

THE SPIRIT

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Court Regent's Message

Priscilla Hargraves, Court Regent

Hello everyone!

Welcome to March and the start of Spring!

How do you feel about the weather? Are you tired of the cold and rain? Are you looking forward, as I am, to warmer weather, fresh greenery, flowers, and lots of sunshine? I am also anticipating our return to Daylight Savings Time! I know we only have 24 hours in a day, but for some reason, when we have daylight until later in the day, I feel like we have more time to do all the things we want to do in the light, shopping, going for walks, you name it! So that is what I am looking forward to the most: longer days to be able to do more in the light.

As you may know, the month of March is devoted to St. Joseph whose feast day is on March 19th. We read very little about St. Joseph in Scripture, but we know he was a spiritual man, a loving spouse to our Blessed Mother, and a caring father for our Lord, Jesus. He is an incredible model of an obedient, faithful, Christian father. Have you ever just wondered what the household of Jesus was like? Can you see Mary holding Jesus in her lap, clapping hands with him, and cuddling and kissing him? Can you see Joseph hugging him and showing him how proud he is of him when Jesus stood by his side at his carpenter's table and made something out of wood? Can you see them talking and laughing about the events of their day? I am sure they also had their times of sadness, as all families have. But can you picture them handling the good times and the bad times as a loving family? Just like in our own families today. We share good times and sad times, because we love each other.

With the approach of Spring, the change of the weather and our Lenten journey, I pray we may all look toward the good times and acknowledge the sad times. May we be prayerful, loving, and attentive to the needs of our families and others who come into our lives. May we take the time every day to thank the Lord for all He has given us and all He has allowed to happen to us so that we may continue our journey toward Him.

May you all have a blessed Lent!

Priscilla





Clergy Corner

Court Chaplain, Deacon Dub Hargraves

March 2020 Chaplain's Corner

As we are in the Lenten season, I thought it might be helpful to look at Lent and some important material from Rome that have an impact on our celebrating this very special time of the year.

In 2013, Pope Francis issued his first significant work. It was what is called an **"apostolic exhortation"** titled *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium* in Latin). While Rome may use fancy words for some of these things, an "exhortation" of this sort **does not change** any official Church rules or traditions. However, it does offer advice and encouragement about how we should live our lives.

Pope Francis offers this kind of guidance on a regular basis, but this one, in particular, seems to present us with suggestions that are worthy of our consideration, **especially during Lent**. Pope Francis called us to become missionary disciples: **"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice"** (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 24).

Speaking about his exhortation, Pope Francis said, "One of the riches of the Second Vatican Council was to remind the Church of the two 'lenses' of the season of Lent: **baptismal and penitential.**" In fact, Vatican II noted specifically, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent - the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance - should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepared the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer" (*Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1348).

It would be good for us to keep these in mind during Lent. There were vows made during our baptism, and this is the time of year to try to fulfill those vows, while reaffirming them. We are given various opportunities to renew these vows, and we may tend to do it automatically without a thought.

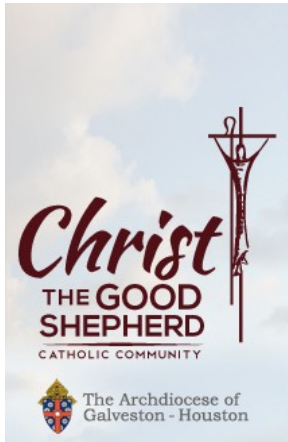
Now, however, is the time to think. Maybe, we can renew these vows as families during Lent - and not necessarily in church or at a Mass. We need to do something during Lent to **help each** of us understand what that renewal means.

The other important part of Lent, pointed out by Pope Francis, has to do with penance. Most of us have heard the traditional practices of Lent - fasting, prayer, reception of the Sacraments, and almsgiving. These are things that may bring us closer to Christ. By **fasting**, we may gain a greater understanding of the hunger the Lord feels for our souls. By increased **prayer**, we join in union with God. Through the **Sacraments**, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, we become a greater part of that union with God. Through **giving alms**, we empty ourselves in part, just as Jesus emptied Himself for us on the cross.

This is a time to do more than prepare for Easter. This is a time to change how we may approach living our lives and our faith. This is the time to ask ourselves if we give God life service or lip service. One is a disciple and steward of God's giftedness. The other is a user and abuser. What do you think? Just look at our world.

May God bless us now and throughout this holiest of seasons.

Dea. Dub, Chaplain



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Court News!

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Welcome Barbara Redlinger! Sworn in at the February meeting!



