

CDA Court #2690

# Newsletter

May-June 2025

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*"Unity and Charity"*

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 202 Kronkosky, Boerne, TX 78006 [www.cdaboerne.org](http://www.cdaboerne.org)

Meetings are on the  
second Tuesdays of the month  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Upon This Rock Campus,  
St. Anthony Hall  
Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

## *A Message from our Regent...*

It has become apparent to me that Donna, our editor, is led by the spirit in creating this labor of love. She shared with me the theme for this issue is "Light," and that very thought has been at the epicenter of my heart. As many of you may be aware, our court funded a meal for about 100 prisoners and/or Kolbe team members at the Torres Unit in Hondo, Texas. We cooked the meal, drove out there, and were able to serve the prisoners. Little did I know how God would use that opportunity to bless me. I shared with the prisoners, before I came into the main room where the retreat was being held, I stopped in the ladies room to pray. I asked God to allow me to be the light in their darkness, and just then the lights went out. They roared with laughter. I told them I found myself in a dark room and laughed! I told God, "Okay I get the message – I don't need electricity to be a light; I need the Holy Spirit." We are the light when we bring God's love into any situation. We served the meal and were able to share God's love, look them in the eye, and tell them they are precious in God's sight. They sang to us; they lifted us up and gave us a beautiful card they had all signed. We will share that card at the May meeting.



**Regent Janice Almeida**

*Photo courtesy of  
Janice Almeida.*

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### Spam Spread Candlesticks

3 3 oz. cans Spam Spread  
 2 T Chopped pimiento  
 1 T Prepared mustard  
 Dash Tabasco  
 Parsley

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¾ C. Well-drained pickle relish  
 3 3 oz. cans Spam Spread  
 Pickles

For pimiento candles, mix the three cans Spam Spread with the chopped pimiento, prepared mustard, and the dash of Tabasco. Pack into a tapered glass lined with cheesecloth. Chill thoroughly. Unmold onto parsley and decorate with pimiento pieces.

For pickle candles, mix the well-drained pickle relish with three cans of Spam Spread. Mold as directed above. Decorate with pickle.

Submitted by Donna Oates

*I found this yellowed recipe card in an old recipe box I inherited from my parents. It is written in my father's handwriting. I never remember having these as a child, but I couldn't resist printing "candles" in a newsletter with a light theme!*

"May God prosper the work of our hands!"

- Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, Institute of Catholic Culture



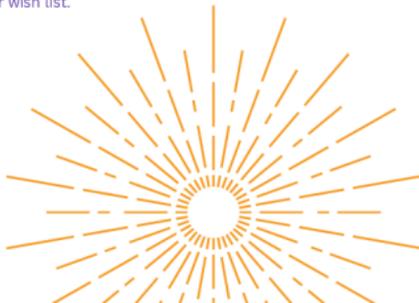
## Circle of Love

By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point to the center and bound together by a common interest. The seven point program of the "Circle of Love" is bound together by the common interest – love.



The seven points of the program, Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth/JCDA, Education, and Family, indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters.

