

Our Lady of the Holy Trinity



Court 2661 San Antonio, Texas

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

Unity
and
Charity

April 2014



Message from the Regent

My Dearest Sisters in Faith,

Spring is in the air and our Court continues to grow and renew. Welcome to our new members: Nadine Barrientos-Daoud, Nancy Germann, and JoLynn Pulliam. You have joined during an important time for our Court, a time of electing Court officers. Now is the time to share fresh ideas of how we can grow in faith and love. Our Lenten season is also a time of prayer, a time of support, and a time of gratitude. I am, for one, grateful to each and every one of you. Everyone has shared their gifts and talents in either prayer, baking, decorating, websites, donating...the list can go on and on. We are an active Court and have grown in our dedication to our faith and support for each other.

If you are called by the Nominating Committee Chair and asked to take a leadership role, I ask that you pray about it and take the time to research the position. The Holy Spirit will let you know what he wants you to do. Our Court needs new members to step forward to keep our Court fresh, full of new ideas and strengths.

Blessings,

Grace Lambert



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Message From the Court Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters,

It was an amazing Brunch and Style show. Everyone should be proud of another successful event.

We are in the the final weeks of our Lenten Season. The journey to Easter should be a time of reflection on how our life conforms to the life of Christ. When do we fall short of doing the will of God the Father? Do we struggle to forgive others? Do we pray daily? How do we react to struggles in our life?

If we look at the life of Christ, we see our role model and his example to live a life that pleases God. Easter reminds us that through Christ we gain a path to heaven.

"God loved the world so much, He gave is only Son so that we may have eternal life." May this Lenten season renew and strengthen our faith in a God that loves us.

Blessings,
Deacon David Sequin

Welcome New Members



At the March meeting, three ladies were installed as the newest members of Court Our Lady of the Holy Trinity #2661. Let's extend a warm welcome to Nancy Germann, Nadine Barrientos-Daoud and Jolynn Pulliam.

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.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." ~Ephesians 4:32

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.



New members (left to right) Nancy Germann, Nadine Barrientos-Daoud and Jolynn Pulliam

Circle of Love Volunteer Hours



By **Cindy Gonzalez, Chairperson**
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Thank you to all the members who were able to track their volunteer hours and submit them into me. We know our members tirelessly serve others with grace and love. Our Court submitted a grand total of **7,493** hours!! What amazing women we have in our Court. God Bless you for your servants hearts. Start tracking your hours beginning April 1st for next year!!

Charity Organizations

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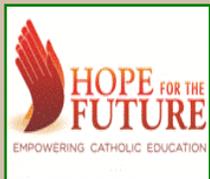
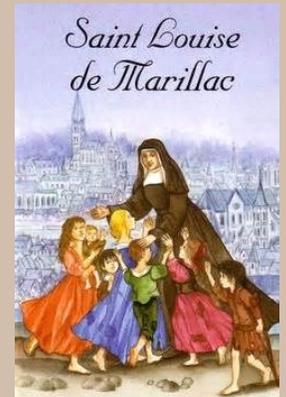
Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA)

DCSSA supported our Annual Champagne Brunch and Style Show sponsoring tickets for their staff. Sister Laureana DC, Debra Colorado, MSW, Debbie Martinez, and her daughter Heather Perez attended along with Diane McAllister, Director of Development.

Sonia Morton, Sylvia Bolado, Rita Newman and Maria Moreno helped with the March Food Bank delivery on March 24 organizing food bags for the 150 elderly households served by DCSSA.

The Court's membership approved the additional funding for the Easter Lilies that will be given to the elderly on April 14.

A group of CDA members attended a Prayer Service with Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio to celebrate the feast of Saint Louise de Marillac on March 14, 2014. Barbara Nasis, Maria Ventura, Laura Hansbrough, Rita McSorley, Rita Newman, Phyllis Martinez and Annette Etnyre enjoyed a special spiritual reflection of prayer and song as well as a delicious brunch. They also enjoyed a tour of the award winning Child Development Center at the Somerset location.



Hope for the Future

We will request funding for a scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year during the next budget planning meeting.

Friends of Assumption Seminary



By Geri McCormack, *Chairperson*, tg2913@aol.com

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.

As mentioned during the meeting, I will have tickets for the Seminarian Bar-B-Que fundraiser on May 18. The meal sale will be held at Holy Spirit Church from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are only sold in advance. There will be a raffle and desserts. Please help support our seminarians.

I want to thank the members of the committee and all of CDA sisters for supporting this project. Our Committee members are Laura Hansbrough, Cindy Gonzalez, Annette Etnyre, Cyndee Driscoll, Hilda Lopez, Edith McAlanis, and Edna Bubenik.



Hello ladies,

We are all blessed to be part of such a wonderful organization, Catholic Daughter of the Americas. We are at a very important phase of the organization- the selection of an officer board for the new term to lead our organization. As Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, I'm asking each and every one of you to pray for our court and ask Jesus and our Blessed Mother to guide and help us in each and every step of the process. JoLynn Pulliam, Cindy Mentor, and I, want to do a good job for the organization and all of you that put your trust in us.



