



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Our Lady Queen of the Lake Court #2364

Lake Jackson, TX

Lakeside News



March 2018 Newsletter

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Dr. Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; I John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Three times in [the Psalm 118 reading] we cry out a victory shout: “His mercy endures forever.” Truly we’ve known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ pierced side (see [John 19:34](#)), we’ve been made God’s children, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the Apostles, who in [the Gospel reading] are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)) and He filled His Apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in [the] First Reading, they bore witness to His Resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see [Acts 2:42](#)). We encounter Him as the Apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord’s day (see [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Corinthians 16:2](#); [Revelation 1:10](#)).

There is something liturgical about the way [the] Gospel scenes unfold. It’s as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, “Peace be with you,” used elsewhere by divine messengers (see [Daniel 10:19](#); [Judges 6:23](#)). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their “Lord.” Isn’t this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives Himself to us in the sacrament of His Body and Blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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Yours in Christ, Scott

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National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org
Texas CDA - www.texasdaughters.org
Websites



Regent & Spiritual Message



Regent Message by Rhonda Palasota

Please check the calendar for the dates and times of the opportunities to live our Motto of Unity and Charity! There are some pretty special events coming up for the membership to attend! One of the best things I can share with you this month is that my Lent was truly fruitful in that I feel confident in my next steps. I hope the same is true for each of you. The work we do is blessed by the amount of love in which we do it. We are always ready to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. My hope is that we will take some time each day to recharge our batteries. Daily prayer, reading scripture, learning about our faith and why we worship as we do, etc. are just a few examples of ways in which we can fill our proverbial "tanks" that allows us to move on to the Lord's work.

Spiritual Message

I AM THE RISEN ONE – your *living God*. Celebrate the Joy of serving a Savior who is exuberantly alive! Rejoice also in My promise to be with you continually – throughout time and eternity. These truths can sustain you through the greatest trials or disappointments you will ever encounter. So walk boldly along the path of Life with Me, trusting confidently in the One who never lets go of your hand.

Consider what I offer you: Myself, forgiveness of *all* your sins, forever-pleasures in heaven. This is all so extravagant and lavish that you cannot comprehend it fully. That is why worshipping Me is so important: It's a powerful way of connecting with Me that transcends your understanding. It also proclaims My Presence. There are numerous ways of worshipping Me: singing hymns and praise songs, studying and memorizing My Word, praying individually and with others glorying in the wonders of My creation. Serving and loving others with My Love can also be worship. *Whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God – My Glory!*

- From *Jesus Always*, March 23rd
by Sarah Young

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. – Matthew 28:5-6

Presented by Patty Matus
March 2018 meeting



National News via Share



We are One

**by Sherry Nilles, First Vice National Regent
National Leadership Chairman**

Leadership is really about life. As a daughter, wife, mother, sister or grandmother, you are called to be a leader in your home and with your family. That is where the first skills of a leader are learned. The same rules that apply to life apply to leadership. Where and how does a person, family or court start?

The first and foremost rule for our courts to be great and good is that all must work together to become one. Resistance, especially to change, causes a split in our courts and the loss of the ability to become one.

Never argue with the one in charge. There may be differing opinions. Ask whether you can give yours. No room for discussion? Be courteous. Attitude shown by rolling of eyes, exasperation or rudeness only causes more dissent and a negative feeling for the court.

Don't criticize the court regent or any officer. Much more work will be accomplished by working as one. Negativity during a meeting is uncomfortable. Members may choose not to attend a meeting when criticism is part of the court meeting.

Give 110 percent effort all the time. Be willing to make the extra effort. More effort means more results. You will seem motivated and helpful. Your court will be alive and well if every member gives more than just what is expected. If things go wrong, reflect on the lesson taught, then move on. Smile and start again tomorrow.

Be flexible and willing to listen to other ideas. Always give your best and your court will flourish and grow.

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For the complete article, see Share – Winter 2018, pp. 20-21.
http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/colorfx/share_winter2018/index.php#/22



CDA State News



State News

Greetings Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364! Hope everyone had a blessed Easter! For me it's diet time AGAIN! Too many jelly beans! But I just cannot resist!

