

# OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Court #2661 San Antonio, Texas



In Unity & Charity

“With God, all things are possible” – Matthew 19-26

Our Patroness:  
Blessed Mother Mary



March, 2018



## Message from the Regent

Dear CDA Sisters!

Spring is right around the corner and wow, does time fly! We have had a busy winter with another successful Christmas Luncheon and January mini retreat. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Style Show is April 29<sup>th</sup>. All the planning is well under way and the show tickets are going fast. We all need to continue selling raffle tickets. Ask everyone you know and anyone you meet! Each of us needs to consider ourselves a HOSTESS, not as guests. To be successful we ALL must work hard and volunteer when asked to make our one and only major fund raiser a HUGE success. Our goal and calling are to serve God's people and to be HIS hands, feet and voice on earth. Last year we were able to expand our already generous budget because of our success. I know this year it will be a great event. We can do it!!!

Looking ahead, this Spring will be a busy one! We will be having our semiannual financial review in April. Our educational scholarships will be awarded in May.

In March we will be appointing the nominating committee and our Court elections will be in May. When you are called and asked to run for a board position, don't automatically say No. **PLEASE** pray and ask for guidance to make the decision God wants you to make. Instead of thinking of why you can't serve the court, think about the reasons you can. Two years ago, when I was asked, I didn't want to, but I prayed about it, and God kept sending a one-word answer to me...

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### Mission Statement:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principal of faith working through

love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human right and human dignity for all.

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## Message from the Regent Cont.....

SERVICE...SERVICE....SERVICE...There really wasn't any reason why I couldn't do it other than I didn't want to. I thought of many reasons....was too busy, not talented enough, BLAH....BLAH... BLAH...BLAH..

Isaiah heard God saying, "Whom should I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)  
**BE ISAIAH!!!**

**IF NOT YOU, WHO???**

Remember this great song???

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndGOIX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndGOIX8)

Your SIC,  
Sheryl

### Christmas Social DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> CLUB AT SONTERRA *Rita Farmer, Committee Chair*

Our Annual Christmas Social at Club Sonterra was again a great success. We had 32 ladies attend. We were honored to have Deacon David Seguin join us again this year. It was co-chaired by many wonderful ladies. They included Barbara Nasis, Linda Whitener, Sherry Drury, Rita Newman, Margie Mallory and Edna Bubenik. These ladies assisted in acquiring door prize items for the event. Prizes varied from gift cards to jewelry, scarves and many trinkets. On the day of the social these ladies set up the cookie exchange, door prize table and table decorations and centerpieces. Thank you ladies for a great event. Our centerpieces were specially made and provided by Sherry Drury's daughter Becky Rabel. These were donated for the use of our luncheon. This was a generous and festive gesture that is so much appreciated by the committee and CDA. Our luncheon took a different twist with a SWEET cookie exchange in lieu of a menu ordered dessert. Sheryl King provided containers for each of the members to take their goodies home. Sheryl also collected copies of many of the recipes and shared them with Court members. Gift cards were presented to David Seguin, Court Chaplain and to Marilyn Hoster our District Deputy for their support to our Court. Our luncheon was a lovely afternoon of sisterhood. We look forward to our 2018 Christmas Social.



# CHARITIES

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*In early December, several CDA members spent several mornings at DCSSA preparing for the two Christmas parties for the seniors. They filled gift bags with groceries, hygiene items, bath towels and throws. Almost 400 seniors received gift at the festive parties. Thank you notes from them showed their sincere appreciation.*

*Pictured above are the many gift bags and the "crew" that transferred the gifts to St. Clare Parish Hall. Sheryl King, Margie Mallory, Rita Newman, Sister Consuelo, Adele Dufilho, Carol Short and Edna Bubenik.*



## Joshua Cup

The Joshua Cup is a blessings for our CDA court. The purpose of the Joshua Cup is to fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of harvest to send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Because of the dedicated membership of our court, this beautiful gold chalice, the Joshua Cup is in a members home for a week, then passed on to the next member. When the Joshua Cup is present at a member's home prayers are said that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to have the Joshua Cup in your home for a week please contact Carol Short or Joyce Ullrich.



