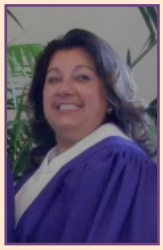
Our Lady of the Holy Trinity

Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

"With God, all things are possible."~Matthew 19-26

Unity and Charity

May 2014



Message from the Regent

My Dearest Sisters in Faith,

This will be the last month to be your Regent. I truly enjoyed being the Vice-Regent and than stepping up to be Regent since January. Looking back, I am amazed at what our Court has accomplished and the lives we have touched. I made many new friends that I know I would have never met if we had not said "yes" to start this wonderful organization. We took on a big commitment that required a lot of courage, faith and trust in God and he has rewarded us enormously. Let us continue on our path, for some of us it will be easy, for some of us it will be stepping out of our comfort zone, but for all of us, we will glorify and serve our Lord.

Blessings,

Grace Lambert

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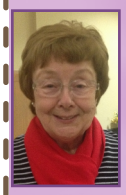
Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661

Unless otherwise noted, all articles written by newsletter editor.

Welcome New Members

At the April meeting, two ladies were installed as the newest members of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661. Let's extend a warm welcome to Jeanne Dodd and Barbara Schroeder. The Lord has led you to join this organization to share your talents, gifts, and above all, your enormous heart to serve Christ and all humankind. To join our amazing group of women devoted to prayer and service, contact **Laura Hansbrough** at **jhansbrough@satx.rr.com** or visit www.holytrinitysat.org/cda.

Memorial Mass Cards



Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 provides members and non-members an opportunity to have a Mass read for a loved one, living or deceased. The Mass is read by CDA State Chaplain Reverend Donald Ruppert of East Bernard, TX, on the first Friday of each month for one year. Prayer cards may be obtained from **Anne Kippax** for a minimum donation of $2.50. For more information, contact Anne at **ath823@sbcglobal.net**.

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." ~Romans 8:28

Please bring new or gently used **CHILDREN'S BOOKS** to the May meeting. The books will be donated to the Child Development Centers and After School Programs staffed by Daughters of Charity Services. Books appropriate for babies and children up to age 12 are requested.

Thank You!

Thank you Deacon David Seguin for leading the CDA sisters in a quarterly communion service. May The Lord bless you for your service to him and the CDA.

Cirlce of Love Volunteer Hours

By Cindy Gonzalez, *Chairperson*
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Just a friendly reminder: Start tracking your hours beginning April 1st for next year!!

Charity Organizations

By Annette Etnyre, ***Charity Chairperson,***
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Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA)

Laura Hansbrough, Annette Etnyre, Jolynn Pulliam, and Charlotte Burdine delivered 150 lilies (in the rain) the Monday before Easter. The staff reported that the senior citizen were "thrilled" with this surprise gift when they arrived to pick up their Food Bank delivery.

On April 29, Sister Laureana, DC, shows her delight in receiving 19 planters donated by Margarita Ochoa-Smith. She will use the planters with her craft group to make Mother's Day gifts.
That same day, Lourdes Correa and Jolynn Pulliam helped package the produce for the elderly served by DCSSA.

We are asking for input regarding next year's budget. A decision regarding the number and amount of scholarships will be needed. Sonia Morton, Sylvia Bolado, Sylvia Theall, Cynthia Gdula, and Veronica Peña-Montalvo are part of a sub-group that will work on this. Members can contact them or me with recommendations.

Friends of Assumption Seminary

By Geri McCormack, *Chairperson*,
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May concludes our year of Welcome bags, gift cards, and Birthday cakes for the seminarians. However, for the three seminarians that will be ordained this May, we will gift each $100. The Archdiocese of San Antonio will have the Ordination of three priest for our diocese on May 17, at 10:00 a.m. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma. We are all invited. I have also purchased a ordination card and sent the $100 checks that Barbara issued to the three deacons soon to be priests: Servando Guerro, Scott Janysek and Victor Valdez. I also received an invitation to Servando's first Mass. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on May 17 in the evening located at 13715 Riggs Road, Helotes. It is such a special blessing to attend the first Mass of a newly ordained priest.

The Assumption Seminary Association

Sponsoring a one-time self serve
Texas Bar-B-Que Plate with all the trimmings,
Homemade Bake Sale and **Raffle**!

Sunday, May 18, 2014
Holy Spirit Banquet Hall
Pre-sale tickets only $10.00

For Tickets Contact:
Jackie DelToro 210-924-6444
Betty Breen 210-289-1326
Helen Villarreal 210-382-3279

All proceeds benefiting Assumption Seminary
Help support Vocations!

www.holytrinitysat.org/cda

May 29 at 7 p.m.

Spiritual Activity at 6:30 p.m.

LOVE never fails

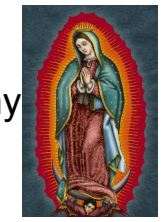
1 Corinthians 13:4

Upcoming EVENTS!