I was so excited to get Rhonda's call asking me to contribute to your monthly newsletter. I am the newsletter chairman with my court, so I am honored to be able to submit something to yours!

Let me introduce myself and tell you a few things about me. My name is Carolyn Ritchey, but you may remember me as Carolyn Rapsilver. On August 20, 2016, I married a wonderful man! His name is Frank, and he's God's great gift to me! He is super supportive of my CDA involvement, and that's a huge plus!

I am involved in the music ministry in 2 parishes as an organist and a cantor. Music runs through my family's blood! I also sing with the Austin County Civic Chorale, which is a group of singers which are dedicated in preserving great music and keeping the art of music alive!

When I am not singing, I am managing my own commercial construction company with my dad. Dad has been in business since 1975 and in 2010 the business was given to me! We've come a long way and it's nice being your own boss – well, most of the time. Dad still pulls the strings!

But my main passion is CDA! From the day I joined (25 years ago), I have wanted to be involved. So, that's exactly what I did. I held the office of Treasurer for 5 years and the office of Regent for a nonconsecutive total of 16 years. I have served as District Deputy #28 for 4 years and then was appointed to the State Treasurer's position. Due to family concerns at the time, I was unable to move up to State Secretary. But when one door closes, another is opened. I thank our State Regent Rosie Stockwell and the State Board for their vote of confidence in me to take on the position as State Secretary. I am honored to serve all of you, and I pray for your continued support!

Do not be afraid to get involved. Don't hesitate to say, "YES!" when asked to serve your court as an officer, whether it be on the local, state, or national level. We are all behind you and will be there to help every step of the way. Yes, there are some frustrations along the way but it's all a part of the learning process. When I was asked to take on local court Regent, I couldn't answer right away. So, I prayed about it. Believe it or not, my answer came to me when I was leading the Rosary for a deceased CDA member. All of my CDA sisters sat around me in support and I knew right then and there that I had to say YES!

Ladies, keep up the good works for CDA! I look forward to seeing all you soon! My prayers are with you, and may our Lord and Savior continue to bless you!



Pictured
Carolyn Ritchey
State Secretary

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Your sister in Christ,
Carolyn Ritchey



District 35 Information



Bakers Needed:

Ladies, it's that time of year again!

Our Lady Queen of the Lake Court 2364 along with St. Joseph's, St. Jerome's and Most Holy Trinity's CDA Courts will be holding the District 35 Bake Sale at The Gathering Place Brain Fair. We're asking all those bakers out there to warm up your oven and start baking. Items can be dropped off at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds by 9am or they can be dropped off at St. Michael's by 8am. If you are able to work a shift or help deliver baked good to the fairgrounds please contact Dottie Mensik.

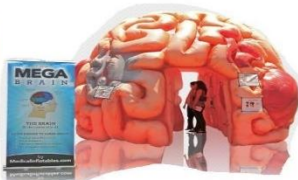
Written by Sarah Ebey

BrainFair

Eat, drink, and be merry!

Taste something healthy and different at Texas AgriLife's cooking demos.

Catholic Daughters' Courts from St. Michaels, St. Joseph, St. Jerome's and Most Holy Trinity will offer homemade treats and coffee at their yummy Bake Sale.



Tour the MEGA Brain

The MEGA Brain is an anatomically correct 18 ft. x 14 ft. x 12 ft. inflatable brain. Walk in through the frontal lobe and exit through the cerebellum. On your tour, you will observe normal brain function as well as see how diseases and disorders affect the brain. We'll have lots of information about how to maximize brain health.

The MEGA Brain is an educational project offered by the First Presbyterian Church of Alvin.

Be a better informed health care consumer:

- Exhibits
- Screenings
- Information
- Resources

CLOWNS
DOOR PRIZES

Exercise with



Merie Abercrombie with Best Body by Merie

Try:



Mark Kunik, M.D., MPH

Chief, Health Services Delivery, VA; Professor, Menninger Dept. of Psychology and Behavioral Science; co-author of the timeless "Alzheimer's for Dummies"

Hear our ROCK STAR Physician Presenters



Kelly Dineley, Ph.D

Professor, Mitchell Center for Neurodegenerative Disorders Center, UTMB Galveston



This event is free to the public.