## *Joshua Cup & Lenten Retreat*



*By Joyce Ullrich*



## Lenten Retreat

Twenty Five of our Catholic Daughters had a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the season of Lent by attending a Lenten retreat on Saturday morning, January 27th, in the Gathering Space, in the Faith Formation Building. Our presenter was Brother Josh Warshak, a Trinitarian from the Order of the Most Holy Trinity. Brother Josh offered a reflection on Pope Francis message for Lent. There was prayer time for the participants, as well as time for conversation in small groups to reflect. The Catholic Daughters that attended feel we are better prepared for Lent, which will enable us to share in the full joy of Easter. The retreat was a special gift to us. Following the retreat the Catholic Daughters enjoyed lunch at Milano's Italian Grill on Stone Oak.

# FUNDRAISER



Geri McCormack



Jean Trancale

**BROADWAY SHOWSTOPPERS** is the theme of this year's Style Show and the major fundraiser for CDA Court #2661. The date for this exciting event is April 29, 2018. The venue is Sonterra Country Club. Dillard's of the Shops of Cantera will provide the fashions. It will be a fabulous event! **VENDORS** have been thoughtfully selected. Great **SILENT & LIVE AUCTION** items and an unbelievable **RAFFLE**.

**BROADWAY SHOWSTOPPERS** is shaping up into a fine Broadway Production. When the curtain goes up April 29, we will truly be proud as we show case CDA Court 2661! Jean and I appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and cooperation

**Geri & Jean, Committee Chairs**

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661*



**PRESENTS**

**Sixth Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show**



Sunday, April 29, 2018  
Club at Sonterra  
10:30 a.m.  
Ticket Price \$50  
Runway Seats: \$55



**Vendor Boutiques**  
Silent & Live Auction  
Door Prizes  
& Cash Bar

*Fashions by  
Dillards  
La Cantera*

For ticket information:  
Sherry Drury 210-394-5503  
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**A Lenten Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Redeemer of all, hear my prayer. For the love you bear to those who ask forgiveness, look mercifully on me, as once you looked on Mary Magdalene and on Peter who denied you. Look on me, Lord Jesus Christ, as you looked on the thief on his cross and on every sinner whom you have ever forgiven. Look on me, merciful Lord, as you looked on your mother, Mary, standing in sorrow beneath your cross. Let me feel in my heart her compassion for you and let my eyes weep for the sorrows my sins have caused. Call me from darkness to my Father's house; give me a new heart and at your side at the banquet of your kingdom. Amen

**H A P P Y E A S T E R**

Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661  
Sixth Annual Brunch & Fashion Show  
"Broadway Showstoppers"  
Club at Sonterra  
Sunday, April 29, 2018

**RAFFLE**

1. 4 Course Dinner for 4 at The Club at Sonterra Value \$500
2. Golf for 4 at The Club at Sonterra with Lunch at 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Value \$420
3. Michael Kors Handbag Value \$400
4. James Avery Cross of Loops Necklace with Pearls & 4 Swirl Ear Hooks Value \$395
5. Margarita Basket Value \$350
6. 2 Tickets to Majestic *An American in Paris* June 16 at 2PM & \$150 Gift Certificate to Bohanan's Value \$336
7. VIZIO 39" D Series LED Smart TV Value \$300
8. Kate Spade *Viva La Fiesta* Watch Value \$270
9. RTIC 65 Quart Cooler Value \$200
10. Kate Spade Women's Scarf, Hat & Gloves Value \$200

*Donation: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00*  
**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

## Member Spotlight



### Margarita Ochoa-Smith, *LPC, LCDC, ADC, ICADC*

I begin my most amazing journey in El Paso, Texas where I was born and raised. I am a proud first generation American that experienced the beauty of living bi-culturally on a border town. At a very early age I realized the importance of our Catholic Faith and love for our family. My parents arrived to this country with the same wish as so many others, to give their children an opportunity at a better life, and that they did. With endless sacrifices and a sincere desire to have us do our best we accomplished so much as a family.

And amongst all the treasures I could count the gift of my family and friends ranks high. My siblings are supportive, caring and intelligent individuals that strive to make a difference. My nephew, great nephew and Godchildren are true shining stars in my life. I have also been blessed with the most extraordinary husband. We have shared 24 years of marriage living in Texas and Colorado and witnessing the strength of God's power. My husband's unconditional encouragement has allowed me to fulfill both personal and professional goals including having earned Professional Licensure and International Certification to establish a career in the treatment of Mental Health and Addictions.

