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Chaplain's Message for November

The month of November is especially dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church remembers all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. In the Catholic Church we believe that there is a state of life called purgatory for those who have left this life but are not yet prepared to enter heaven. St. Catherine of Genoa describes purgatory as a place where souls are purified in the fire of God's love. God's love in purgatory purifies the soul of any way the soul would not be prepared for total immersion in God's love in heaven.

A good prayer to pray especially during the month of November is the Eternal Rest prayer or Requiem aeternam. The Prayer is as follows:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Fr. Charlie, CDA Chaplain



Regent's Message for November

My dearest CDA sisters,

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is my favorite holiday! I discovered in my research for this month's newsletter that there was an earlier Thanksgiving held fifty six years before the officially recognized Plymouth feast. This earlier "Thanksgiving" took place in Saint Augustine, FL on September 8, 1565. On that day, Spanish explorer Pedro Menendez de Aviles and 600 Spanish settlers celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for their safe arrival in the New World and held a feast with Timucua Indians.

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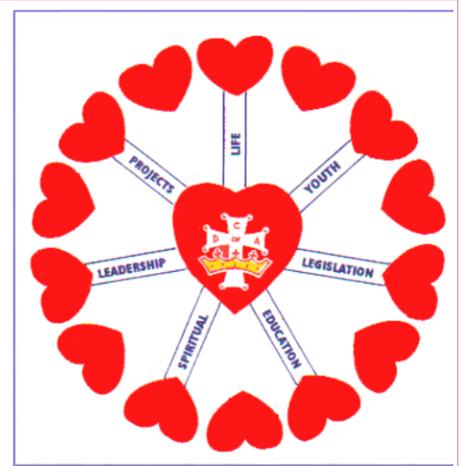
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<http://www.catholicdaughters.org/states/TX.shtml>

Historically, Thanksgiving was viewed as a holy day more than a holiday. People ceased from their work and gave thanks to God for His blessings. It was a day of worship and a family meal. If you do not already, perhaps this year, along with all the great food and football, redeem it as a day to demonstrate your thanksgiving for God's goodness by attending Mass and having prayer together with family and friends. After all, "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia. Thus the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal".

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." ~Psalm 107:1

Peace,
Kat Berbel
Regent, Ct. St. Martin de Porres #2719
+JMJ+



The image above is symbolic of our CIRCLE OF LOVE program. By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest- LOVE.

Circle of Love News Items

Youth/JCDA: Our Junior Catholic Daughters will lead the caroling at the outdoor Christmas tree lighting on December 5, at 6pm. (See page 5 for more information)

Education: Painted Churches Tour

Over 100 people attended the Painted Churches tour hosted by Catholic Daughters. We were blessed to have Father Charlie celebrate Mass at the Queen of the Painted Churches and to have our



Seminarian, Kyle Nerssta attend as well. It was a wonderful time for fellowship and learning, and our CDA court raised over \$1,000 for scholarships.

~Cindy Falbo

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Spiritual Enhancement: Adoration Hour – Thursdays from 9-10pm

Adoration: We continue to hold the Adoration Hour from 9-10pm on Thursday Evenings. Contact Chery Lutz at her email on page 2 if you would like to be added to the list of rotation.

Pray for Confirmation Candidates: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given on November 19 at the 5pm Mass. Please keep the Confirmation recipients in your prayers. “May the Holy Spirit be your guide and inspiration as you seek to understand and follow in the way of God’s plans in your life.”
~Chery Lutz

SMdP Fall Festival

I would like to personally thank all the CDA and Jr. CDA members who volunteered for so many different duties for the 2017 Fall Festival. We could not have done it without you! ~Julie Pierantoni, Fall Festival Committee Member

Ornament Fundraiser



The 2017 Ornament will be on sale during the weekend of December 2 and 3 after all masses. The cost is \$20 and we have a limited number.

Our ornament chairman, Connie Pecha, is available to handle pre-orders if you are not able to attend mass that weekend. You can contact Connie at cpecha@aggienetwork.com or by calling her at (512) 569-2095.



Upcoming Dates

November 11
Veterans Day

November 19
Confirmation Mass 5pm

November 21
Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

November 21
CDA Monthly Meeting 6:30pm, Parish Hall

November 23
Thanksgiving Day

November 26
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

December 2 and 3

Ministry Fundraiser after all masses-CDA Ornament will be on sale.