- ✦ **Prayer Requests.** Please send your prayer requests to Nancy Roberts, [nancyroberts11@aol.com](mailto:nancyroberts11@aol.com). If you are interested in forming a rosary prayer group, let Nancy know. She will help you with the details.
- ✦ **Vet Furniture Project.** Contact Barbara Walz at [barbwalz@gvtc.com](mailto:barbwalz@gvtc.com) or 210-355-3394 to donate. Items needed are small furniture, jewelry, bingo items, and all household items.
- ✦ **Adoration.** Catholic daughters have the honor of participating in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. To sign up, please follow this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-adoration](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-adoration).
- ✦ **Quality of Life.**  
**ANGEL GIFT BASKET PROJECT**  
If you would like to recycle your Christmas cards, please turn in the front of the card (as long as no one has written on it) to Barbara Vogt. She will use these for the gift tags for next year's Angel Gift Basket project.  
**COOKIES FOR CARE CHOICE BINGO**  
Catholic daughters have been asked to supply five-dozen cookies (store bought or homemade) for Bingo once a month at Care Choice Nursing Home. Bingo is held the third Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m., and the cookies need to be there by 2:00 p.m. **Dates are now open for providing cookies! A new Sign Up Genius is on the CDA Website.**  
**ADOPT A RESIDENT AT RIVERVIEW** (By Suzelle Yanes)  
Adopt a Resident at Riverview Nursing Home has been going very well. I appreciate all the CDA ladies coming to assist with all the activities. We continue to play Bingo. Please contact Suzelle Yanes at [sdyanes1@hotmail.com](mailto:sdyanes1@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.
- ✦ **Monday Night Rosary.** CDA daughters are invited to sign up to lead the rosary after each Monday night Mass. Follow this link to add your name to the list: [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-monday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-monday). Please contact Mary Jo Perley at [perlevmj@gmail.com](mailto:perlevmj@gmail.com) or 830-388-1744 if you have questions or need a script for the rosary.
- ✦ **Memorial Cards.** CDA sold 10 memorial cards in the amount of \$40.00 in March and 21 memorial cards in the amount of \$73.00 in April. If you are in need of any cards or have any questions, please contact Ginger Vlieger at [gingervlieger@gvtc.com](mailto:gingervlieger@gvtc.com) or 210-219-1522.
- ✦ **Women's Shelter.** Kendall County Women's Shelter provides residential and non-residential support to victims of domestic violence along with their children and pets. We collect personal hygiene items at our monthly meetings for use by shelter guests. We also collect and donate items to be sold at their thrift shop, Fabulous Finds, located on School Street. Their website, [kcwstexas.org](http://kcwstexas.org), has contact information, services provided, and the shelter wish list.





## Court # 2690 Daughter of the Month



*Regent Janice Almeida presents December Daughter of the Month Ruth McLane with her certificate at the March meeting. Ruth is honored for her dedication and persistence that allowed us to update our court's Standing Rules.*

## Catholic Daughters of the Month 2025



**Dec (2024): Ruth McLane**

**Jan: Gloria Villegas**

**Feb: TBA**

**Mar: TBA**

**Apr: TBA**

## Court #2690 Featured Daughter: Elvie Wild

Regent Janice Almeida writes,  
*I had the honor of serving with Elvie as a fellow officer during the Panel 2022-2024. I saw her serve with grace and humility. She was always there when we needed her, and I knew I could always count on her no matter what the task. I am proud to call her friend and am so blessed she is part of my life. She is that light we talk about in this issue - her light is steady, strong, and loving. May we all learn from her example.*



My name is Elvie V. Wild. I was born and raised in the Philippines. In 1971, my two younger siblings and I emigrated to America to be with our dad and his wife and our other siblings. I was going on my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in college when I left the country. I studied nursing, hoping to follow in my parents' footsteps (both parents were nurses), but I realized I am not meant to be a nurse. I could not handle being around sick children because it broke my heart to see them in pain. I worked various clerical jobs until a friend offered me job in accounting. I was a bookkeeper for over 25 years and also spent 19 years as a travel agent, which I loved.

I met my husband Dave through friends, and two years later we got married (45 years last March). We moved to Boerne in June of 2005 from California after my husband retired as an Elevator Mechanic. My husband and I love to travel.

My maternal grandfather influenced me with my faith. He was a man of few words but a loving, kind human being. He made sure that at 6 pm every night, everyone was home to say the rosary.

We have been parishioners at St Peter's since we relocated here in Texas. I volunteered in a few ministries – Faith Formation, VBS for a few years, and with Altar Care since 2019. I went to a Ministry Fair in 2019 and talked to Diane Beaton about CDA, and she encouraged me to attend the meeting to check it out. I am so glad that I did and thankful to Diane for encouraging me. In 2022, my grandson Dylan had a very bad car accident. It was a very difficult time for our family. I called the church and talked to Judy Gleason to ask for prayers to give us hope and courage, and she put Dylan's name on the schedule for Mass intentions right away, and Dorothy organized a 24-hour community rosary for him. Without the love and support of the Catholic Daughters and St Peter's, it would have been hard to overcome that tragedy. The Wild family is forever grateful. My grandson Dylan is thriving and believes that miracles do happen. I am so blessed to be a part of this awesome ministry and meet wonderful women.