So, deep are my roots - in Faith, Family and Culture. And grateful is my heart for a journey that has showered me with images of my grandmother's honoring our Lady of Guadalupe, friends that inspired me and life lessons that have proven to be more of God's daily miracles.

## *New Court Members*



Pictured L-R  
Barbara Jendrusch  
Melinda Merrill  
Frey Disrud  
Romana Garcia-Disrud  
Erica Ormeno-Cheatham



# REFLECTION CORNER

By Cynthia Gdula  
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The 14 February was Ash Wednesday & the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, when we started our annual 40-day period of purification & transformation. The three major disciple's disciplines that are emphasized during Lent are prayer, fasting, & works of charity or almsgiving. These battle the three temptations that Jesus vanquished in the desert, after his baptism, which are also the common three ways we are tempted to sin. They are pride, physical lust, & lust of the eyes which is greed. Prayer combats pride because it is the humble acknowledgement that we need God's help, that we cannot do it on our own. It stresses our deeper spiritual needs & is our gateway to knowing who we really are. Fasting fights physical lust because it brings clarity of mind for discernment & making the right choices through life. It teaches us to have control over our physical appetites. It helps us to see the difference between what we need & what we want, between what we have to do & what we want to do. Works of charity combat avarice which is our desire to own & possess things of beauty & value. It free ourselves from selfishness so we can be more available to the needs of others. It teaches us to be detached from our material possessions by sharing instead of hoarding them. We need to have an internal commitment to the relationship between the three disciplines because our fasting needs to be linked to humble, repentant prayer, which needs to be linked to generous, heartfelt almsgiving. For our reflection: the invitation to Lenten preparation is asking God what is keeping us from loving & trusting him as we should. Let us pray to see what are the virtues, that we know from experience we most need to develop, what are the habitual sins, or moral weaknesses, or fears that we need to surrender this Lent for the sake of our loving friendship with the Lord. AMEN



## ASSUMPTION SEMINARY

*Building Faith. Preparing Leaders.*



**CDA Sponsoring Assumption Seminarians:** We strive to support those in training for the priesthood at Assumption Seminary as well as pray for an increase in those young men committing their lives to the service of God as a priest. We have supported them financially as well as trying to provide a sponsor who will reach out with prayers for them, cards of encouragement, recognition of their special days, and attendance, at their invitation, to events at the seminary and ordinations. Sponsors and members attended the ordination of 5 seminarians to deacons, and out of country sponsors celebrate special days with the seminarian they are sponsoring. The Joshua Cup is circulated among the members each week where they have a visual reminder to pray for the increase of men to the priesthood.

# National Court



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®  
**57<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention**  
 Sioux Falls, SD  
 July 17-22, 2018

## Meet your Hostesses



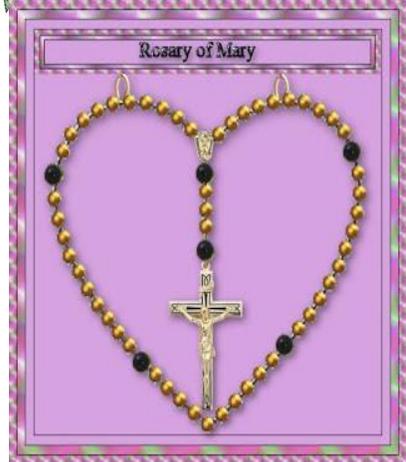
While at Convention, help South Dakota celebrate 100 years as a State Court!



*The South Dakota State Officers*

Left to Right: Brenda Anderson, state regent; Judy Konechne, 1st vice state regent; Michele Sage, 2nd vice state regent; Deb DeFries, state secretary; and Deborah Burdick, state treasurer.