December 3
Advent Begins

December 7
Blanket Ministry session. 10am-1pm, Great Room in the Ed Center

December Meeting
TBA, Ornament Exchange

December 25
Christmas

January 16
CDA Monthly Meeting 6:30pm, Parish Hall



St. Martin de Porres' Feast Day, November 3

An illegitimate mulatto, reared in poverty, Martin was locked into a low level of Lima, Peru's society when he was born in 1579. At 12, he became the apprentice of a barber/surgeon. He learned how to cut hair, care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines. But Martin wanted more. He approached the Dominicans seeking acceptance as a lay helper since he didn't feel worthy to be a religious brother. But after nine years in that role, the community asked him to become a brother. So moved were they by the example of his prayer, penance, charity and humility. He also served as spiritual director to many in his community. Brother Martin spent his days caring for the sick and poor whatever their color, race, or status. He helped found an orphanage and cared for slaves newly arrived from Africa. Early in life, Martin was presented with a choice, either become bitter and complain about his difficult lot or devote himself to good works. He took the latter route. We honor him as a model of Christian forgiveness and justice. Martin died in 1639 and was canonized in 1962. (From Relevant Radio and Franciscan Media) More info @ [SMdP Info](#)

CDA Mission Statement:

"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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."

Note: All articles written by Allison Rice unless otherwise noted



Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for November

Theme: Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in the word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



CDA State News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



If you are interested in ordering CDA shirts from the National CDA website or the website that the CDA "bling" shirts were purchased from, please follow the links below.

National Store: [CDA National Store](#)

Other Vendor: [Spread the Word](#)



Upcoming Event

December 5 Put Christ in Christmas

The lighting of the Saint Martin de Porres Christmas Tree will be held on the Evening of Tuesday, December 5 after the 5:30pm daily mass. 6pm-7pm. The Knights will be lighting the tree they have set up in the circle outside of the church. The Catholic Daughters will be serving hot chocolate and cookies and the Junior Catholic Daughters will be leading the Caroling. Please use this link to sign up to help serve:

[CocoaSignUp](#)

Blanket Ministry

This ministry is separate from Catholic Daughters but it is a lovely ministry that allows you to use your creative talent to help make blankets for those in our parish who need special attention. All are welcome. The next session is on Thursday, December 7 in the Great Room in the Education Center from 10am to 1pm. If you have any questions, feel free to email Dot DeWitte at dottianne@gmail.com

CDA National News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



Excerpt from National Regent, Helene Shepard's Fall, 2017 Message

As an organization composed solely of women, we are specially attuned to the needs of our society. Pope Francis in his recent encyclical *Evangelii*

Gaudium makes this point: *The Church acknowledges the indispensable contribution which women make to society through the sensitivity, intuition and other distinctive skill sets which they, more than men, tend to possess (chap.II, 103).*

Volunteer Opportunity

Stonebridge Senior Residency at 11127 Circle Drive is looking for volunteers to help set up and serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents and their visiting family on Thursday, November 16. Set up starts at 5pm and serving starts at 6pm. A few CDA ladies have already volunteered. If you would like to join us, please contact me, Allison Rice, at cparice@hotmail.com

REMEMBER TO READ THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FROM MARY GOMEZ, OUR RECORDING SECRETARY. THE MINUTES ARE APPROVED EACH MONTH BY VOTE AND MAY CONTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS NOT COVERED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Our Members Out and About!



Thirty or so parishioners gathered at noon on October 14 at the Guadalupe Shrine to join in a National Rosary Rally sponsored by "America Needs Fatima". Our CDA Sister, Mary Carder, spoke on the the importance of the message of Fatima and praying the rosary. She then led us in the recitation of the rosary.

Parishioner, America Costilla, welcomed a travelling Lady of Fatima statue into her home on November 2. "America Needs Fatima" Statue Custodian, Evan Howell, spoke on the beauty of the rosary and the works and miracles attributed to the 4 travelling statues. We then prayed a rosary with our written intentions placed at the feet of Mary. (Pictured are Evan Howell, America and her grandson, Allison Rice, and Olivia Nevarez with her grandson)



Welcome to our newest member, Liz Chaplin. Regent Kat swore Liz in at our monthly meeting on October 26



Our semi-annual financial review was completed on October 24. Thank you to the review committee, Sarah Turk, Mary Carder and Stella Sanchez.



After our October meeting, members prepared the Silent Auction tables for the Fall Festival. Rachel shared her talents and taught a few ladies how to make beautiful bows. Loose auction items were added to baskets, auction item sheets and bid sheets were printed out and added to each basket. CDA took charge of the Silent Auction at the Festival and led the collection of funds and disbursement of items.