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Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Chaplain's Message for February

Two special days in February are the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd and the Memorial of St. Blaise on February 3rd. The Feast of the Presentation occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in that liturgy. February 2nd was once referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity crèche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. On the memorial of St. Blaise it is customary to receive a blessing of the throats. St. Blaise was a healing saint who according to tradition saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. From this healing came a devotion of asking St. Blaise to intercede for all ailments of the throat. This is why on February 3rd priests and deacons offer a blessing of the throats with two candles and a special prayer asking for healing.

Have a Blessed February,

Fr. Charlie, CDA Chaplain



Regent's Message for February

My dearest CDA sisters,

The CDA officers and the Circle of Love board met this month to plan our year. We have developed the roadmap and we are excited to share it with you at our February meeting on the 20th. I invite each of you to attend so you can learn what is ahead – we will hit the ground running.

In the next couple of months, we will nominate and elect new officers for the August 2018-2020 term. Please prayerfully discern if you would like to be an officer or take a leadership role on the Circle of Love. We have so many talented women in our court and I look forward to seeing our new leadership team come together.
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<http://www.texascd.org/index.php#load>
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If you have any questions about being an officer or leading a Circle of Love, please contact me. I would love to talk to you about it!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" ~Ephesians 2:10

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

District Deputy's Message for February

They asked me to be an officer of CDA
I said, "Oh no, I couldn't do that, my plate is already full."
But God pointed His finger at me.

I said, "I'm just a small town girl, someone else may do better, you see."
He said, "My disciples were simple folk."
And He pointed His finger at me.

I said, "My family demands all my time, so the happier they will be."
He said, "You'll grow in patience and love."
And He pointed His finger at me.

I said, "I can't. For I get so nervous, so nervous I can scarcely see."
But He promised He would calm my fears,
As He pointed His finger at me.

"But in CDA there is so much to do, and with them I do not always agree."
Tolerance and understanding He promised
As He pointed His finger at me.

I said, "My talents are few, a leader I'll never be."
He said, "But they shall be multiplied."
And He pointed His finger at me.

I said, "I'd like to use my leisure time to gain popularity."
He said, "God's love is more important than man's."
And He pointed His finger at me.

So I said a prayer and answered "Yes" to this fine opportunity.
My life has been blessed in many ways
Since He pointed His finger at me.

If you are called, the Lord's work to do,
Say "Yes, I give all to Thee."
And you, too, will be glad as I have been glad,
That God pointed His finger at me.

Blessings,
Laura Pena
District Deputy #7

Circle of Love News Items

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

Spiritual Exercise: From Fr. Charlie's Pastor's Corner in the Jan 28 Bulletin: "The union of our body, mind, and soul in prayer helps us to pray in a deeper way. The Catechism also says, "God seeks worshippers in Spirit and in Truth, and consequently living prayer that rises from the depths of the soul." "In recent years there have been a number of Catholics who have created ways to combine exercise and prayer". Here are the links he recommended:

<https://soulcore.com/>

<http://rosaryworkout.blogspot.com/>

<https://pietrafitness.com/>

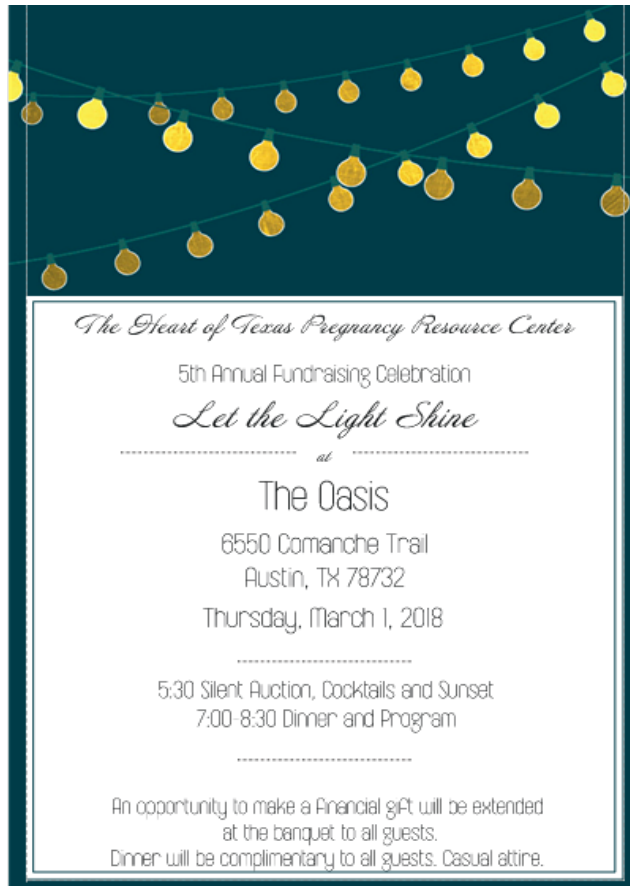
~Chery Lutz

Family:

Mark your calendars for The Heart of Texas Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraising Celebration.

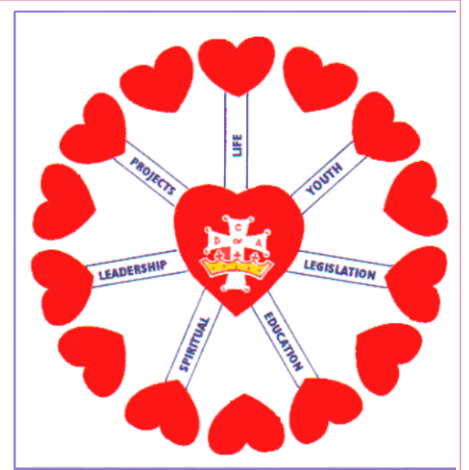
If you would like to join other CDA members and St. Martin de Porres parishioners at this dinner, please contact Dawn Cyr by February 16 to RSVP. Couples are welcome.

There is no cost for the meal but, as it mentions on the invitation, "an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended to all guests."



~Dawn Cyr

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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.

Our Circle of Love Committee

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Education:

We are excited to announce we will be offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors from our parish this spring.

We are in need of 4-6 CDA members who are interested in collaborating in order to formulate the guidelines and review applications. Those interested in more information or offering their help, please contact Cindy Falbo at falbo5@verizon.net before our next meeting on February 20.

~Cindy Falbo

Ministry Highlight

Mary & Martha
Faith Sharing Ministry



INVITING WOMEN TO READ,
TO PONDER, AND
TO RESPOND TO
THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Study

Thursdays, February 22 – April 12*
10:00 – 11:30 am OR 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Great Room – Ed. Bldg

Register
February 10 or 11 after all Masses
Book for Study - \$25.00

For more info email
maryandmartha.stmdp@gmail.com
or call 512-567-6106

Spending time with other ladies in the parish with scripture study and rosary.

What a beautiful way to enhance your Lenten Journey.

Lent is a journey of spiritual growth & blessings, let's journey together

Walking Through Lent

Join us on Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 am
February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Meet in the Parish Hall

Prayer
Rosary Walk
Scripture & Reflections

Sign up February 10 & 11
in Portico after all Masses

Email maryandmartha.stmdp@gmail.com
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Upcoming Dates

February 11

JCDA Meeting 3:30pm in the Hall

February 14

Ash Wednesday-Day of Fasting and Abstinence

February 15-18

Women's ACTS Retreat: Pray for the ladies on the ACTS team and retreatants.

February 20

CDA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

February 22

EIM Workshop 7-9pm in the Hall Reserve your space through the Diocesan website

February 23

Knights Fish Fry 4-7pm in the Hall

March 1-4

Men's ACTS Retreat: Pray for the men on the ACTS team and retreatants.