Sponsorships and exhibitor fees from the annual Brain Fair fund community education about Alzheimer's and related dementia and services for people who have a memory disorder. Brazoria County Gathering Place Interfaith Ministries, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

For more information call Dale Libby at 979-236-5393.

CDA State Circle Of Love Family Project



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TEXAS STATE COURT
ROSIE STOCKWELL, STATE REGENT



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FROM THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS



TEXAS SIZE

FUN AT Houston, Texas

LET'S ALL "ROOT, ROOT, ROOT" FOR THE

World Series Champion ASTROS!

As they face the Kansas City Royals

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 @ 1:10PM.

1350 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Mezzanine \$30/ticket

Field Box \$45/ticket

For tickets & info::

This is a STATE SPONSORED EVENT

Dela Garza, Event Chairperson

St. Angela of the Cross #2674

garzadela1965@yahoo.com

832-724-2000

Or see your local CDA Regent!





Court # 2364 Membership Corner



Membership Committee Report

Please welcome our new members – Maryjane Donley, Oliva Gomez, Sue Merritt, Karen Bean & Janet Spicer. Join us at our meeting so you can meet them. Please remember, it's everyone's job to recruit new members! Remember, there are new member packets in the CDA closet where we serve Coffee & Donuts. Just be sure to log the contact information if you hand one out to a potential member & please give me a heads up!

Written by Mary Montague

**WOW!! We are at 141 members
as of today!**

Please join me in
welcoming all
our new members!!



L to R: Vice-Regent Rachel Warner, Karen Bean, Maryjane Donley & Olivia Gomez

CDA Shirts & Other Supplies

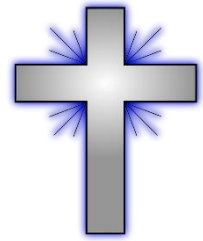
We have been fortunate to have Sandy Polka pick up all our orders from our merchant in Rosenberg to save on shipping costs.

PLEASE NOTE: The last order that I will place & that Sandy will pick up will be on Friday, April 27, 2018. A complete list of items available/order form will be sent out via e-mail soon. If you do not have e-mail but are interested in placing an order, there will be forms at the Coffee & Donut table OR you may call me at [979-418-1222](tel:979-418-1222) or you may place your order at the April 26 meeting. If I am not at the meeting, I will make sure someone there can take the orders that night. Also, to ensure that all the monies for this fall within this fiscal period, I must receive your payment at the time of your order OR no later than 5/16/18. Checks are payable to CDA #2364.

Written by Mary Montague



Court # 2364 Information



Financial Review

The next financial review for our court is scheduled Thursday, April 19th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the F-Wing. Thank you to those ladies that volunteered to assist with reviewing our courts financial documents.

By Sarah Ebey

Rosary Making

On March 15th we had our first session of rosary making in honor of Father Peyton's Family Rosary project. We have two more opportunities to make these wonderful bead rosaries.

On April 11th, we will be working the youth and we will have our third session on April 20th during the day. See calendar for times and locations.

By Sarah Ebey

CDA Prayer Requested:

We have so many members and friends in need of prayers.

Condolences for those we have lost this year: Brothers Robert & Billy Cobb; Leon (Forse); Andrew Haack; Lillian Hilscher; Clarence Adolph Gonzales, Clarence Brooks Jackson; George Sykora.

Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for everyone on our prayer list.

By Mary Montague

Nominating Committee

As another CDA year comes to an end and our current court officers are finishing up their 2nd year of a two year term that our newly elected Nominating Committee Chaired by Dottie Mensik with committee members Shirley Girouard, Toni Kwan, Mary montague and Shuria Thompson will be guided by the Light of the Lord. They are discerning their nomination for the slate of officers to be presented to our court at the April meeting. We need to pray for them as they work through the process.