# We Welcome New Members

## Keila Garza

Keila has lived in Boerne for 22

years and has been a parishioner of St. Peter's for 20 years. Keila enjoys reading, singing, and helping others. Keila joined our court through member Dana Gallegos. Keila has a wonderful sense of humor. She notes that while she enjoys singing, it may be more of a "joyful noise," and when asked what she would like others to know about her, she writes, "I am a ray of sunshine!"



*From Left: Keila Garza, Regent Janice Almeida, Danielle Long (with honorary member Bailee), and Pattie Jetter.*

## Danielle Long

Danielle was welcomed as a new member at the CDA March meeting.

## Patti Jetter

Patty and her husband, Nelson, have lived in Boerne for nine years and came here to follow their grandchildren. They came to Boerne from Yoakum, where they raised their three children.

Patty is retired after a 40-year career in emergency room nursing. Her current hobbies are RVing, hiking, volunteering, and spending time with family. Patty decided to join CDA in order to network with other Catholic Christian women and for the volunteer opportunities.

## We Welcome New Members Cont'd...

### Renee Macaluso

Renee and her husband, Joseph, have been married for 52 years and have been parishioners of St. Peter's for 19 years. Joseph is very active in the community and is serving his sixth year on the Boerne City Council. Renee was trained as a medical technologist but retired to stay home and raise their children. They have three grown daughters and five grandchildren, with one on the way in October. They also have a pet Boxer who is about to get a new lab puppy to train! Renee enjoys baking and gardening and also does water aerobics at the Benedictine Sisters' pool. She was brought to our court by Yolanda Doddato, who invited her to the March meeting. Renee joined at that meeting and has since attended the 10-year celebration of the formation of CDA at St. Peter's and helped stuff Easter eggs for the church Easter egg hunt. Renee hopes to be involved in other activities and meet more members.



*New members Renee Macaluso, Melissa Butler, and Cynthia Perez at the March Meeting with Regent Janice Almeida.*

### Melissa Butler

Melissa and her husband, Burke, have lived in Fair Oaks Ranch for 13 ½ years and have been parishioners since moving to the area. Melissa and Burke have been married for 25 years and have two children, Walter and Maggie, who attend college at the University of Arkansas. Melissa works as a physical therapist, currently at North Central Baptist Hospital. She usually attends the Life Teen Mass on Sundays and helps out as a Lead Eucharistic Minister. She looks forward to joining the community of women in Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

### Cynthia Perez

Cynthia is married to Miguel, and they have been parishioners of St. Peter's for seven years. Cynthia works outside the home part-time and also enjoys helping others, hiking, fishing, and spending time with her family. She was brought to CDA by members Dana Gallegos, Gloria Villegas, and Regent Janice Almeida. She writes that she is excited to learn and grow in this amazing ministry!

# In Remembrance: Pope Francis

*By CDA Daughter Donna Oates*



Pope Francis was born in Argentina on December 17, 1936, to a working class family. His father, an immigrant from Italy, worked the railroads, and his mother was an Italian housewife. They named him Jorge Mario Bergoglio, and he was the eldest of four children. The man who would become Pope Francis had two brothers and two sisters; his sister Maria Elena is his only sibling still alive.

When he was 22 years of age, Jorge was ordained a priest after joining the novitiate of the Jesuits. Four years later he made his perpetual vows in the

Society of Jesus and was elected Jesuit provincial for Argentina. In 1992 Fr. Bergoglio became auxiliary bishop of the Buenos Aires archdiocese; six years later, he became archbishop. St. John Paul II named Archbishop Bergoglio a cardinal in 2001. He was known to be humble, modest, and kind and had a special connection to the poor.

After the resignation of Benedict XVI, on March 13, 2013, at the age of 76, Bergoglio was elected the first Jesuit and the first Latin American pope and took the name Francis.

In his Angelus prayer reflections on March 22, 2020, Pope Francis wrote,

Each one of us is called to receive the divine light in order to manifest it with our whole life.... Saint Paul reminds us of this today: “Live as children of light; for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth” (Eph 5:8-9).

Information for this article taken from the following websites:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/190581/pope-francis-%7C-biography>

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20200322.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20200322.html)

## A Message from our Regent Continued...

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What a joy, what an honor, to be God's light.