March 2

Tentative: CDA & JCDA lead the Stations of the Cross 6:45pm in the Church

March 4

JCDA Meeting 3:30pm in the Hall

March 9

Knights Fish Fry 4-7pm at the Triangle

March 19

St. Joseph Day Mass and Fellowship 7pm

March 20

CDA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

St Martin de Porres Lenten Calendar-

Click on Link:

[ParishLentenCalendar](#)



Month of the Passion of Our Lord

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in His death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross' St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Cathering of Siena. (From Your Morning Offering) More about this devotion @ [Meditate on the Passion](#)

CDA National News

(Myra Alilain, Vice Regent)



National Regent, Helene Shepard, and First Vice National Regent, Sherry Nilles, were in Washington DC for the March for Life. They attended the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the eve of the March for Life along with the National Board of CDA and other Catholic Daughters. On Friday, January 19, the CDA participated in the March. Helene and Sherry were interviewed by EWTN.

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 February

Theme: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

6:45am Scripture Service

12pm Mass

4:30 Scripture Service

6:30 Mass

8pm Mass (Spanish)

Help Needed:

Committee Members for Scholarship Committee

See Education Circle of Life on Page 4 for details and contact info

Silent Auction Fall Festival Committee Chair:

Fall Festival Representative from CDA will sit in on Festival Committee meetings – 4 to 5 meetings throughout the year. The chair will also set up the room, and prepare baskets for the auction. Information will be provided by Kat and Myra and you will work side by side with CDA members for this set up. Contact Kat @ kberbel@gmail.com.

Help Knights at the Lenten Fish Fries

The CDA members will be helping the Knights serve at the Fish Fries. Please refer to the calendar on page 4 for the dates, times, and place. Just plan on coming the day of wearing your shirts and/or aprons to help out.

Knights Shoot-out sponsorship coordinator & contact

The Knights have extended their generosity in having us coordinate sponsorships for the Hill Country Shoot Out. The Coordinator for CDA will attend the HCS meetings and keep informed as to their needs. With any new sponsorships we bring in, CDA receives half. This was very rewarding for us last fall and we hope to continue this effort. Contact: Allison Rice @ cparice@hotmail.com



The Lenten campaign for the 40 Das for Life prayer vigil is currently signing up participants. This is a peaceful prayer campaign that participants sign up to dedicate one hour per week to spend in front of Planned Parenthood in South Austin. From Feb 14 to Mar 25, our community will continue to take part in effort. Please prayerfully consider standing as a prayer warrior during this Lent as an extra offering. I will be praying from 1pm to 2pm every Thursday. If you would like to begin with a small step, please contact me and we can drive together. For those of you who are seasoned prayer warriors, make sure you are signed up at this link:

[centraltxcoalition](#)

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CDA Calendar Online

Check out our new online calendar at our SMdP website.

<https://stmartindp.org/cda>

EIM Workshop

All parishioners involved in any ministry are required to participate and be up to date with EIM compliance.

To be compliant, one submits an EIM Application for Ministry (one time only) and attends an EIM Workshop every three years.

Register and Sign up for workshops at this link:

[EIM-compliance](#)

St. Martin de Porres will host this workshop on Feb 22 in the Hall. You must register at the link above on the Diocesan website to sign up for the workshop.

Our Members Out and About!

What a perfect day ☀️ for the groundbreaking ceremony 🏗️ of our new multi-purpose parish building! 🏰 We were honored to receive Bishop Garcia as our guest. 🙏 Catholic Daughters 💜💛💜 served cake 🍰 and lemonade 🍋 afterwards. What a wonderful afternoon!



Catholic Daughters from around the state attended the Texas Walk and Rally for Life on January 27. Many parishioners gathered together to walk to the Capitol. CDA TX State Secretary, Terri Beltran, hosted a CDA table before the walk. A number of the Knights from SMdP led the March in their full dress along with Knights from around Texas.