Blessings,
Olga Muller Gonzales
Nominating Committee Chair



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April 24 at 7 p.m.

Communion Service at 6:30 p.m.

LOVE never fails 1 Corinthians 13:4

Upcoming EVENTS!

April 17

Agenda meeting 6 p.m. / Financial Review

April 20

EASTER

April 24

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Court Meeting

May 17 & 18

Bake Sale

May 18

Seminarian BBQ @ Holy Spirit

May 29

6:30 p.m. Spiritual Activity

7:00 p.m. Court Meeting



OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY COURT 2661 SHIRT ORDER FORM



Deadline to order is Thursday, April 24

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _(_____)_____

SHIRT STYLE: Short Sleeve 3/4 Sleeve Long Sleeve

SHIRT COLOR: PURPLE WHITE

SHIRT SIZE: (circle one) SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XLG XXLG XXXLG

COST: \$25

Method of Payment: [] CASH Amt _____ [] CHECK# _____ Amt _____

Make CHECKS payable to: OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Mail your orders to: Veronica Montalvo RE: CDA Shirts 1403 Osprey Hts., San Antonio, TX 78260



By: Dolores Seabolt, Style Show Chairperson, air2031@yahoo.com



"What a wonderful day the Lord has made!" On Saturday, March 22, CDA Court Our Lady of The Holy Trinity #2661 hosted the Annual Champagne Brunch and Style Show. By the Grace of God, every volunteer came together to work in unison so that our event would be a memorable experience for all our guests. We sincerely thank all our sponsors for the donations for auction items, their talent, and their time. We hope everyone enjoys all their winning auction items and continue to support future CDA fundraiser events. The final reported profit for the fundraiser was \$16,499.74. This grand total will allow our Court to allot monies to each of our charities and provide additional charitable opportunities for those in need.

Thank you to every member of our CDA, the Officers, and our volunteers of the Style Show Committee: Talent & Modeling: Jean Troncale, Publicity & Entertainment: Veronica Montalvo, Ticket Sales: Mo Perotti, Ambience and Decor: Vicki Pfullmann, Silent & Live Auctions: Sherrie Green, and Banquet: Margie Malory. There are no words to express my gratitude for your commitment and perseverance. I am a better person for having worked alongside with you.

Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD, not for men."



Prayer Box

By Marge Kiolbassa, *Stephen Minister*
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Hello, my name is Marge Kiolbassa and I am a commissioned Stephen Minister* here at Holy Trinity. I have volunteered to take on the very important job of gathering your precious prayer requests in our CDA Prayer Box. Being an engineer all my life and fascinated with "how things work", one day I attempted to try and figure out exactly how prayer works.

What I discovered was that wherever there is true prayer, there thanksgiving and gratitude stand by ready to respond to the answer when it comes; for as prayer brings the answer, so the answer brings forth gratitude and praise. As prayer sets God to work, so answered prayer sets thanksgiving to work. Thanksgiving follows answered prayer just as day succeeds night.

Gratitude and thanksgiving always looks back at the past though it may also take in the present. But prayer always looks to the future. Thanksgiving deals with things already received. Prayer deals with things desired, asked for and expected. Prayer turns to gratitude and praise when the things asked for have been granted by God.

We can talk to God because God listens. Our voice matters in Heaven. He takes us very seriously. He listens. Intently...Carefully...Our prayers are honored as precious jewels. Purified and empowered, the words rise in a delightful fragrance to our Lord... Our very Words do not stop until they reach the very throne of God. Our prayers move God to change the world. We may not fully understand the mystery of prayer. We don't need to. But this much is clear.

ACTIONS IN HEAVEN BEGIN WHEN SOMEONE PRAYS ON EARTH.

If you or someone you love is in need of special prayer intentions, please email me with your requests at:

cda2661prayerbox@gmail.com

Your special intentions will be shared with our members unless you specify that you wish to remain anonymous. When prayers are requested for one of our CDA members, I ask that you handle with utmost compassion, integrity and confidentiality. And if the Holy Spirit prompts you, call or visit them in person and let them know you care.

**Stephen Ministry is a Christ-Centered, One-on-One Christian Care Giving ministry available to all Holy Trinity parishioners. If you find yourself in need of a spiritual companion that can journey with you during one of life's difficult events, I will be happy to put you in touch with a Stephen Ministry Coordinator.*

Reflection Corner

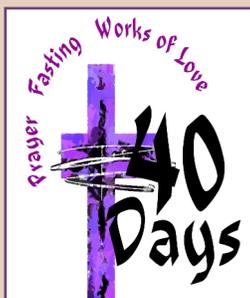
By Cynthia Gdula, *Spiritual Advisor*
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We are half way through Lent so it is time for me to discern how I am doing with my Lenten promises. I invite you to join me in also examining how your Lenten promises are transforming you.