I had to ask myself, "How often do I miss His call? How often do I forget what my job is"? I am reminded of all the times someone might be watching. It's possible someone might be sizing us up to see if we are really who we say we are. I think of no better way to be real than to be the light of God's love. We just hosted the Easter Vigil, and as we shared the light of Christ in church, the candles filled the room with a warm glow that reminded me of this same message. We are the light of Christ, and we must not hide our light. We are to share it with the world.

We just celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a court, and the room was filled with joy and pride. My vantage point was unique as I was able to reflect your accomplishments as a court. That would not have been possible if court members had not boldly stepped out, acted on God's call, and sacrificed to be a life-giving and life-changing force in our church community. I had the honor of being able to recognize and honor our current members and the six members we have lost during our court's history. The remembrance portion of the program was grace-filled, and I am so glad we took the time to show our love and respect for each of them. We were honored to have family members or friends bring a candle forward in their honor as we spoke of their gift to us and their family. Their flame is not extinguished, but remembered, and isn't that what we want to accomplish with our lives? To be remembered, to know we have done our job?

At the end of the video we shared, I used a scripture which I would like to share again:

Matthew 5:14-16:

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

I remember standing on stage as we played the closing slides of the video. I looked out and saw Fr. Norm, and I looked out the window and saw the Texas hill country and our church built on a hill. How appropriate! We are a town on a hill that cannot be hidden. We just need to make sure we continue to let our light shine. We have been given the grace to serve our Lord, and with His love and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do it well.

Just as our Holy Father, Pope Francis, lived his life, we should follow his example of grace, dignity, charity, and love. He was the light to the world. We honor him and pray we may follow his example.

## What's coming up...

Watch the bulletin for these events and much more!

To read St. Peter's online bulletin, click [HERE](#).



## Parish News and Events

As we begin the exciting work to build our parish school, please remember that traffic patterns on our campus will change. The Hosack street entrance/exit is closed; please watch the bulletin carefully for other changes and events as we prepare to begin next school year with the St. Peter's Lions in our midst!



Join our parish Celebration of Mary on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Day Chapel and process to the grotto. You are welcome to bring flowers to crown our Holy Mother, or you can choose a flower from those that will be provided. A celebration with cupcakes and lemonade will follow.



# Parish News and Events

Court #2690 hosted parish-wide Lenten Fish Fries with the help of Kevin Drennan, Tommy Meuth, Brian D'Spain, and Tim Butler, all members of our parish Knights of Columbus.



*Pictures submitted by Elvie Wild.*

# Parish News and Events

## Fish Fries Continued...



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## CDA March Meeting



Pictures submitted by Elvie Wild.

## Parish News and Events

CDA helped support the Benedictine Sisters' annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser by decorating The Cana Ballroom and serving dinner.



Pictures submitted by Elvie Wild.

# Happy, Happy...

## Birthdays!



### May

Robbie Martin, 5-3  
Trish Anderson, 5-8  
Barbara Vogt, 5-8  
Judi White, 5-15  
Nancy Lysinger, 5-18  
Darcy Maciolek, 5-22  
Donna Price, 5-23  
Maria Ann Wladika, 5-23  
Mary Helen Torres, 5-26  
Donna Oates, 5-29  
Gina Vina, 5-29  
Amber Bugge, 5-30

### June

Kathy Hannig, 6-4  
Susan Markworth, 6-4  
Frances Martinez, 6-4  
Peggy Pillar, 6-10  
Lisa Strain, 6-10  
Esther Keeley, 6-14  
Kathryn Hassenger, 6-16  
Suzanne Rausch, 6-19  
Gloria Villanueva, 6-19  
Kathy Sitka-Chopra, 6-20  
Michelle Lee, 6-20  
Arla Mangold, 6-23  
Beth Dewey, 6-24  
Carol Lyle, 6-25  
Ree Laughlin, 6-26  
Ginny Sledge, 6-26

## Anniversaries!



### May

Mary & James Barton, 5-5  
Kathy Sitka & Shalindaa Chopra, 5-8  
Angie & Peter Lozano, 5-8  
Becky & Larry Krock, 5-18  
Esther & Thomas Keeley, 5-19  
Elizabeth & Christian Perez, 5-19  
Karen & Larry Verrill, 5-20  
Patti & Nelson Jetter, 5-22  
Marti & Richard DeLaGarza, 5-25  
Nancy & David Boerner, 5-29  
Oralia & Francisco Barrera, 5-29  
Paula & Ed Hoepfner, 5-29  
Teresa & Raymond Valderaz, 5-31

