



Issue 18

# THE SPIRIT

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## Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Hello all! I pray you are well and acclimating to 2019!

February is an important month for our court: this is our anniversary month! Our court was installed on February 5, 2017. So, we will celebrate two years of unity and charity as a Catholic Daughters Court on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a short meeting and social time. Hopefully, everyone will be able to attend.

We should all be proud that as members of the Catholic Daughters in Texas, we are part of 16,500 members in 246 courts! We also celebrate Olga Samaniego who is from Texas as our National Regent! Texas Catholic women represent a strong CDA presence of which to be proud!

I encourage all members to go to the National, State, and local websites to learn more about our organization. The sites are always posted in "The Spirit".

Also, I encourage everyone who comes to a meeting to bring a friend or two. Our meetings are open to all Catholic women. We welcome new members who want to join us in our mission to serve others through unity and charity.

Don't forget Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>, but at the same time, let's be thankful for our loved ones every day of the year!

May our Blessed Lord grant you love, peace, and health throughout this month!

XOXO





## Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

### February – The Month dedicated to the Holy Family

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the model of the Christian family.

This year the entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope and everlasting or eternity, is also the color of the sprouting seed and arouses the feeling of renewal and harvest as we see new life sprouting forth from the desolate soil. It is also a time of hope as we move toward a new season filled with more light, more profound colors and a time of renewed energy as we emerge from our winter time of hibernation. It is our time to arise and move toward the time of lent and the resurrection.

During this time of change, the Feast of the Presentation (February 2) is a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

Although the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)!

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

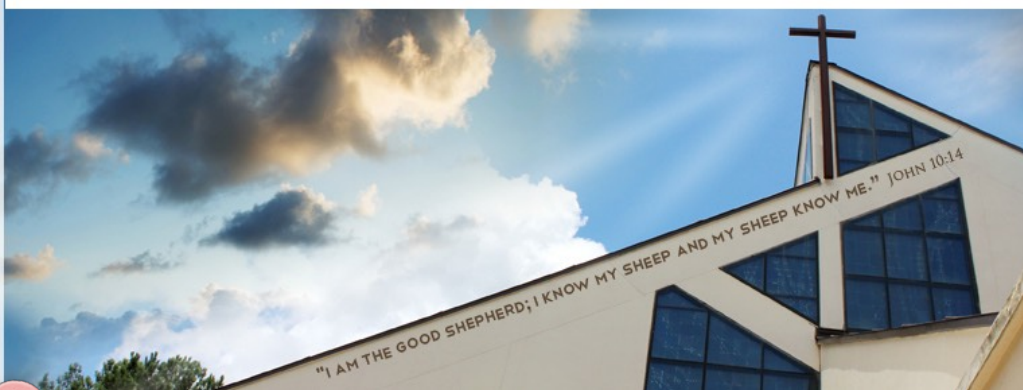
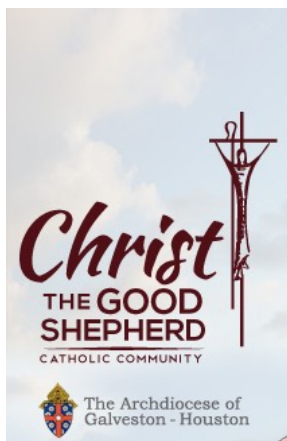
"The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until it leads us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 6) and put ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent; fasting, prayer, almsgiving – laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Blessed Mother, Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.

Ideally, the members of the domestic church should try to have the candles for their home altar blessed on Candlemas Day (February 2nd); and the next morning, on the Feast of St. Blaise, all might receive the blessing of the throats. Always a solicitous Mother, the Church offers these sacramentals during the wintry month of February, and also sets aside the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

May the Lord bless you and your Families on this month of the Holy Family.

Don. "Dub"





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## Court News!

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St. Valentine! Although not a lot is known about St. Valentine, we do believe he was imprisoned and martyred by Rome's emperor Claudius II, for marrying Christian couples. Before he was martyred, it is believed he restored sight to Judge Asterius's blind daughter, by putting his hands on her eyes. St. Valentine was a faithful Christian, refusing to renounce his faith and was therefore executed because of this strong faith on February 14, 269. Now, we celebrate his faith as well as 'couple's on his day of execution. Happy Valentine's Day!

