



**Two Thousand and One Things**  
**Court Ave Maria #2001- Houston, Texas**  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Newsletter - April, 2025**



**Dear Catholic Daughters, your officers hope to see you Wednesday, April 9<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.**



- 6<sup>th</sup> Teri De Los Santos**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Ehlinger**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Kathy Kellen**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Denise Edmonds**



**An Easter Promise**

**If we but had the eyes to see God’s face in every cloud,**  
**If we but had the ears to hear His voice above the crowd,**  
**If we could fee His gentle touch in every Springtime breeze,**  
**And find a haven in His arms ‘Neath sheltering, leafy trees...**  
**If we could just lift up our hearts like flowers to the sun,**  
**And trust His Easter Promise and pray,**  
**“Thy Will Be Done”,**  
**We’d find the peace we’re seeking, the kind no man can give,**  
**The peace that comes from knowing**  
**HE DIED SO WE MIGHT LIVE!**

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16**

**Easter Reflections**

**With OUR EYES we see the beauty of Easter as the earth awakens once more...**  
**With OUR EARS we hear the birds sing sweetly to tell us Spring again is here...**  
**With OUR HANDS we pick the golden daffodils and the fragrant hyacinths...**  
**But only with OUR HEARTS can we feel the MIRACLE OF GOD’S LOVE which redeems all men...**  
**And only with OUR SOUL, can we make our “pilgrimage to God” and inherit His Easter Gift of ETERNAL LIFE.**

**Important Dates  
to Remember**

**April**

**Lenten Fish Fry's  
4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**



**9<sup>th</sup> - CDA Meeting**

**13<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday**



**20<sup>th</sup> - Easter**



**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

**54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State  
Convention**

**27<sup>th</sup> Feast of Divine Mercy**



**May**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Friday Fish Fry**



**14<sup>th</sup> CDA Meeting**

**29<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord**



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



**Andres Ramriez  
Home Parish  
St. Faustina**



**James Schnitzler  
Home Parish  
St. Theresa, Sugar Land**

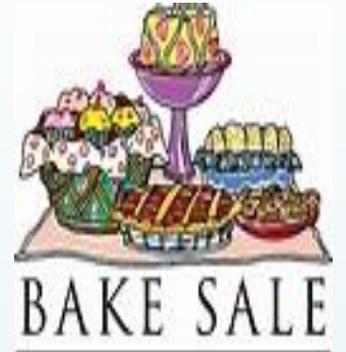
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**For their individual financial support,  
put their name on the check and send to:**

**Office of Vocations  
1700 San Jacinto  
Houston, Texas 77002**



**Lenten Fish Fry's  
April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**



**Contact**

**Bake Sale Chair**

**Kathy Ehlinger**

**713-240-0293 / Email:  
k.ehlinger@att.net**

**Additional help is  
needed to cut & sell  
desserts.**

*If you do not have time to  
bake, donations are accepted  
to purchase desserts.*

**Directory Updates**

**Martha Bayer - do you  
have any contact  
information for Martha?**

**If you have change s,  
please contact.**

**Directory Chair:**

**Judy Christy  
(713) 503-6705**



Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name, Amen! QuotebyAuthor.com



## Prayer Request



"Remember our Homebound and all our sisters in prayer."

Maria Bannatyne, Trudy Benavides, Helen Cantu, Bob & Judy Christy, Lydia Demko, Kathy Ehlinger, Melinda Ehlinger, Dori Ellis, Paulette Farek's Grandson, Samuel Reed, 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

*If you have anyone you would like mentioned in this section,  
Email: [judymaniscalco@aol.com](mailto:judymaniscalco@aol.com) or call 713-392-3396.*

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



Come pray to help end abortion!

## Religious Gift Shop

Contact:

Mary Kay Dittrich  
@281-216-1722

Email: [maryd0713@gmail.com](mailto:maryd0713@gmail.com)

Or

Linda Garcia  
@281-686-1061

Email: [lindamgarcia1960@gmail.com](mailto:lindamgarcia1960@gmail.com)

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy  
EASTER



## DEADLINE APPROACHING!



Applications must be post marked no later than May 1st, 2025



COURT AVE MARIA #2001 AWARDS (2) \$2,500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RELATED TO OUR COURT MEMBERSHIP.

Contact Barbara Levandoski for applications. Call 832-723-4783

or

Email: [barbaralev79@gmail.com](mailto:barbaralev79@gmail.com)

**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**

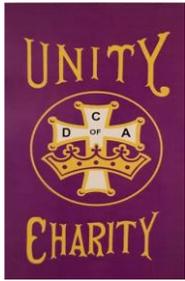
**PROCEEDS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**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 each. 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**



**COURT AVE MARIA #2001 - ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE**

**Fundraiser for Scholarships for High School Seniors 2025**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE IS \$750.00 GIFT CARD**



**Drawing June 11th - Tickets \$2.00 Ea.**

**or**

**(6-\$10 or 12-\$20)**

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

**Contact Raffle Chair, Esther Martinez @832-368-0235/ Email: Ehdz0222@gmail.com**

**Co-Chair, Linda Garcia @281-686-1061/Email: Lindamgarcia1960@gmail.com**



**"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."**

The Forty Hours Devotion, or “Quarantore,” is a beloved and profound Catholic tradition centered around Eucharistic adoration. It involves continuous prayer and reverence before the Blessed Sacrament, typically lasting forty hours, and finds its roots in the deep reverence Catholics have for the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ. The devotion is a response to the call for prayer, reflection, and gratitude, inviting the faithful to unite in an extended period of worship and spiritual renewal.



### Origins and History

The Forty Hours Devotion emerged in the 16th century in Italy, most notably within the Archdiocese of Milan. It is attributed to St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratory, who, in 1527, instituted this devotion to offer a focused period of prayer in response to the devastating threat posed by the plague. Recognizing the need for divine intervention, Neri encouraged the faithful to spend forty hours before the Eucharist in adoration, praying for mercy and relief. Thus, the Forty Hours Devotion draws from this biblical symbolism, using the number forty as a means of inviting Catholics into a time of spiritual purification, reflection, and preparation for deeper communion with God.

### The Significance of Forty Hours

The number forty holds rich biblical significance, often associated with periods of trial, purification, and preparation. In the Old Testament, Moses spent forty days and nights on Mount Sinai, receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex. 34:28). Similarly, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land (Nm. 14:33-34). In the New Testament, Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days in the wilderness, preparing for His public ministry (Mt. 4:1-2).

Source: Catholic Exchange

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my  
work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that  
I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to  
defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that  
I always may be holy.

**Amen** (St. Augustine)



Dearest Jesus, preserve us from  
the evil around us and turn our  
eyes to You, for You have  
promised that the perfect heart  
will see God. Send your Holy Spirit  
upon us to fill us with Your grace  
and keep us pure of heart. In  
Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**APRIL THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues through all of April.

In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

**PRAYER:**

Dear Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love, Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, did assume our human nature, did shed Thy most precious blood in the cruel scourging, and did expire on a shameful cross for our eternal welfare! Now, illumined with lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech Thee, through the infinite merits of Thy painful sufferings, give me strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless Thee in my greatest affliction, to glorify Thee by the exact fulfillment of all my duties, supremely to hate all sin, and thus to become a saint. Amen.



**Chairman:  
Catherine Guillory**



**BLESSED BE THE NAME OF  
THOSE WHO HEAR THE CRIES  
OF THE POOR!**



**Thank you for your  
Support and Generosity!**

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*Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Pray for Us!*

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