By Sarah Ebey and Rhonda Palasota



Heart of Worship

Friends and Family
GATHER HERE



Join us at St. Michael's for a remarkable day of prayer and praise, including inspiring talks, praise and worship music, prayer, meal, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Experience the Holy Spirit and the richness of our Catholic faith.

Schedule April 14th

10:30am – 11:00am	Registration & Check-in	Family Life Hallway
11:00am – 11:30am	Praise & Worship	Church
11:30am – 11:50am	Welcome by Msgr. Leo & Lawrence Packard	Church
11:50am – 12:35pm	Speaker #1 Fr. Jessie Garcia	Church
12:35pm – 12:55pm	Break #1	Family Life Hallway & Church Grounds
12:55pm – 1:40pm	Speaker #2 Kathryn Whitaker	Church
1:40pm – 2:00pm	Break #2	Family Life Hallway & Church Grounds
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Speaker #3 Michael Gormley	Church
3:00pm – 3:20pm	Praise & Worship	Church
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Meal	Family Life Center
4:30pm – 5:20pm	Prayer, Reflection, Rosary or Reconciliation	Church
5:30 pm – 6:30pm	Mass	Church
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Benediction	Church



APRIL 14

Sign up today!!!

Wonderful speakers are coming for a fantastic day of faith, praise in song, meal, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration!

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT AT OUR PARISH

Cost: Adults \$15 early registration, \$20 after April 1st

\$10 for 6th-12th graders

Scholarships available

Sign up online: heartofworship2018.eventbrite.com

OR drop off or mail to: St. Michael's 100 Oak Dr So, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 (Attn: HOW)

NAME _____
CITY/STATE _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Home Parish _____
Amount _____ Cash _____ Check# _____

For information contact Genie Packard at lpackard@sbcglobal.net

Speaking on **Look of Love**

Fr. J. Jesse Garcia

St. Mary Star of the Sea



Fr. J. Jesse Garcia, pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Freeport, Texas, said the heart and soul of his message will be *'The look of love that makes us new.'*

Speaking on **Love our Lord**

Kathryn Whitaker



When she was at her most broken, Kathryn Whitaker found herself on her knees praying for a miracle, and loving her Lord more than she ever had before. Whether you're in a hill or a valley of life, Kathryn shares how you can love with authenticity.

Speaking on **Lord of Life**

Michael Gormley



Michael Gormley says working with parishes is both the most challenging and rewarding part of his work. *'I Bring the gospel to people who put up barriers to God's love. I help people repent and have faith.'*



Chicken Spaghetti Dinner



The Red Roaster Campaign is in full swing!

After all Sunday masses April 8th, April 15th, April 22nd we will be asking for donations to support your Red Roaster Campaign. Parishioners can donate toward the cost of ingredients or sponsor a Red Roaster for \$65.00.

Silent Auction Items

If you have silent auction items please contact Shuria Thompson at (979) 480-5849. Items can be brought to the Hall on the workday April 28th.

CSD Workers

We need help with prepping on Saturday, April 28th. We need also need workers for Sunday, April 29th.

Have you gotten your Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser tickets!!

Rachel Warner is the Raffle Tickets Committee chair and she needs your help! Starting April 8th after all masses we will be selling raffle tickets. If you are able to help out after one of the masses please let Rachel know. If you need more tickets, please contact Rachel at (979) 236-7668.

Committee Chair Corner

Elizabeth Benbrook and DanDee Trevino are Co-Committee Chairs for this years Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser. If you have any questions or are able to lend some of your valuable time please contact either of these ladies.