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, with mass card requests and/or questions. **Mass cards are always available at the meetings.**



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



Circle of Love:

HOPE CENTER HOUSTON - *Karen Doolittle*

February was another successful month serving the guests of Hope Center! Manna bags were full of your generous donations of food items, and generously slathered sandwiches of peanut butter and jelly were brought for the guests. Third Saturday guests numbered 20 and they consumed everything served for breakfast and lunch!!

The guests are extremely appreciative for the food served and they do express their appreciation.

March dates are: Thursday March 18 at 3 pm in the Social Hall and Kitchen and Third Saturday is March 21st. Come join the fun and the spirit of serving those in need. Food Handler Certification is required for being in the Hope Center kitchen, however if visiting with guests is of interest, please come!

[Visit Hope Ctr website here](#)

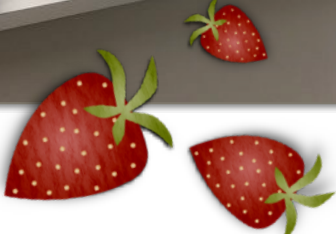
Golf for Hope Tournament

Hope Center Houston's 3rd annual Golf for Hope Tournament is April 21, 2020 at Gleanloch Pines Golf Club. The four-person scramble includes : mulligans, Bubba Drive, raffle, silent auction, lunch, dinner, awards, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Closest to the Chick-fil-A Cow, and a Hole-in-One competition sponsored by Tom Peacock Cadillac.

Sponsorship and silent auction opportunities are available; please contact us at info@hopecenterhouston.org for details.

Reserve your spot today by clicking on the "REGISTER HERE" button below.

[Register Here](#)



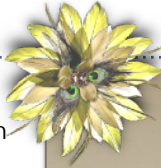
"Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." - St John Paul II

Recent Events

The Stewardship Committee, along with the staff and other ministries of our church held an Open House February 29 and March 1, after all the masses, for everyone to learn more about our church and all the exciting things going on, not only in our church but our community!

The office was open as well, so everyone could visit with staff and look around at our campus.

Our court and the K of C were two of the ministries present in the Social Hall, where food was served and a kids' corner was setup!



Priscilla Hargraves, Regent and Larry Lightner, K of C

At our February meeting, we celebrated our 3rd Anniversary! Happy Anniversary!



"Join the community of saints and know the delight of your own Soul." - Rumi



Upcoming Events

Appointing of New Officers

Voting for the Nominating Committee will be held at the March meeting. The Nominating Committee will be presenting the slate of officers in April. In May, the new officers will be elected and installed in June. Please attend these very important three months if you are able!

Rosary Ministry

The committee is meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm. Check the front desk for the room assignment. Next meeting will be held on March 17th.

All are welcome to join us, if only for socializing!



NEEDS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the positions: Scrapbook, Circle of Love, Family and Quality of Life, and Meeting Snacks/Refreshments. We are in need to fill these positions, as some of our committee chairs are doing double duty to keep them going. Many hands make light work!

CGS Events:

"The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." - St Mother Teresa

**I SMELL
SOMETHING
FISHY**

FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

All Fridays during Lent, before Stations of the Cross, the K of C's will be serving fish plates from 5 - 7pm. CGS has some great fish, come on out y'all!

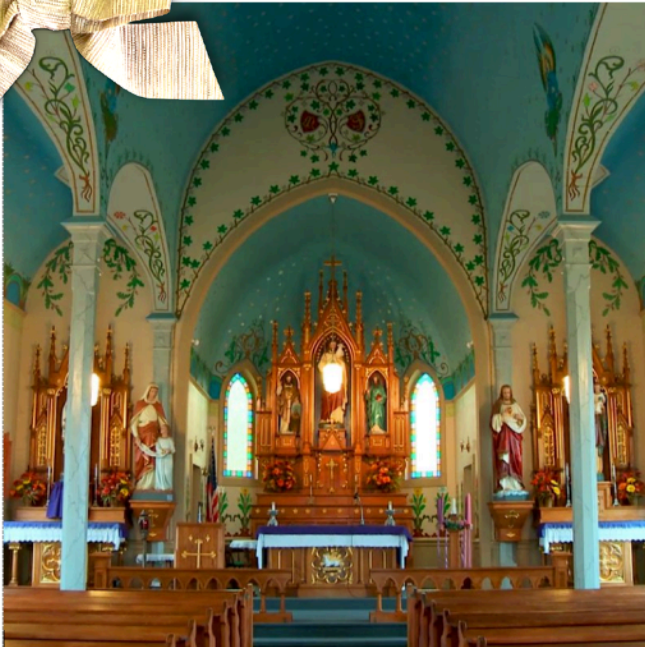




State News and Events

The **Lone Star Messenger** has published a December 2019 Edition. Check out the link to read it: [The Lone Star Messenger December 2019 Edition](#)

Texas CDA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/texascd/>
Texas CDA website: <http://www.texascd.org/#loaded>.