### June

Ree & Rich Laughlin, 6-1  
Donna & Randy Oates, 6-3  
Jeannie & Tony Hernandez, 6-3  
Barbara & Rob Walz, 6-4  
Patricia & Victor Ptak, 6-4  
Paula & Kevin Beaton, 6-9  
Dana & Greg Gonyer, 6-10  
Sonja & Michael Mazour, 6-14  
Kristine & Jim Luisi, 6-20  
Karen & Ray Smajstrla, 6-20  
Sherry & Carlos Barrera, 6-24  
Rose & Greg Jaeger, 6-25  
Arla & Tommy Mangold, 6-25  
Kathy & Oscar Hannig, 6-28  
Christine & Seldonio Flores, 6-29  
Eleanor & John Moring, 6-29  
Karen & Tim Stevenson, 6-30

# Spiritual Enhancement : Pursuing Holiness

**By CDA Daughter Nancy Roberts**

I had the pleasure of having a conversation with Sr. Sylvia, who is a Benedictine Nun from our monastery on the hill. She was very informative about the origins of her congregation, the initiation process, and the role of nuns in the Catholic Church.

All religious congregations are formed to answer a particular need for a ministry. They all are to serve the people of God and take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. There are two general types of congregations: Monastic and Apostolic.

All women religious congregations are directly subject to Rome. There is an office in Rome that monitors all religious sisters. There is also a hierarchy to deal with various issues within the congregations. Each congregation is autonomous and establishes their own set of norms.

Our Benedictine monastery was established in 1962 when sisters arrived from Europe. Their patron saint is St. Scholastica, who was the twin of St. Benedict. In the beginning, the sisters had a very difficult time due to not having a way of supporting themselves. Our sisters follow the Benedictine Rule of contemplation, community, stability, and convergence of life. They are contemplative sisters with various ministries. Communal prayer is their primary work, and they say it is the Work of God. A few of the sisters' ministries include Eagle Pass mission, Health and Wellness Center, Sister's Attic, Head Start, and We Love Kids. The congregation's difficulty is to maintain a balance of contemplative life with devotion to ministries.

To become a member of a religious congregation, the person generally must have two years of college or work experience and not be over 55 (this varies). The steps are as follows:

1. Apply to the Prioress of the Congregation.
2. Once the application has been accepted, a date will be set to enter as a Postulant (9-12 months).
3. Next, you are a Novitiate for one to two years, study theology, and are immersed in ministries.
4. You then request to make your 1st Vow, and all sisters in the congregation must vote for your acceptance. Once you are accepted, this phase lasts three to six years.
5. Perpetual or final vow is for life. The only way for a dispensation from a final vow is to get permission from Rome. Sisters are free to leave at any time until their final vow.

Thanks to Sister Sylvia for taking the time to highlight the importance of our Catholic Sisters!

Blessings,  
Nancy Roberts

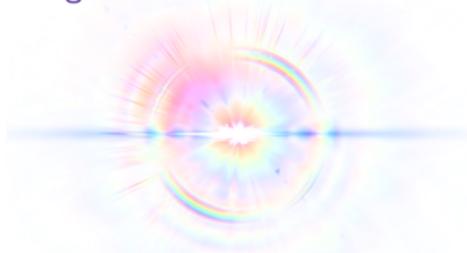
# Mind, Body, and Spirit: Health for the Journey

By CDA Daughter Donna Oates

3 John 1:2 (NAB): "Beloved, I hope you are in good health--may you thrive in all other ways as you do in the spirit."

Have you ever noticed how the light in our world around us changes with each season? As we “spring forward” and “fall back” each year, one of the most subtle but profound differences is light. I’m sure there is a most scientific reason for this, but what is important to me is the emotional impact this change of light has on my heart and soul. There is a phenomenon called “golden hour” that most photographers and videographers know about, which happens right after sunrise and right before sunset. At these times, the sun colors daylight in a redder, softer hue; the sun is lower in the sky, so its light isn’t as harsh. Spring and Autumn are both “softer” seasons: Not the intense heat of Summer nor the bitter cold and wet of Winter, but a softness. Spring fills our world with new growth: New baby plants, flowers, green leaves, and soft, long days. Fall brings a crispness to the air, a promise of change, woodsmoke and soft, grey, cloudy skies. All seasons, though, have their own golden hours, some more prominent than others, but there all the same.