### Mass Cards Committee:

The fee for Mass cards is \$2.50. This is your opportunity to give the gift of prayer, as well as contribute to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please contact Peggy O'neil, 281-440-0286, or email at [cda2731masscards@gmail.com](mailto: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
- ✦ **SCRAPBOOK** - Chairperson, plus members

## Circle of Love:

### 1960 HOPE CENTER - Karen Doolittle

Another successful Manna Bag assembly and PBJ sandwich making!! Thanks to the generous donations from the children and families of Religious Studies at Congregation Jewish Community North and our own CDA Sisters we had an abundance of food items for the Manna Bags. We were able to use the Social Hall and set up and organized the assembly line as donations arrived and prepare the sandwich making tables. Prepare you might ask, yes, we cover the tables with plastic wrap from end to end and edge to edge. This assures us the surface is clean for the bread to be laid out, plus if and when peanut butter or jelly does not hit the bread, our clean up is easy! We have a jumbo box of plastic wrap from Restaurant Supply and it is wider than most plastic wraps and will last for quite some time.

The weekend of preparation was the bitter cold weekend we had and Hope Center was open over the weekend so their clients could be in a warm area day and night. Friday night they were outside so the Manna Bags gave them sustenance until noon on Saturday when they were served a hot meal at Hope Center.

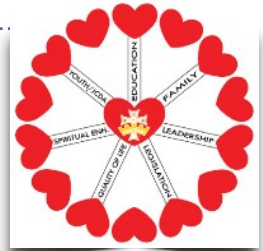


A few clients helped unload and there were broad smiles and words of "yum, these sandwiches smell so good, cannot wait to taste them".

The joy we see on their faces is so worth what we all are able to do for them. These folks are so grateful for what we do to help them regain their lives.

February will again be a 3 p.m. start on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. This is also the send off day for the Spanish Women's ACTS Retreat, so we will be in the Social Hall but done before they arrive for their sendoff. We look forward to seeing as many that can help on that Thursday.

Your generous donations of food items and time is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

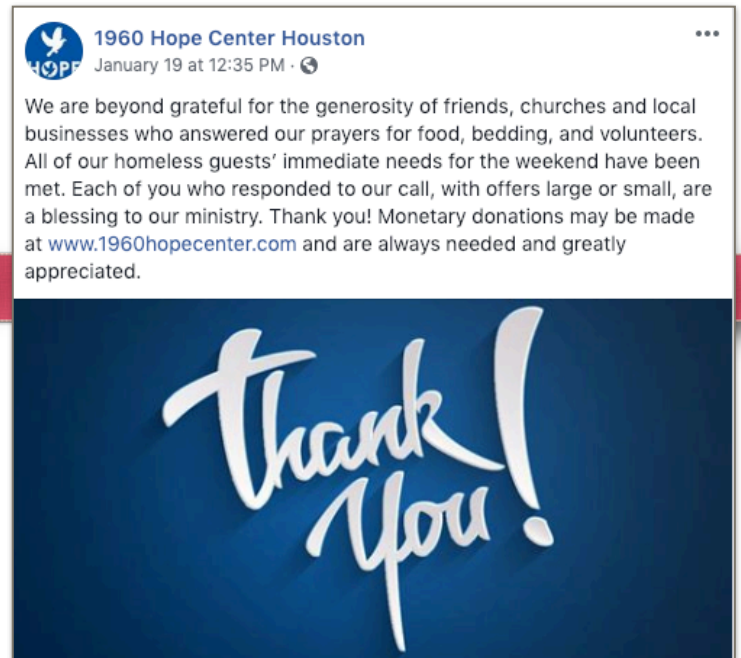


'A good tree, that is, a good heart as well as a soul on fire with charity, can do nothing but good and holy works.' - St. Angela





\*Editor note: You can follow 1960 Hope Center Houston on Facebook to receive updates and see pictures of all the generous groups helping this wonderful organization. [Facebook/1960hopecenter](https://www.facebook.com/1960hopecenter)



#### **SOUTHWEST LITURGICAL CONFERENCE UPDATE -** *Gizelle Williams*

The Southwest Liturgical Conference held their annual Study Week in Houston, January 23-26, 2019. This year's theme was 'Encountering the Sacred: Beauty and the Liturgy'. Addresses were provided by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, Bishop Steven Lopes and Sr. Rosemary Esseff. You can go to this link to read their messages: <https://www.swlc.org/galveston-houston-2019>



Each year the Board of Director presents The Faithful Servant Award to recognize outstanding contributions to the work of liturgical renewal in the region. This year our own pastor, Fr. James Burkart was honored with this award. Congratulations Fr. James and Thank You for all you do!!





## DUTCH MILL BULBS FUNDRAISER

We have had a very successful start to our Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser! We sold at the community Weekend, when we first started and last weekend, in which we received a number of orders from parishioners. We will continue our fundraiser through the month of February, at community weekend after all the masses, Feb 23 and 24 after all the masses and online. (for Online orders: <https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=cdacgs2731> )

All orders and money must be turned in by February 25th. Anyone who can help, we would love to see you come out and provide assistance! You will have the opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and we will all have beautiful gardens this Summer!