*The State Officers and Members across South Dakota are excited to invite you to visit our beautiful state and the city of Sioux Falls.*



**Pray the Rosary**  
 1st Friday of each month  
 9:15 am Banquet Hall Room A

# Texas State Court Habitat for Humanity



Members of the National Court present were:  
 Helen Shepard, Carolyn Bauchmann & Rose Holschlag

Members of the State Court were:  
 Rosie Stockwell, State Regent  
 Melodie Brunt , 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent  
 Becky Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent  
 Terri Beltran, Secretary  
 Mary Jane Albert, Treasurer



Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas joins Habitat for Humanity of the Rio Grande Valley for the 8th Texas Build. Please join us together with Bishop Daniel Flores, Diocese of Brownsville Rev. Gregory T. Labus, State CDA Chaplain for the Dedication Ceremony & Open House Saturday, February 10, 2018 2:30 p.m. 317 S. 85th St. Edinburg, TX



# From the Sunshine Committee

By Olga M. Gonzales



**On behalf of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity Catholic Daughters, we wish the following sisters "Happy Birthday." Your Birthday is your very own Special Blessed Day!**

## December

1<sup>st</sup> Deacon David Seguin  
5<sup>th</sup> Edith McAlanis  
16<sup>th</sup> Patty Miketinac  
18<sup>th</sup> Alicia M Mallory  
20<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Gdula

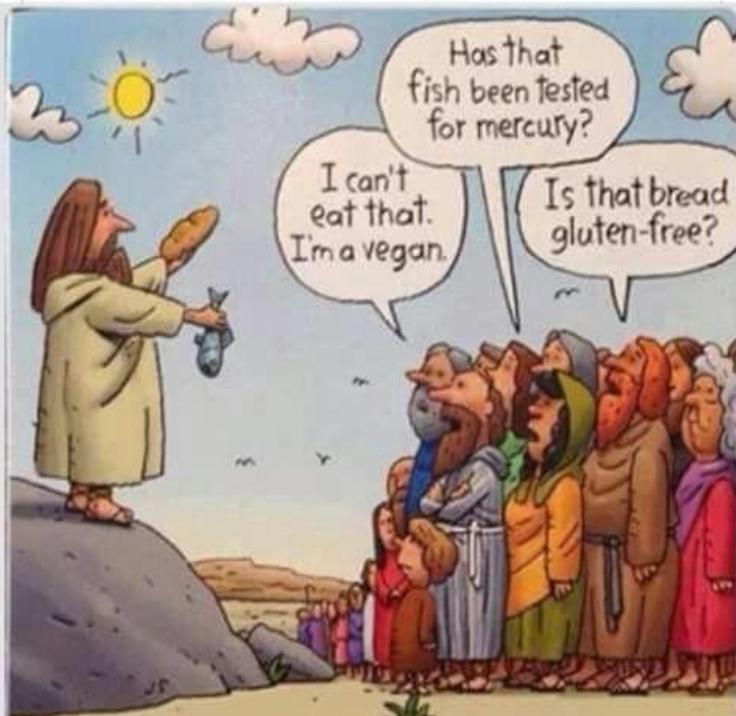
## January

2<sup>nd</sup> Jane O'Nei I  
4<sup>th</sup> Lina Ramirez  
6<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Dodd  
12<sup>th</sup> Barbara Nasis  
23<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Gonzales  
28<sup>th</sup> Kim Redding  
30<sup>th</sup> Dora Copeland

## February

4<sup>th</sup> Vicky Pfullmann  
12<sup>th</sup> Colette Loer  
13<sup>th</sup> Rita McSorley  
14<sup>th</sup> Sherry Drury  
18<sup>th</sup> Adelina Wells  
19<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Martinez

If Jesus tried to feed the 5000 today... :)



*Holy Humor*

## Recipe Corner

### Blueberry Sour Cream Coffeecake

By Barbara Nasis

1 cup softened butter	¼ tsp salt
2 cups sugar	1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
2 eggs	½ cup brown sugar
1 cup sour cream	1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp vanilla	½ cup chopped pecans
1 5/8 cup all purpose flour	1 Tbsp powdered sugar
1 tsp baking power	

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Grease and flour a 9" bundt pan.
3. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then stir in sour cream and vanilla.
5. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into batter until just blended.
6. Fold in blueberries.
7. Spoon half the batter into your prepared Bundt pan.
8. In a separate bowl, stir together the brown sugar, cinnamon and pecans.
9. Spoon half of this mixture over the top of the batter.
10. Add the other half of the batter on top of the pecan mixture.
11. Now sprinkle the remaining pecan mixture on top.
12. Use a knife or thin spatula to swirl the sugar layers into the cake batter.
13. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes in the 350F oven.
14. Cool in pan on a wire rack.
15. Invert onto a serving plate and tap firmly to remove from pan.