LENT - SPIRITUAL EVENT

DISTRICT EVENT FOR CDA COURTS IN DISTRICT 54

4 CHURCHES & LUNCH
DEPARTING
PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 8 AM

\$25 PERSON INCLUDES BUS, TOUR & TOUR GUIDE
(LUNCH AT OAK RIDGE SMOKEHOUSE ADDITIONAL COST)

PLEASE SEND THE REGISTRATION & COURT CHECK BY FEBRUARY 29, 2020 - TO ADDRESS BELOW

APRIL 4, 2020 PAINTED CHURCH TOUR

District 54

The Painted Churches are located in the communities of Dubina, High Hill, Praha, and Ammannsville. They appear unassuming as you approach them, but as you enter the front doors prepare to have your breath taken away by the incredible beauty found inside.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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National News



SAVE THE DATE!

Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Downtown Sheraton Hotel

Dallas, Texas

July 15-19, 2020

Texas Catholic Daughters are very excited to be hosting the 2020 National Convention as our very own National Regent Olga Samaniego from El Paso, Texas, will be presiding. Many chairmen and volunteers will be needed to plan and make this a wonderful memory for Olga, for Texas and the visiting Catholic Daughters from across our nation. It is our intent to include CDA members from across our great state of Texas to volunteer and assist with the many functions and activities involved in this national convention.



**OLGA
SAMANIEGO**
**National
Regent**

Committees include: Liturgies (ushers, choir members); Hospitality (airport transport, Hotel, Buses); Registration (will have a schedule so no one has to work over 2-3 hours); Convention Bag assembly (weekend prior to opening of convention); Monitors; Pages; Exhibits; Setting up and resetting meeting rooms; Jugs of Lotto; raffle; Silent Auction; Walk/Run monitors.



Sheraton Dallas Hotel

400 N Olive St, Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 922-8000

For additional information or to volunteer –Contact:
2020 National Convention Chairman Carolyn Malik at
(830-857-2112) or email cdacarol@sbcglobal.net



The first Call to Convention was mailed to courts in December, with Delegate sheets in a separate mailing. There is still time to make court plans to attend and book hotel reservations. You can view the 1st Call to Convention here: <https://www.catholicdaughters.org/nationalconventionannounce.shtml>

Legislation:

Resources:

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

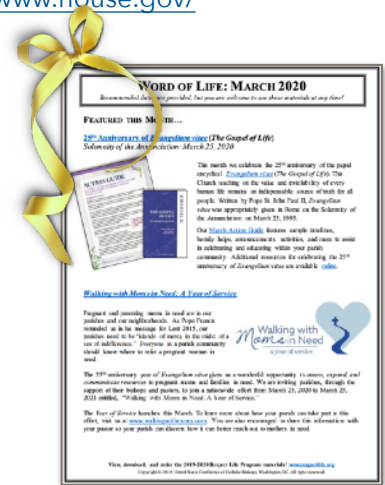
To locate your state and national legislatures: Texas: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and National: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>

Please read new articles on human rights and human dignity for ALL: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/>

Word of Life Flyer for March 2020: [Word of Life March 2020](#)

Don't forget our Catholic Bishops site, if is full of information: <http://www.usccb.org/>

Check out: [The Vatican: The Holy See](#)



News:

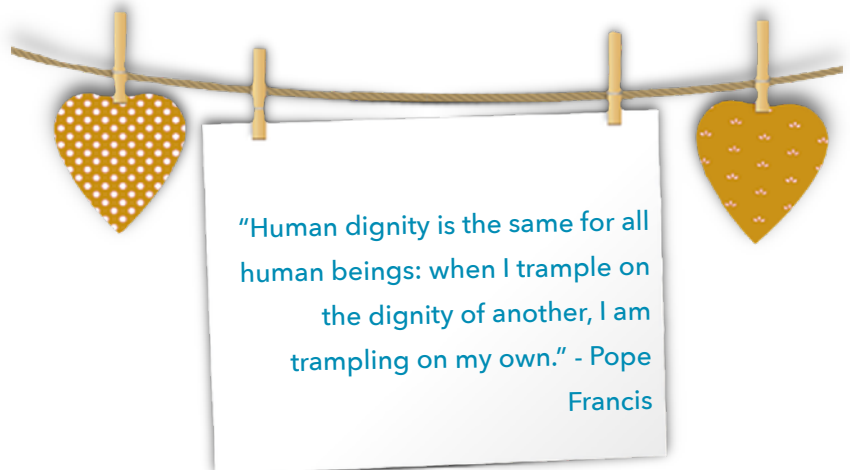
NCHLA: Human Life Action Report:

On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 3275) and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 311). In the Senate, 60 votes are needed to overcome a filibuster and advance a bill to a vote on passage. The Pain-Capable bill would protect unborn children from late-term abortions. It failed to advance by a vote of 53 to 44. The Born-Alive bill would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve his/her life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. It failed to advance by a vote of 56 to 41.