May 17
Ordination of Seminarians

May 18
Bake Sale after each mass

May 18
Seminarian BBQ @ Holy Spirit



May 21
Our Lady of Guadalupe Ceremony

May 29
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Activity
7:00 p.m. Court Meeting

July 19
Celebration of Life Baby Shower

Love. Grow. Serve.

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 is currently praying for members to fill committee chair vacancies. The following are needed:

Education	Refreshments
Scrapbook	Memorial Fund

Scrapbook Committee

By Adelina Wells, adelinahwells@gvtc.com

My term as Historian/Scrapbook chairperson will terminate on **June 1st** and as of this date I will no longer be performing this task. I know this scrapbook will continue to carry-on wonderful memories of past and future activities performed by our most worthy CDA members. Thank you Ladies for your support during my tenure.

Refreshments Committee

By Margie Mallory, amallory4@yahoo.com

Please join us after our CDA meeting on May 29 for a patriotic red, white and blue Memorial Day celebration. We will serve hot dogs with all the trimmings, salads, chips and drinks. A delicious ice cream bar will be set up for dessert.

Sunshine Committee

By Olga Muller Gonzales, olga.gonzales@rocketmail.com

I will be bringing a Birthday Cake every two months to celebrate together. Also, in an effort to get a complete list of Birthdays, I will sit at the registration table and will be asking everyone to jot down their birthday. Remember, it is your special day… so enjoy it.

Proposed 2014-16 Office Board

Regent: Adelina Ramirez

Vice Regent: Sheryl King

Recording Secretary: Sylvia Theall

Financial Secretary: Sonia Morton

Treasurer: Barbara Nasis

Voting will be held May 29 during our regularly scheduled meeting. Special thanks to Nominating Committee Olga Muller Gonzales (Chair), Cindy Mentor, and Jolynn Pulliam.

Bake Sale

By: Patty Miketinac, *Ways & Means Chair,* pmiketinac@aol.com

On May 18, we will be having a CDA bake sale with the Knights of Columbus and I am in need of bakers and volunteers to "man" the tables at each Mass (except for the 5:30 Teen Mass.) Please consider to be a baker and/or seller. I would appreciate you sending me an e-mail or call me at 479-9261 to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity®

On April 5, Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661 provided lunch for the builders at the Habitat for Humanity Project. The lunch was a big success! Vicky Pfullmann, Jeanne Morton and Kim Redding fed about 25 people. They provided sandwich trays, chips and cookies as the workers were very appreciative. The weather was a little cool, but no rain! The owners, Mateo and Felipa, were present and expressed how blessed they were in receiving this new house!

Prayer Box

By Marge Kiolbassa, *Stephen Minister*
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**"When your mind starts to worry and you are feeling the stress,
Put your delicate prayers before Him and Jesus will take care of the rest."**

Dear Lord,

These petitions we lay at your cross:

- We lift up our sister **Cheryl Collins** and her husband **Cary** as they face the challenges of cancer. Give Cheryl strength to be the caregiver and thank you for being Cary's cure-giver.
- We lift up our sister **Carmen Otero** so that she may remain strong as her father prepares to journey home to You.
- Give our sister **Adelina Wells** hope as she deals with the on-going health needs of her siblings and grant them peace and rest.
- We thank you Lord for **Toni Perez's** (*friend of Sonia Morton*) successful surgery.
- Thank you for curing **Ricardo Peña** (*father of Veronica Montalvo*) of cancer. Keep your hand on him as he struggles in his recovery.
- We ask for your hand to be on the people in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Iowa who where recently devastated by the Tornado.
- Give peace and healing to the family of **Maren Sanchez** who suffered death at her high school in Connecticut. Send your holy spirit to reside in the hearts of our youth so they may reject evil.

Thank You for all the blessings and for helping us through the trials.

In your most precious name we pray,

Amen

Reflection Corner

By Cynthia Gdula, *Spiritual Advisor*
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I attended Fr. Keeler's Mission Talk which was titled "A Call, A Discovery and A Purpose." It was about Pope Francis' exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*. It was stressed, we all have a mission on this earth. We are sealed and branded to bring light, blessing, hope, and freedom to the world and all within it. The first week in April, while on a retreat, I read Catholic writer & presenter Matthew Kelly's book "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" which revealed the fourth sign is Evangelization. His extensive research also showed this was the area that we Catholics are the weakest in. Now, our readings tonight continue with this theme of evangelization. In the passage from Lk 24:45-47 'then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all the nations…' In the selection from Acts 3:11-26, Peter and John are starting to take this Good News out to the world.

Since New Evangelization is one of Pope Francis' main initiatives, I know these above happenings are not mere coincidences and I need to discern my personal role in this New Evangelization. I invite you to join me in praying about what specific evangelization mission each one of us has. I know it is not a natural fit for me to stand on the street corner with my Bible in hand. But what is a good fit for me? How am I being called to share the faith? I encourage you to ask yourself the same question.

Blessings on your Special Day!

On behalf of the Holy Trinity CDA sisters, we wish the following sisters a very Happy, Happy Birthday! Your birthday is your very own Special Blessed Day.

