hall at CGS on Thursday July 19th. Patrice Hampton, Peggy O'Neil and two granddaughters, Mary Giles, Mary Roberts, Katherine Lee and Karen Doolittle provided items needed and/or time to assemble 50 Manna Bags. The task was accomplished in record time, less than a half hour following thirty minutes or so of set up. Bags were delivered on Friday morning for their distribution that afternoon or later.

In August Hope Center recommended if we provide sandwiches to keep them separate from the Manna Bags, so on August 16th another team of members met to assemble bags and make sandwiches. Mary Giles, Mary Roberts, Katherine Lee, Maria Vitucci, Marieanne Suarez, Charlotte Prieve, Priscilla Hargraves, Jo Alice Street and Karen Doolittle donated items and/or time to assemble 50 Manna Bags and make 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Two assembly lines were created and we had everything cleaned up, loaded into vehicles in just over an hour with thirty minutes of set up beforehand.

A few months ago we had a fairly good inventory of items for Manna Bags however we have worked that down to almost nothing. Going forward our items needed for Manna Bags and sandwiches will increase. If you would like to do your own shopping but cannot deliver the items, there will always be a phone number and email contact of a person or two who will gladly pickup your items and that will be noted each month in an email. If you want to shop and help assemble, you are always welcome, however the maximum number of people to assemble is limited to 6-8, otherwise it is an overloaded process.

We look forward to continuing this project going forward and pray for fundraising dollars to help cover the expense of items contained in the Manna Bags.



BENJAMIN TOUPS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY - *Gizelle Williams*

Benjamin Toups, who is working on his Eagle Scout rank, built the Little Free Library. Little Free Library will be used by both children enrolled in the parish Pre-School and

Nursery programs as well as others that are involved in the Parish. It is located near the children's playground and will be stocked with age appropriate books in both English and Spanish languages. (Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in the Boy Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America. Only 4% of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review



process.) He is also planning a book drive to collect books for this project and any excess books will be contributed to the local Barbara Bush Library Book Collection since it was destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. If you are wanting to donate children's new and gently used books, or make a monetary donation, please send an email to Benjamin Toups, bctoups915@gmail.com or call 832-499-9822.





New Officer Spotlight



Mary Roberts is our court's Recording Secretary for 2018-2020. This month, we are featuring her. Please read her Bio. Congratulations Mary!

Hi, my name is Mary Roberts and I am the recording secretary for the court. Happy to say I am a charter member of our court and the first time I have been associated with Catholic Daughters. Since I retired I was looking for an organization that I could get involved with. So glad the Catholic Daughters have organized at Christ the Good Shepherd.

All the ladies I have worked with are so very kind and willing to help in our church and community.

I am married to James Roberts and this year we celebrated forty seven (47) years of marriage. We have three wonderful sons, Michael, married to Rebecca. They have two beautiful sons; River (8) and Griffin (2). Our middle son, Mark is married to Amy. Our youngest son, Jason, is single.

I still have my Mom who will be 94 years young this September. So blessed that my sisters and I were able to recently take a trip to New York City to celebrate her upcoming birthday, so many wonderful memories.

I worked in retail for 50 plus years. I spent 25 years at an Ace Hardware store in the Aldine area. In 1990 we moved to West Virginia where I started working at Lowe's Home Improvement center.

We were members of Assumption Catholic Church until our move to West Virginia where we joined Holy Trinity Catholic Church located in Nitro. After our move back to Spring, Texas in 1997, we became members of Christ the Good Shepherd. I have served the church in various ministries throughout the years. I was involved with the PTA, the Cub and Boy Scouts and Little York Volunteer Fire Department.

I am very happy to be a part of the Catholic Daughters at Christ the Good Shepherd. I feel like I have already made some good friends. I'm looking forward to a great year and I hope everyone get involved. We have so many exciting activities planned for our upcoming year. It will be a pleasure to work with each of my Catholic Daughter sisters.

"Whoever serves me must follow me: and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." - John 12:26



How our CDA sisters spent their summer!