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979-665-1529

ebenbrook@msn.com

DanDee Trevino
210-360-0852

dsaenz77566@gmail.com

SAMPLE	Name: _____		CDA Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake # 2364	
	Company: _____		St. Michael's Church #100 Oak Dr. South * Lake Jackson, TX 77566	
	Home #: _____		Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser * Sunday, April 29, 2018	
	Cell #: _____			
	Name: _____		Grand Prize : Lone Star Quilt donated by: Michelle Marroquin	
	Company: _____		First Prize: Outdoor Cookout Pack donated by:	
	Home #: _____		CDA Ct # 2364	
	Cell #: _____		CDA Ct # 2364	
	Name: _____		Yell Tundra 45 Cooler	
	Company: _____		\$250 Visa Gift Card	
Home #: _____		GrillPro 16" Smoker & Grill		
Cell #: _____		Knitted Afghan		
Name: _____		Wine Pack		
Company: _____		Second Prize: Framed Art Piece donated by: Cynthia Grandjean Art		
Home #: _____		Third Prize: Wood & Metal Extravaganza donated by:		
Cell #: _____		Custom Iron Art Piece		
Name: _____		Wood & Iron Cross		
Company: _____		Metal Star		
Home #: _____		Framed Crucifix Fish Legend		
Cell #: _____		Fourth Prize: Premier Designs Jewelry donated by: Kathleen Hathway		
Name: _____		Fifth Prize: Leadership Legacy Basket donated by:		
Company: _____		Glass Eye Studio Vase		
Home #: _____		CDA Ct # 2364 Past Regents		
Cell #: _____		Local Gift Certificates		
Name: _____		District Deputy # 35		
Company: _____		Need not be present to win * Must be 18 or older to participate		
Home #: _____		Proceeds to benefit Harvey Recovery Projects and Scholarships		
Cell #: _____		\$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00 Ticket No: XXXX		



CDA Court Calendar



Date	Event	Time	Location
4 Apr	Sewing Day	10a – 2p	F Wing
7 Apr	Gathering Place Brain Fair – D35 Co-Op Bale Sale	Starts at 9a	Angleton Fairgrounds
11 Apr	CDA Rosary Making Class with Youth	6:30p	Youth Office
12 Apr	Officer's Mtg	7p – 9p	E-3
19 Apr	Financial Review	7p	TBA
20 Apr	CDA Rosary Making Class	9a – 12p	E-Wing
26 Apr	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina Rm
28 Apr	CSD – Work Day	8a – 3p	Wleczyk Hall
29 Apr	CSD – Fundraiser	After all Masses	Wleczyk Hall
2 May	Sewing Day	10a – 2p	F Wing
10 May	Officer's Mtg	7p – 9p	E-3
24 May	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina Rm
7 Jun	Officer's Mtg	TBA	TBA
14 Jun	Clergy Appreciation Dinner	6:30p social / 7p Meal	Welczyk Hall
24 Jun	CDA @ the Park!	Game Time 1:10p	Minute Maid Park
7 July	Officer Training	8a – 1p	Pearland



CDA Court



May your day be filled
with the blessings
of love, peace and joy.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

April Birthday's

3 – Shirley Girouard
3 – Joan Harris
5 – JoAnn Forse
5 – Lisa Matzke
13 – Collette Garcia
14 – Lisa Peralez
14 – Shuria Thompson
22 – Laurie Taylor
23 – Kathy Moore

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter.
Please contact Sarah Ebey at 706-799-4415
or Rhonda Palasota at 979-709-2777
with any suggestions, future newsletter items
or corrections.

Many thanks to members who contributed
articles and photos for the newsletter!

*** All articles are written by Rhonda Palasota
unless otherwise noted. ***

Recipe Millionaire Pie

2/3 cup sugar
8 oz cream cheese
2/3 cup chopped pecans
Small tub of Cool Whip
Small Can Crushed Pineapple,
DRAINED
Graham Cracker Crust Pie Shell

Served at the
March Meeting

1. Soften Cream Cheese by setting out before mixing
2. Cream sugar and cream cheese with a blender
3. Add pecans, cool whip and DRAINED Pineapple to previous, Mix well (DO NOT BLEND)
4. Pour in to graham cracker crust pie shell
5. Taste better refrigerated

Submitted by Elizabeth Benbrook

Comic Corner



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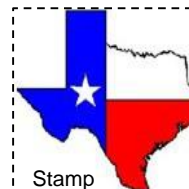
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JEFF
and
BIL
KEANE

"I liked seeing Jesus in the manger
better."



Lakeside News



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Mission Statement

"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."