

**Two Thousand and One Things  
Court Ave Maria #2001- Houston, Texas  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Newsletter - May, 2025



**Dear Catholic Daughters, your officers  
hope to see you Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**St. Jerome Parish Activity Center  
2749 Hollister Rd. - Houston, TX 77080  
Business Meeting begins at 7 P.M.**

**We gather before our monthly meeting @6:30  
p.m. to recite the Rosary. All are Invited.**



The Virgin Mary is the most beautiful, lovely, and loving of all God's creations. Through God's amazing favor and grace, Mary was conceived in her mother's womb without Original Sin, with which all of us are born. Mary in turn gave her whole self and life to God with all her heart.

God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary when she was a young teenager. Gabriel asked her if she would be willing to become the Mother of Jesus, the Savior of the world. Mary said, "Yes! I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to thy word." Joseph, to whom she was engaged took Mary as his wife, and Jesus was born.

Mary cared for Jesus and Joseph with all the love in her heart. She got up before dawn to prepare breakfast, and worked very hard all-day cooking, cleaning, spinning, sewing, laundering, and going to the well for water!

Mary was with Jesus when He was born in the stable and she was with Him when He died on the cross for our sins. Before He died, Jesus gave us Mary to be our Mother as well. When Mary's life was over, God took her into heaven and crowned her Queen of Heaven and Earth!

Source: Saints for Girls

**Lenten Mini Retreat  
Given by Fr. Alfonso Tran,  
Court Chaplain**



Rose Jordan (to the left of Fr. Alfonso) made the recommendation of hosting this retreat during lent. She did all the preparation and inviting the ladies who joined us. Well done, Rose, we needed this time of prayer and reflection.

The retreat theme was drawn from the story of Joseph a son of Jacob who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. The following prayer and reflections taken from Fr. Alfonso's slide presentations:

**Prayer:**

"Lord, protect us from the slow poison of envy and the quiet harm of pride. Heal the wounds caused by favoritism, silence, and betrayal. Give us the courage to speak truth with love, and to act boldly for peace. May no title, no robe, no role be more important than unity and love. Amen."

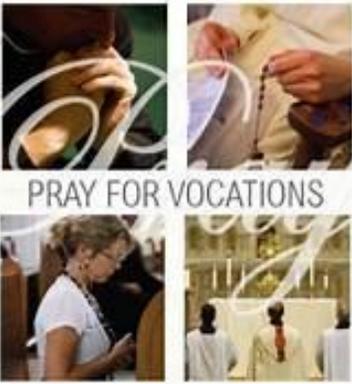
**Reflection**

Have I ever spoken or acted in a way that elevated myself while wounding others?

Have I stood by like Reuben or Judah---knowing what's right but failing to act?



**We invited other women of our community to join us  
and we were blessed to have an excellent attendance.  
Thank You Lord!**



**Andres Ramriez**  
Home Parish  
St. Faustina



**James Schnitzler**  
Home Parish

St. Theresa, Sugar Land  
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For their individual  
financial support, put  
their name on the check  
and send to:  
Office of Vocations  
1700 San Jacinto  
Houston, Texas 77002

*May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives, interceded to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness. Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us. Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us.*



Maria Bannatyne, Trudy Benavides, Helen Cantu, Bob & Judy Christy, Lydia Demko, Kathy Ehlinger, Melinda Ehlinger, Dori Ellis, Samuel Reed, Jo Anne Fagan, Kathy Fisher, Mike Graul, Roz Hebert, Florence Hempel, Irene Infante, Lucy Janda, Delores & David Lemp, Henrietta Neiser, Beth O'Dowd, Vic Reddick, Amel & Gail Rodriguez, Margaret Rutledge, Gabriella Scavella and her Mom, Pam Scavella, Irene Smith, Maryann Spencer & her granddaughter Sarah Rose Massey, Agnes Sullivan, Joan Sullivan & her daughter Anne, Elena & Juanita Torres, Marie Tupa and Mary Ann Wey.

**Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great**

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family."

