



EASTER NEWSLETTER



RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY OF AMERICA

2026 RTCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT ASBURY



This year's RTCA National Conference was held on the beautiful campus of Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky—a place renowned for its rich spiritual heritage and deep roots in revival and renewal. Under the inspiring theme **“Revive Us,”** drawn from **Psalm 85:6—“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”**—we gathered in this special setting to worship, learn, pray, fellowship, hear testimonies of God’s reviving work, and seek the Lord’s renewing presence together.

In a weary and divided world, our prayer was for genuine spiritual awakening: hearts stirred, faith strengthened, relationships restored, and fresh equipping to carry Christ’s light into the horseracing industry. We are thankful to say our prayers were answered, individually and collectively! Check inside for more photos and details!



CHAPLAIN MICHAEL BINGAMAN CELEBRATES 45 YEARS!

Congratulations to Chaplain Michael Bingaman on an incredible 45 years of dedicated ministry with the Race Track Chaplaincy of America! Since 1981, your compassionate presence at Retama Park and across the industry has brought hope, comfort, and the love of Christ to countless horseracing individuals and families. Your faithful service as a Chaplain, leader, and friend has made a lasting impact! Well done, good and faithful servant—may God continue to bless and guide you in the years ahead!

NEW RTCA CHAPLAINS IN 2025

As Chaplain Michael Bingaman celebrates his inspiring 45 years with the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, we're thrilled to welcome five new chaplains who joined RTCA in 2025. Their passion and dedication will help carry forward this vital ministry of hope and Christ's love across the racing community. Congratulations to these new RTCA Family members—what a beautiful blend of legacy and new beginnings!



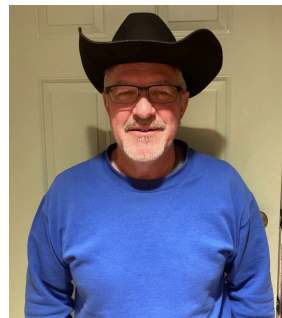
Chaplain Joe Ramos
Camarero- PR



Chaplain Jesus Amaya
Los Alamitos



Chaplain Jafet Herrera
Associate- PARX



Chaplain Ben Williams
Arapahoe Park



Chaplain Ajay Torres
Lone Star Park

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15



The 2026 RTCA Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the University Club of Kentucky's Big Blue Course in Lexington, KY. Join us for a 4-person scramble featuring great golf, lunch, games, prizes, and an awards celebration—all to support the RTCA network of Chaplaincies. Spots are limited—register and explore sponsorships today!

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ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
Tuesday, April 21st, 2026
University Club of Kentucky, Big Blue Course
Registration Is Now Open!

Thankful for everyone who attended this year's **RTCA Prayer Breakfast at the Global Symposium on Racing (U of A Race Track Industry Program)**! A very special time of fellowship and prayer!



"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

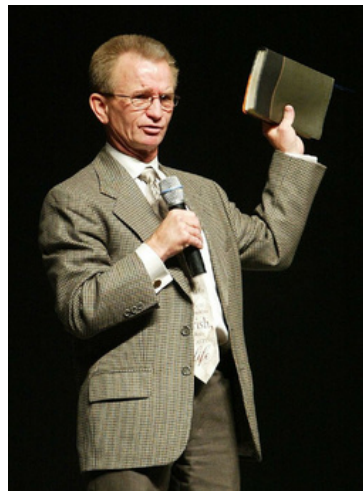


Well done, good and faithful servant

On January 17, 2026, Chaplain Joe Pena went home to be with the Lord. Joe, who served as Associate Chaplain under Chaplain Sam Ed Spence at Lone Star Park, was known for his gentle spirit and deep love for his Savior. Even during illness, he continued to uplift and minister to others.

In this 2024 RTCA Prayer Walk photo, Joe stands in the center with folded arms. At this year's RTCA National Conference, Lone Star Park Chaplain Ajay Torres and Council President Bob Aquino received a special plaque in his honor.

"Well done good and faithful servant. We love you. Looking forward to the reunion."



Giving Honor Where Honor Is Due

It was an honor to attend the celebration of Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day, as he received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Kentucky Derby Museum! Pat's legacy reaches far beyond his incredible success on the track. His humility, integrity, and unwavering walk with Christ have impacted countless lives across the racing community and beyond.

Congratulations Pat on this well-deserved recognition!
Thank you for your faithful support of the Race Track Chaplaincy!



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