May 1
Connie DeMeo
May 2
Laura Hansbrough
May 13
Julia Garza
May 17
Maria N. Childs
May 23
Corinna McKenzie

Brought to you by the Sunshine Committee

GARDENING TIPS

By Grace Lambert, Regent

Passionflower or Passion Vine has been necessary in my garden since we have moved to Texas. The Passionflower has beautiful unusual blossoms and was given this name by Roman Catholic priests in the late 1500's. The priests named it for the Passion (suffering and death) of Jesus Christ. They believed that several parts of the plant, including the petal, rays and sepals, symbolized features of the Passion. The flower's five petals and five petal like sepals represented the 10 apostles who remained faithful to Jesus throughout the Passion. The circle of hair like rays above the petals suggested the crown of thorns that Jesus wore on the day of his death.

I know I have your interest now. Another wonderful feature about this vine is it attracts butterflies and you get to enjoy the whole process of finding very small black eggs, to small caterpillars that I think will eat all the leaves. After a few weeks, they are big caterpillars, which will then, become cocoons. Watching the butterfly emerge from the cocoon, sun itself , then fly away is the final prize. I planted my vine four years ago and it comes back every year and has multiplied. You can plant seeds or buy a plant. Just be sure to fertilize.

Until next month…*Happy Gardening*.

Chocolate Almond Torte

Cooking With Barbara

Submitted by Veronica Montalvo (from 5 Ingredient Fix)
For a romantic, elegant dessert, try this rich treat.
Serves 4-6
9 oz good-quality 70%+ cocoa dark chocolate
9 oz (2 ¼ sticks) unsalted butter
6 free-range eggs (separated)
⅔ cup superfine sugar
½ cup ground almonds

Preheat oven at 350°F. Lightly grease 10" springform cake pan. Melt the chocolate and butter together in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Stir until combined then cool.

Whisk egg yolks with sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually pour the melted chocolate into the egg mixture, stirring constantly. Using a large spoon, fold in the ground almonds.

Put the egg whites into a clean dry bowl and whisk until they form stiff peaks. Using large metal spoon, fld the egg whites into the chocolate mixture until they are just combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 35 minutes. The torte will be very moist in the middle but resist cooking it for longer.

Remove the torte from the oven and leave to cool completely in the pan. I placed it in the fridge for easier cutting. Serve with your favorite gelato or crème fraiche. Viola!

Member Spotlight

Olga Muller Gonzales

I am the eldest of 5 children, born in Mexico and raised by our loving, hard working parents, who wanted a better life for us. When the opportunity presented itself my parents took a leap of faith and moved the family to San Antonio, Texas.

I met my husband Robert, (aka, Babe or Mousie) a St. Mary's University Graduate at the San Antonio Black and White Ball. Little did I know that my life would change forever that evening, six months later we were married three years later we were blessed with two wonderful children, Hector who lives in Florida and Christina who lives in Dallas.

Right after our daughter was born my husband was assigned as a Personnel Officer to (USA SETAF) in Vicenza Italy, for a 3 Year Tour of Duty that turned into a 20 Year Tour of Duty covering Italy, Germany, and traveling to Spain, Greece, London, Cairo, Russia, Belgium, Turkey, and France. This was the best education our children were blessed with.

I had a job as an Executive Secretary to the Commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency Europe. While I was working I attended the University of Maryland part time in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in law. Dreams of early retirement for me brought us back to San Antonio and we settled in the Stone Oak area. We joined and were welcomed into the Holy Trinity Catholic Church community where we felt at "home". It was during this time that after 42 years of a blessed marriage Jesus called my Robert home. I am thankful that God gave us these 42 years together and gave us Hector and Christina, and three beautiful grandchildren. I started participating in the ministries at church, I am a greeter at the 9:30 Sunday mass I enjoy greeting everyone as they come into church, I am an adorer, and I volunteer and enjoy helping with the Forever Young Senior Group where I have cultivated many friendships.

I am very proud and blessed to be part of such a wonderful and spiritual catholic women's organization. As a member of the organization, I chair the Sunshine Committee and the Nominating of Officers Committee.

I volunteered to assist in the CDA Financial Review, the 1st and 2nd Annual Fashion Shows, and the Bake sales fund raisers. I enjoy and I am thankful for the meetings, friendships, the fun activities as well as the hard working and challenging activities for it has helped me in this period of my life and given me an opportunity to grow in the grace of God.

State & National News

●Texas Habitat for Humanity – Postponed…

The ground blessing has been postponed until a later date due to boundary issues with the lot. We are hoping that we will be able to start in the next couple of months. As always Texas Courts are gracious with their treasure with your support of this worthy state project.

Donations can be sent to Carolyn Rapsilver, P. O. Box 1360, Sealy, TX 77474. T-shirts are available for $10. Local hotel accommodation information will also be included. Forms are available on website.

●CDA State Convention 2015

The 49th Biennial Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will be held April 9-12, 2015 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Stay tuned!