After being 'off' this summer, we decided to feature some of our summer trips. I hope you enjoy reading the summaries/seeing the pictures as much as I did!



Patrice Hampton

I had an amazing trip to Medjugorje from 7/27-8/7 and despite a really bad fall coming down Apparition Hill, I escaped without a broken bone & my head in tact! Had massively huge & deep contusions I am recovering from, but two days after the fall & horrendous pain all over, I walked without my knee brace & climbed the mountain again! A beautiful & spiritual place of our beloved Blessed Mother, her Son & the Holy Spirit. We were there for Youth Fest as well - over 60,00 attendees plus 573 priests representing 74 countries & over million following on social media ... no security!! What an incredible experience & amazing journey!!



























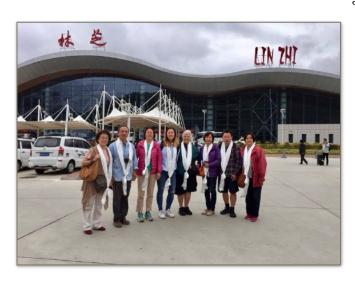


"I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God." -Blessed Virgin Mary appearing in Medjugorje



Karen Doolittle

Was privileged and blessed to spend three weeks in China including nine days in Tibet in June, returning home July 5th. Visited friends who are family, at least we all consider each other as family, in Beijing. While in Beijing walked along the Great Wall (below, pic 1) at Badaling Gate and visited the Performing Arts Center which was built after my last visit. After our return from Tibet we visited the Olympic Park, Temple of Heaven



and 798 Art Project. Went to Shanghai for a quick visit with family there, then on to Chengdu. While there visited the Giant Panda Reserve which is very cool! Saw lots of Giant Pandas at various stages of life. Next was Linzhi Tibet where our total family group gathered. There were eight of us in total, six born in China and five of those now American citizens, one born in America of Chinese born parents and me, the only odd-looking person in the group! After a few days in Linzhi we drove to Lhasa home of the magnificent Potala Palace (below, pics 3 and 4) and former home of the Dali Lama. In Lhasa we visited the Potala Palace, Drepung Monastery, Zaki Temple, Ramoche Temple, Jokhang Temple, Norbulingka Garden or Summer Palace and Sera Monastery. We did an additional

overnight in Shigatse where we visited Tashilhunpo Monastery, and on the way visited Palcho Monastery. Our last day we visited Namso Lake a long drive from Lhasa and at one of the mountain passes where we walked around it was sleeting and we were above 17,000'.











Sue Denning

I have been asked to write in the Senior newsletter at Woodhaven here in Flint, Michigan. The messages must be positive and God-related.

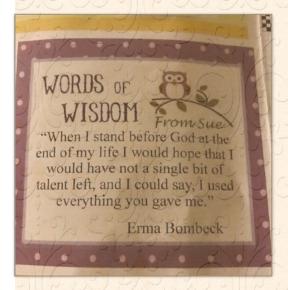
The following are the 3 that I submitted and were printed. My September will not be printed until August 31. I submitted 2 one on the ABC's of Life and another on Grandmothers since September 9 is Grandparent's day.

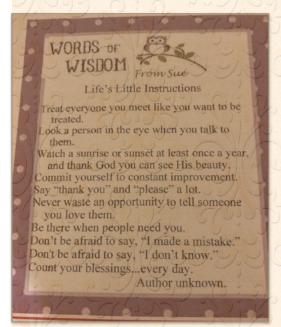
I miss being at CDA meetings and the opportunity to serve at Hope center, make lunches, etc.

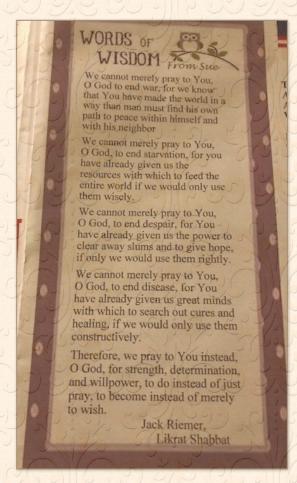
I'm getting more involved at my parish in Flushing.