## Events:

Our Court's 2nd Anniversary is February 7, 2019! We will attend mass, followed by a short meeting and a Social. Please plan to attend!



1st Anniversary, February 2018

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. - Colossians 3:14







Court Installation - February 2017

Jim McIngvale (also known as Mattress Mack) will be speaking at CGS on May 6, 2019 at 7pm. He will be talking about "Unity in Community". All religious communities in the surrounding area will be invited, so please plan to attend, and bring a friend! Priscilla Hargraves, Regent, is asking members to please consider helping with this function.



'How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live  
together in unity! - Psalms  
133:1



An opportunity to help out our neighbor!

**CJCN 2019 FUNdraiser Night**  
**featuring Mentalism & Magical Illusion**  
**with Eric Anderson**  
**Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Check-in starts at 6:45**  
**Congregation Jewish Community North**  
**5400 Fellowship Lane, Spring, 77379**

**Tickets purchased BY 1/25/2019**  
**\$30 General Admission \* \$40 Preferred Seating (limited availability)**

**Tickets purchased AFTER 1/25/2019**  
**\$36 General Admission (If available)**

**To purchase tickets online, visit [goo.gl/g9wCPk](http://goo.gl/g9wCPk)**  
**NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13**

**A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Family Violence Center  
 at Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)**  
 For more information contact [FUNdraising@cjcn.org](mailto:FUNdraising@cjcn.org)

**AS SEEN ON...**    

**What people have said about ERIC ANDERSON:**

**"Oh my gosh, it gave me chills"**

**"Eric will leave you mystified  
 and questioning your 5 senses..."**

**"After all the raucous laughter has subsided,  
 you will leave his show muttering to your friends:  
 How in the heck did he do that?"**




The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,  
 and his soul hates him that loves  
 violence. - Psalms 11:5





## State News

The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a **Winter 2019 Edition**. Check out the link to read it: <http://www.texasda.org/Newsletter/2019>

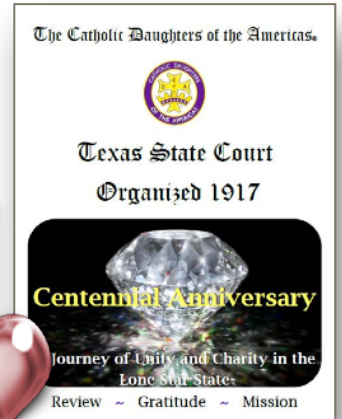
**\*\*The deadline for State Contests is March 1, 2019**

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

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

To purchase: *The Diamond Anniversary Texas CDA History Book, "A Journey of Unity and Charity in the Lone Star State", compiled by T. Vacek, April 2017, for \$15. This 145-page book contains the legacy of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Texas from 1903 through the next eleven decades.*

TEXAS STATE COURT SALES - Carolyn Ritchey, State Secretary,  
[musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com](mailto:musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com)



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
TEXAS STATE COURT

## 51ST BIENNIAL CDA STATE CONVENTION

MAY 2-5, 2019

McAllen Convention Center  
McAllen, Texas



If you are interested in attending the State CDA convention in McAllen May 2-5, 2019, please attend the meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>! Attending the convention is an excellent way to learn more about the Catholic Daughters, become more involved as a member, and meet a whole lot of Catholic women who are excited about their faith and to be Catholic Daughters. The convention opens with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle. This is a beautiful pilgrimage site in our own state!

Our court is allowed 3 delegates and 6 alternates. We will be voting on these delegates at the February meeting. If you are interested in being a delegate or an alternate, please come to the February meeting and voice your opinion!

This will be an educational and fun trip! Please plan on joining us!

## National News

Please see flyer for the France Pilgrimage for important dates There is still time to book this trip.

**12 day France Pilgrimage:** [https://www.catholicdaughters.org/events/Pilgrimage/2019\\_CDA\\_Pilgrimage\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.catholicdaughters.org/events/Pilgrimage/2019_CDA_Pilgrimage_flyer.pdf)



Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Court is holding a competition for the court who adds the most membership. Please see flyer:

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

## WE'RE KICKING UP OUR HEELS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP!

**Announcing a new Court & State Competition**  
 Alright ladies, it's recruitment time so kick up your heels and recruit new sisters! Remember, whether she wears flats, tennis shoes, flip flops or high heels, Catholic Daughters is for ALL ladies!

From August 2018 until June, 2020, Catholic Daughters of the Americas is offering a special incentive for all states and courts to develop new courts and recruit new members! There will be special prizes for all courts and states who participate and give recruitment their all.