First, let us pray with Heb 10:5-7 which says... 'when Christ was about to come into the world, he said to God: 'you do not want sacrifices and offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. You are not pleased with animals burned whole on the altar or with sacrifices to take away sins.' Then Jesus said, 'Here I am, to do your will, O God...' Pondering this reminds me God is not particularly interested in my specific external practices. What really matters is are our hearts being transformed by our Lenten practices or are we just going through the motions? Are we being bolstered for more serious trials to come in our lives or are we just counting the days until Lent is over so we can get back to normal?

How would I know if my heart is being transformed? Am I allowing my heart to be inner-directed by the Holy Spirit? Am I experiencing and living the fruits of the Holy Spirit? So now let us pray through Gal 5:22-23 which reveals ... 'the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control'. These 9 fruits will bless all the people in our lives and especially deepen our friendship with God with love and trust. Have others noticed a change in us with thanksgiving? Have our prayer lives become more enriched? How are we doing this Lent? Have we surrendered weakness and fear to the Lord so we can grow in strength and love? May all of us have an abundance of blessings for rest of our Lent.



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.

Dolores Seabolt

April 22

Annette Etnyre

April 26

Lisa Whitlatch

April 29

Brought to you by the Sunshine Committee



The Easter Lily is for many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter. The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle. These snow white flowers symbolize new life and hope. The bulb of these flowers buried in the ground represents the tomb of Jesus, the white trumpet-like fragrant flowers that grow from the bulbs symbolize His life after death. The white stands for purity of Christ our joy of his resurrection. The trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to new life and rebirth. The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured handing the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus. St. Joseph is depicted holding a lily-branch in his hand, indicating that his wife Mary was a virgin. Tradition has it that lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. It has been said that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours. This is why you will see these beautiful white flowers surrounding our altar during Easter.

Until next month...*Happy Gardening.*

Speedy No-Knead White Bread

By Barbara Nasis, Treasurer

3 cups bread flour
1 packet (1/4 ounce) instant yeast
1 ½ tsp salt
1 ½ cups water
Oil as needed

Combine flour, yeast and salt in a large bowl. Add 1 ½ cups water and stir until blended; dough will be shaggy. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let dough rest about 4 hours at room temperature, about 70 degrees.

Lightly oil a work surface and place dough on it; fold it over on itself once or twice. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let rest 30 minutes more.

At least a half-hour before dough is ready, preheat oven to 450 degrees. Put a 6 to 8 quart heavy covered pot (cast iron, enamel, Pyrex or ceramic) in oven as it heats. When dough is ready, carefully remove pot from oven. Slide your hand under dough and put it into pot, seam side up. Shake pan once or twice if dough is unevenly distributed; it will straighten out as it bakes.

Cover with lid and bake 30 minutes, then remove lid and bake another 15 to 30 minutes, until loaf is beautifully browned. Cool on a rack.

Cooking

With

Barbara



Member Spotlight



I was born in Louisiana, but moved to Texas when I was a year old. I grew up in Lubbock and every summer I visited my Mother's family in and around San Antonio. My Mother was born in San Antonio, so there were lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins to visit in San Antonio, Alamo Heights, and Boerne. After graduating from Texas Tech, I married Rick, an Air Force pilot, and we were off to see the world and raise our two sons. For Rick's last assignment, we found ourselves in Connecticut where we stayed for 18 years in and out of the Air Force.

I taught elementary school in seven states throughout the years and in Connecticut, I earned a Master's degree in Language Arts and Reading, a K-12 Remedial Reading Teacher Certification, and a K-12 Language Arts Consultant Certification. The last ten years of my career, I worked as a Language Arts Consultant in a PreK-5 elementary school. I worked with teachers, students, and administration. It was a wonderful job!

We found ourselves retiring and moving to San Antonio and into our 19th home two years ago this summer to be with our family. Our sons, Kevin and Colin, and their families, had moved to San Antonio. We feel very blessed to be here with them! Although I miss teaching a lot, I am keeping myself busy with volunteering at Holy Trinity in the Eucharistic and prayer shawl ministries, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Altrusa International with the San Antonio Club, and family. I also love to travel, cook, knit and read. If anyone is interested in forming a CDA book club, let me know!



State & National News



Local Court Officer Elections

This **May**, all Local Courts will be electing New Officers for the 2014-2016 term.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

CDA has participated in this event sponsored by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization since the beginning in 2008. The three day event will take place **May 2-4, 2014**. Please contact your Court members and parish to pass along this event so that the One Million Rosaries goal will be met. See

www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org for additional information and to register for the event.

55th Biennial National CDA Convention held in Billings, Montana, on **July 16-20, 2014**

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!

Scrapbook Committee



By Adelina Wells, adelinahwells@gvtc.com

Looking for some good photos taken by individual members at our Style Show event who want to share for CDA Scrapbook. I need your support! Please forward ASAP by email. Thank You!

Refreshments Committee



By Margie Mallory, amallory4@yahoo.com

It's that time of year again! So HOP on down and join the fun! We'll hunt for eggs and eat good food. CDA sisters are invited to join us after our regularly scheduled meeting.

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.