You can see how your senators voted on both measures by clicking on the following links (note that Sens. Sanders, Warren, and Klobuchar missed both votes):

[Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act \(S. 3275\)](#)

[Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act \(S. 311\)](#)



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"*

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it." - Psalm 118:24



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."



Happy Birthday!

- Margaret Williamson - 2nd
- Anne Shepherd-Knapp - 3rd
- Mary Ellen Crawford - 16th
- Veronica Arnold - 21st





National CDA Website:
www.catholicdaughters.org

Click link below to see the Fall 2019 issue of SHARE, if you did not receive a hard copy in the mail:

[Share Fall 2019](#)

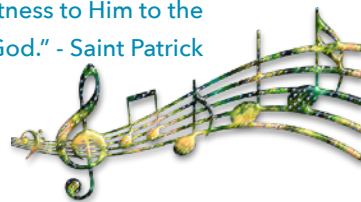


(NOTE: you must have 'flash' to view)

National Christmas 2019 Newsletter:

[National Quarterly Christmas 2019](#)

"I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God." - Saint Patrick





Dates to Remember

CDA Calendar for March 2020

1st CGS Open House after Masses

5th Gen. meeting-7:00 PM, Rm. B207-209

Fridays in Lent-K of C Fish Fry Dinner, CDA provide desserts & Mass cards

Fridays-Stations of the Cross

14-15th Community Weekend

17th St. Patrick's Day

19th Hope Ctr. Ministry, 3:00 PM, Soc. Hall

19th Bd. Meeting, 6:30 PM, Library

21st Meal at Hope Ctr., 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Election of Nominating Committee



Last Minute Announcement!

In February our court started donating paper goods to Hope Center Houston, so HCH could save some of their money and use it for other essentials. This is an on-going monthly commitment of our court. Please see the list of needs below. Our court is committed to providing as many as possible of the items marked in blue. Do not think you have to provide "500-10 inch plates". Provide what you feel comfortable purchasing. Peggy has checked around and these items can be purchased at Sam's or Walmart. An example from Walmart: a bag of 150 heavy duty 10" paper plates costs right at \$10.00. Whatever you donate is appreciated, and is one less item that HCH has to purchase from their donations.

Additionally, some people may want to donate toiletry items which the HCH does not purchase for their guests. Always appreciated by their guests are: individual use soaps, shampoos, lotions, razors, shaving cream, etc.

You may bring your donations to the meeting this Thursday, the 5th. You may also bring them the afternoon of the 19th, when we will be making up manna bags in the social hall at 3:00 PM. If you need someone to pick up your donation, please email or call me. I will be happy to arrange for that to happen. My cell is: 512-376-1488.

Thank you for all you do for others through the CDA!

May you have a blessed week!
Priscilla Hargraves, Regent



Physical Inventory Count Sheet

Sheet No.	Enter sheet number	Date	Enter date
Performed By	Your name	Department	Enter department

DATE	Item Description	Minimum on hand	Need to Purchase	Location
	10 Inch Plates	500		Kitchen
	6 Inch Plates	300		Kitchen
	Small Bowls	300		Kitchen
	Large Bowls	500		Kitchen
	Plastic Forks, Knives, Spoons	250		Kitchen
	Coffee	2		Pantry
	Sugar Containers (5lb bags)	12		Kitchen
	Creamer	12		Pantry
	Non- Sugar Sweetener	1 case		Kitchen
	Stirring Sticks	250		Pantry
	Food Service Disposable Gloves	2 Box		Kitchen
	Powered Iced Tea with Lemonade	2		Pantry
	Disposable cloths			Kitchen
	Salt Packets	100		Pantry
	Pepper Packets	100		Pantry
	Ranch Dressing	4		Pantry
	Italian Dressing (Olive Garden)	1		Pantry
	10 OZ Styrofoam Cups	300		Pantry
	10 OZ Clear Drink Cups	500		Pantry
	Pink Gallon Sanitizer	1		Kitchen Lower Shelf
	Butter (Large Tub)	1		Kitchen Refrigerator
	Peanut Butter	1		Pantry
	Jelly	1		Pantry
	Paper towels			

Thank you so much for all you do!!