<b>Prizes for Courts who add the most membership:</b> 1st Place - \$200 2nd Place - \$150 3rd Place - \$100 Category 1: 1-75 members Category 2: 76-150, Category 3: 151+	<b>Prizes for States who institute the most new courts:</b> 1st Place - \$500 2nd Place - \$350 3rd Place - \$200
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We encourage ALL courts and states to participate. Be creative, be bold, and invite your Catholic sisters to serve alongside you! In the words of St. Clare of Assisi, "Love God, serve God; everything is in that."

Questions? Requesting Priest Pockets?  
 Email me: [emthanga1@aol.com](mailto:emthanga1@aol.com)

'Go forth and set the world on fire.' - St. Ignatius of Loyola





## Legislation:

### Resources:

Texas Legislature Online: <https://capitol.texas.gov/> National website: <http://www.house.gov/>

To locate your state and national legislatures: Texas: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

National: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>

Two really good sources, to keep up to date on human rights and human dignity for ALL: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/> and <https://www.humanlife.org/>

As always, US Conference of Catholic Bishops is a good resource: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm> .

Word for Life Flyer for February 2019: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Word-of-Life-2019-02.pdf>

Where there is LOVE  
there is LIFE.

### LIFE IS UNDER ATTACK

\*\*In light of the new law passed in New York, allowing abortions at term, I urge you to take action. Read your resources, find out what you can do. One resource that may be available for some is the '40 Days for Life' Vigil. It takes part from March 6 to April 14. If you cannot attend, please pray each day for the cause.

Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/spring/>

This is a time lapse of the March for Life in Washington DC. I found it fascinating! Thousands attended from all across the country! <https://www.facebook.com/studentsforlife/videos/2116080042039899/>

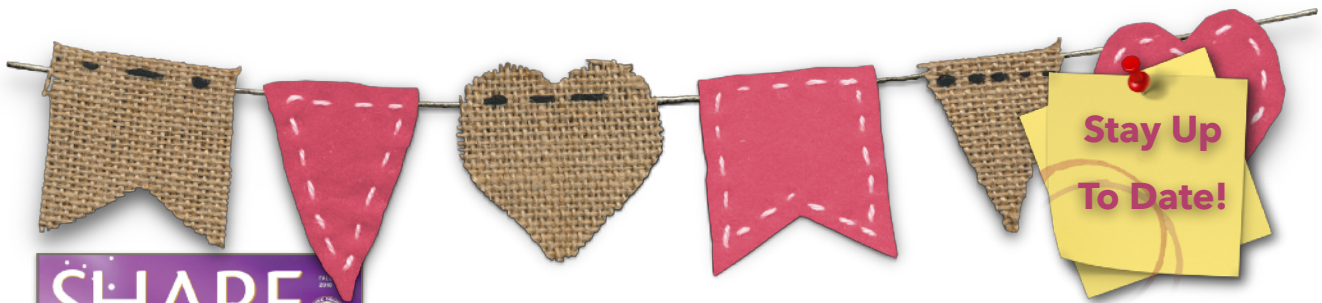
Although the March for Life in TX has passed, this is the website: <https://marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/> . There is time to consider attending next year.

Our State Regent, Rosie Stockwell, has asked all courts to participate in 2 Respect Life activities each year. Which ones will we plan for 2019? Our monthly contribution to the 1960 Hope Center counts under 'Respect for the Homeless'. There are other activities our court did last year that fall under other categories, but is there more we can do?

'Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want.' -

St. Mother Teresa





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

<http://books.midstatesgroup.com/books/pgxs/>

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



National December 2018 Newsletter:

[https://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr\\_Newsletter/2018\\_12/QuarterlyNewsletter\\_December2018.pdf](https://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2018_12/QuarterlyNewsletter_December2018.pdf)

National CDA Website:

[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

### *Birthdays*

<i>Candice Terrell</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Charlotte Prieve</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Mary Louise Roberts</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Cathy Peplau</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Guyaine Belley</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Kathryn Kietur</i>	<i>27th</i>

### *Anniversaries*

<i>Norina Fisher</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Priscilla Hargraves</i>	<i>22nd</i>



'What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.'  
- St. Mother Teresa



## 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."



## Dates to Remember

### CDA Calendar for February 2019

\* 7th Anniversary Mass-7:00 PM, followed by short meeting and social, Rm. B207-209

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Community Weekend, sell bulbs after all Masses

21<sup>st</sup> Hope Center ministry-3:00 PM, Social Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> Deliver manna bags/PBJ sandwiches to the Hope Center

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Last weekend for bulb sales

25<sup>th</sup> All bulb orders and money due

Completed Individual COL forms turned in

Annual dues

Election of court's delegates to state convention

Delegate sheets are mailed to state

Make hotel reservations for State convention