June

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August



My husband and I are so very blessed that we got to visit the UK and Ireland with this great bunch of friends. Our tour leader was Father Rafael Becerra out of Saint Rose. We had mass and said the rosary very day, it was a very spiritual trip. We also renewed our marriage vows in Ireland. Trip of a lifetime for sure.





Priscilla Hargraves

As many of you know, my daughter Gizelle and her family moved to Castle Rock, Colorado in July 2017. So, for our summer vacation our older daughter Michelle and granddaughter Paula, Pawpaw (Deacon Dub), and I drove to Colorado to visit them.

Needless to say, we had a wonderful time. Castle Rock is south of Denver, but much higher at about 6200' elevation. It is a pretty area with a really cute downtown, with all kinds of shops to explore, family run cafes/ restaurants, and mountains to view (notice I did not say "climb"). We took the easy walk to view Castlewood Canyon (below, pics 1 (with the Bridge to Nowhere) & 2), which is a mini version of Palo Dura or the Grand Canyon but was a neat place to see, close to Castle Rock. We spent a couple of days at their cabin which is over 9000' elevation. It is located between the Wet Mountains and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains (below, pic 3). We saw awesome views, but I was happy we made the trip in the summer! Mass on Sunday was at St. Francis of Assisi which is on a high promontory overlooking the mountains beyond and the valley below (last 3 pics). They have the Stations of the Cross going down the side of the mountain with a foot path to walk to each one. It is truly beautiful and inspirational!

The best of all though was just getting to be with our family: Gizelle, Jason, Caleb, and Colton!

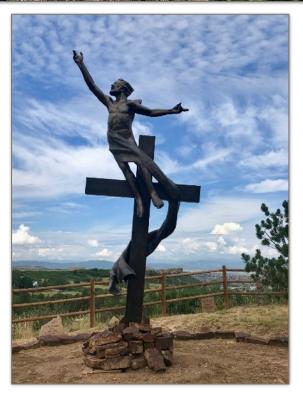












"In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land." - Psalms 95: 4-5

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Gizelle Williams

We titled our Summer vacation 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles 2018'. We boarded the 'Denver to Chicago' train out of Union Station. We had sleeping rooms, and that is all there was room for. The whole room was the size of a twin bed! From Chicago, we drove a rental car to Cleveland OH, where we stayed the night, on Lake Erie. The next morning, we drove to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls (one more country in the passport!). It was awesome! We met Jason's Mom there, and toured the town. Took a boat tour of the falls and got VERY wet! The next afternoon, we drove to Pultneyville, NY, (below, pics 3 & 4) where she lives. It is on Lake Ontario and is a gorgeous little town. Orchards everywhere. While there, we toured the Eastman Kodak Mansion in Rochester, saw more falls in Rochester (next page, pic 5), Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, saw some locks on the Erie Canal, toured Syracuse University (pic 6), saw even more falls at Letchworth State Park (on Seneca Lake, one of the 'finger lakes'), and ate at some delicious local cafes and lakeside restaurants. Then flew back to Denver, via a quick stop in Chicago. It was a great trip!









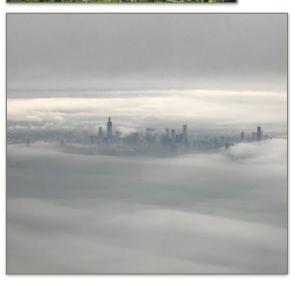






"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun." - Ecclesiastes 8:15







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My summer vacation was spent with my two daughters and their families. I've added a grandson and a set of twins (boy and girl). With one previous granddaughter, I now have four. I look forward to Christmas being quite entertaining. Also had a great family reunion twice this year. Got to see my brother's fraternal twin set of boys.

Local News

The Lone Star Messenger has published a Summer 2018 Edition. Check out the link to ready it: http://www.texascda.org/Newsletter/2018/State%20Newsletter%20-%20Summer%202018.pdf

Texas CDA website: http://www.texascda.org/#loaded

Texas CDA Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/groups/texascda/



National News

Legislation:

Posted on usccb.org. Part of the Take Action on Human Life Action. This week is Week Four: Novena for Life

http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/novena-for-the-legal-protection-of-human-life-august-24-2018.cfm

Roe's extreme abortion license is not widely supported.