Look for the golden hours. They are healing, beautiful, and mark the cycles of our days, months, seasons. They hold the promise of what is, and the hope of what will come. Even in the days and months that seem harsh and unrelenting, the golden hours come.



## Together, We Remember and Pray



**John Edmund Noack**

*Husband of CDA Financial Secretary Debbie Noack*

The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. When the Church for the last time speaks Christ's words of pardon and absolution over the dying Christian, seals him for the last time with a strengthening anointing, and gives him Christ in viaticum as nourishment for the journey, she speaks with gentle assurance:

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world  
in the name of God the almighty Father,  
who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,  
who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
who was poured out upon you.  
Go forth, faithful Christian  
May you live in peace this day,  
may your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. . . .  
May you return to [your Creator]  
who formed you from the dust of the earth.  
May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints  
come to meet you as you go forth from this life. . . .  
May you see your Redeemer face to face.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 1, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 12.*

<http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/p123a12.htm>



# CDA Beyond Boerne

## State News

Follow this link to read the March edition of The Lone Star Messenger, Texas' state CDA newsletter:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UvEtAdgycNh51lu8703uRoTnefuyRfil/view>

## Need Some CDA Swag?

Follow this link for the Texas CDA Store:

<https://texascdca.org/texas-online-store>

## National News

### Membership Drive

National Membership Chairman and National Regent-Elect Essie Walker has begun a membership drive contest for CDA. The contest runs through the end of this year, and cash prizes will be awarded to local courts who bring in the most members. Reach out whenever possible to invite new members to our court!

## Important Dates

May 1: Deadline for Financial Review submissions

May 1: National Day of Prayer

May 10-12: One Million Rosaries for the Unborn

May 15: Campus Court Scholarship Deadline

May 26 Memorial Day

May 29: Ascension of Jesus

June 8: Pentecost

June 15 Trinity Sunday

June 18: CDA Instituted in 1903

June 19: Feast of Corpus Christi

June 27 Sacred Heart of Jesus

## National CDA Pilgrimage

### 12 Days Footsteps of St. Paul

Join CDA sisters from across the nation on a pilgrimage through Athens, Delphi, Meteora, Beroea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini, October 17 - 28, 2025. The \$5,600 price includes roundtrip airfare, first-class hotels, transportation, meals, entrance fees to all sites on the itinerary, daily Mass, and more! The enrollment fee is \$800, with 50% due May 17, 2025, and the full balance due July 17, 2025. For more information, call 1-833-944-8242.



## *A Message from our Chaplain*

### *Let the Light of Easter Shine!*

At the Easter Vigil this year, the light of Christ was placed in the hearts of 20 newly baptized persons. Each of them reborn into new life with Christ. Each of them washed clean from sin. The candle handed to them by their godparents is symbolic of Christ now living within them. In the baptismal font that evening, the Church witnessed pure joy. Tears were shed for love and for past lives, friendships were strengthened, family bonds strengthened, resolve was made, hope fulfilled, and faith made new across the entire body of Christ. Joining these newly baptized were 34 individuals who were previously baptized in another faith or the Catholic faith. These 54 persons received the sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion. This same light that was ignited here in our parish also entered thousands of others in our archdiocese, and tens of thousands around the world.

Those who are drawn to the Church do not wake up one day and randomly decide to “see who Christ is.” Somewhere in their life they experienced the Light of Christ. From a co-worker, a family member, a friend, or someone else whom they encountered. It could have been in a kind word or a selfless act of love, a smile, hug, or simply a hello. They experienced someone living a life of generosity, humility, or sacrifice. For the Catholic completing their sacraments, for the convert, or if one encounters Christ for the first time, it is because another person has been a light for them. The light of Christ that lives within us is made to shine. By our baptism, as adopted daughters and sons of Christ, the light should burn brightly in all we do and for all whom we meet.

Glory and praise to God the Father and to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. And may the Holy Spirit ignite the Light of Christ in the hearts of all the faithful so that his love, which heals all things, may wash away the darkness.

—Amen

Deacon Marty