Amen

Remember our Homebound and all our sisters in prayer"

*If you have anyone you would like mentioned in this section,*

*Email: [judymaniscalco@aol.com](mailto:judymaniscalco@aol.com)*

*Or*

*Call 713-392-3396*

**Important Dates To Remember**

**May**

**2nd Friday Fish Fry**



**11th Mother's Day**



**14th CDA Meeting**

**26th Memorial Day**

**29th Ascension**



**June**

**8th Pentecost**



**9th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



**11th CDA 56th Anniversary Party**



**15th Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity & Father's Day**



**COURT AVE MARIA #2001- Annual Charity RAFFLE**

**Drawing held on June 11th, 2025.**

**Donation \$2.00 per ticket (6- \$10 OR 12- \$20)**

**Mail tickets with checks to**

**Linda Garcia or Esther Martinez**

**P. O Box 79854 - Houston, Texas 77279**

**(Esther - 832-368-0235 or Linda 281-686-1061**

**First Prize is \$750 Gift Card**

**2nd \$500 Gift Card & 3rd \$250 Gift Card**



**PROCEEDS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**Please make Checks made payable to: Court Ave Maria #2001**

**We would like to encourage each of our members to sell and/or donate their tickets by selling \$40. This will help us meet our scholarship goals for this year.**

**"The lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me; my heart leaps for joy and with my song praise him."**

**PSALM 28:7**

**"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."**



**COURT AVE MARIA #2001 - ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE  
Fundraiser for Scholarships for High School Seniors 2025**

**1ST PRIZE IS \$750.00 GIFT CARD**

**2nd Prize \$500.00 Gift Card & 3rd Prize \$250.00 Gift Card**

**Drawing June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Tickets \$2.00 Ea. or (6-\$10 or 12-\$20)**



**Contact Raffle Chair, Esther Martinez @832-368-0235/ Email: Ehdz0222@gmail.com  
Co-Chair, Linda Garcia @281-686-1061/Email: Lindamarcia1960@gmail.com**

## Religious Gift Shop

Contact:

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# Celebrate Mom

We honor all our mothers, whether they are in the company of the Saints in Heaven or still whipping up delicacies in the kitchen! Thank you, God, for all mothers, even those that were not there for us or for whatever reason chose to give us up for adoption. We thank you, Lord.

Author: Eileen (Ike) Colleton

## DIRECTORY

If you have changes,  
Please contact:

**Directory Chair: Judy Christy**  
**(713) 503-6705**



CDA Texas State Convention  
Opening Mass  
Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



The Rosary & Holy Hour for Pro Life is scheduled every Thursday in the Day Chapel from 6:30 p.m. to 7 pm, followed by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



Come pray to end  
Abortion!!



- 1 Gabriella Scavella
- 2 Trudy Benavides
- 2 Jeanette Bruegging
- 16 Susan Graul
- 18 Irene Infante
- 24 Doris Knobloch
- 28 Joan Sullivan
- 30 Carol Heinrich

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Convention, Dallas, Texas More Photo Highlights Memorial Mass – Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Opening Convention

Friday Night – Fun Night



Voting

Sunday Morning Walk / Run



Saturday Evening Banquet – New Officers Elect



Installation Mass – New State Officers 2025-2027



**Religious Gift Shop Opened  
For St. Jerome School Students**



Above: Back Row L-R  
Diane Sebesta & Barbara Levandoski  
Front Row L-R  
Mary Kay Dittrich, Irene Dittrich &  
Jeanette Bruegging



Above: Hospitality – Thank you to:  
Mary Thompson, Chair & Marita Hasou  
Co-chair (not shown)



Congratulations!  
April Raffle Prize Drawing  
Winner Margaret Rutledge

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*Immaculate Heart  
Of Mary,  
Pray for Us!*

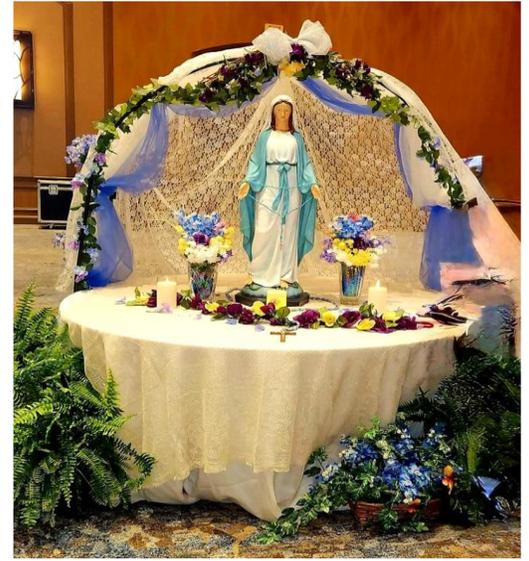


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**CDA State Convention**



**MEMORIAL  
DAY**  
REMEMBER & HONOR



Red, White & Blue Mass  
Friday, April 25, 2025

**Theme for 2025-2027**

Psalm 34:1

**"I will bless the Lord  
at all times."**