Abortion advocates claim that *Roe* enjoys broad public support and some recent polls seem to provide evidence for this claim. But most polls don't explain *Roe*'s extreme abortion license and some misrepresent it. For example, a 2016 Pew Research Center poll claims 69% of Americans favor *Roe v. Wade* and 28% oppose it. But the poll wrongly describes *Roe* as establishing "a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy." The fact is, *Roe* made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.²

The vast majority of Americans oppose the policy of nearly unlimited abortion dictated by *Roe*, and most believe abortion should not be legal for the reasons it is most often performed. A June 2018 Gallup poll shows that 72% of Americans said abortion should be illegal in the second trimester and 87% said abortion should be illegal in the last trimester.³ A 2018 Marist poll shows that 51% of women said abortion should never be permitted (9%) or permitted only in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life (42%).⁴

So why do polls show a majority of Americans favoring *Roe v. Wade*? Because they don't really know what *Roe* did.

"I call Heaven and Earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." - Deuteronomy 30:19

Gather Together!

SAVE THE DATE

CDA National Regent's Reception

Honoring Olga Samaniego, Newly Installed National Regent 2018-2020
Saturday, September 15, 2018
San Antonio, Texas

Mass: 5:30 PM - St. Matthew Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road

Reception/Dinner: 7:00 PM - Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, 9821 Colonnade Blvd.

Meal Reservations: \$45.00 Meal Ticket (information is listed below)

Hotel Reservations: Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade

Room Rates: Single and Double \$119.00 (Deadline August 10, 2018)

Use the following customized web link for room reservations:

https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/sanantonio/meetings/cda-newly-elected-national-regent-2018 Or call Omni Reservations at 1-800-THE-OMNI and refer to "2018 Newly Elected National Regent".

Hosted by Texas State Court

Eve Trevino, Texas State Chairman for National Events (361-658-8553 / cdaevetrevino@gmail.com)

(Please fill out and return this portion with your *check. Deadline is August 10, 2018) **Preferably a Court check, but personal checks will be accepted. Make check payable to: CDA Texas State Court and mail to: Eve Trevino, Texas State Chairman for National Events 1102 Delta Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412		
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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."



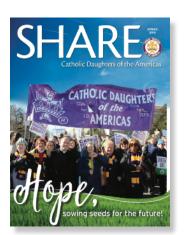
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Click link below to see the Spring issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

http://www.catholicdaughters.org/assets/Share/Share_2018_04.pdf

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



National June 2018 Newsletter:

http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2018_06/ QuarterlyNewsletter_June2018.pdf

National CDA Website: www.catholicdaughters.org

"How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation and says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" - Isaiah 52:7



Payers of the Month



September, 2018 Dedicated to: Our Lady of Sorrows

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to her feast day on September 15. the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

Note from Mary Jane:

In September a number of years back, I was overseas, down, in a bad place, and not knowing where to turn. I started to pray, and then I found the Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows. I prayed the Novena, and the rosary every day (unusual for me back then). Within a week and a half, I had a major event in my life that almost took me down. I know that if I hadn't been praying the Novena and the rosary, I would never have been able to handle it. I believe that Jesus sent His mother to me to get me ready for what I had to go through. I still feel like it was miracle gift from God when I needed it the most.

Dates to Remember

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CDA Calendar for September 2018

September 6 - 7pm - Monthly Court Meeting

September 8 - 6:30pm- Community Weekend

September 9 - 10 & 11:45am Community Weekend

September 20 - 4pm - Prepare Manna Bags for Hope Center

September 21 - 9am - Deliver Manna Bags to Hope Center

September 30 - 9am - Traveling Crucifix, Mass

**Community Weekend - CDA is a highlighted ministry and will be giving out information about CDA and providing mass cards to those who wish to purchase.

