



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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REGENT'S MESSAGE for December/January

Dear Fr. Ron and CDA Sisters,

The Advent Season is upon us. As we prepare for the blessed Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reserve some time each day to reflect on how we can be of service to others. The "others" might be strangers to you, for example, donating a warm coat, gloves and socks to Catholic Community Services; or maybe there is a friend or loved one in your life who is still reluctant to attend Mass in person. Give them a call or send a card of encouragement through the regular postal mail. If that's too old-school for you, send them an email or text message. Just by reaching out with your voice, whether written or spoken, can create a reinvigoration of faith to someone who is feeling anxious or discouraged.

I know everyone is exhausted of hearing about the pandemic, but the reality is the ugly hand of the virus has touched so many lives in a debilitating way. Let us all pray the new year will weaken the spread of COVID, thereby lessening our fears and worries. Do the following words sound familiar?

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.../ I will fear no
evil for thou art with me,
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.../ Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life..." -Psalm 23

Here's wishing all of you and your families a blessed Advent and Christmas season, and a joyous new year!

Yours sincerely in Unity and Charity,

Lisa Hurlimann, Regent

Upcoming CDA Meeting and Potluck!!!

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Catholic Daughter Meeting to be held at **St Mary – Parish Hall**
1062 Charnelton St

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Social

Followed by a short business meeting and a small Christmas gift exchange and singing. **See page 3** for more details.

All Catholic women are invited to attend.

Beverages provided.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.

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."



Prayer Corner



For our Court members

Anne Olsen – passed away December 5, 2021

Barbara Furrer – passed away November 13, 2021

Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys,

Eileen Laudani, Olga Saban, Pat Vohs, Rosy Makyadath,

Cathy Frei and Cathy Kirby

Family of CDA members

George Helbling – Son-in-Law of Rosy Makyadath

Reece Robison – Grandson of Patricia Klenke

Peter – Son of Tess & Brother of Miriam Cersovski

Don Cersovski – Husband of Tess Cersovski

Alice Barngrover – Sister of Tess Cersovski

Darren – Husband of Cathy Kirby and

Son-in-Law of Anna Marie Blume

Julie Ann Daughtery – Daughter of Eileen Laudani

For others in need of our prayers

Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Archbishop

Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlazny,

Bishop Steiner, Bishop Smith and Bishop Cary.

All Priests and religious men and women.

Everyone affected by natural disasters.

For all that are looking for employment.

All men and women serving our country.

All those suffering from medical / mental impairments.

All affected by Covid-19.

Send prayer requests and updates to Julia Kelso.

Advent Prayer



All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Rev. Ron Nelson

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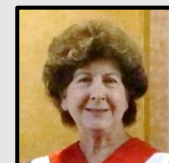
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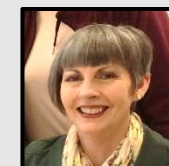


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Message from Local Court Chaplain

Rev. Ron Nelson

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and their families,

Dec. 7, 2021

Our secular culture isn't very good at waiting in anticipation. Even as early as Thanksgiving we have heard Christmas songs on the radio. Unfortunately, after Christmas day, our secular culture will forget all about Christmas. But for us Catholic Christians we have been preparing for Christmas during the holy season of Advent, and we have been resisting the urge to celebrate Christmas before it is time. For us, Christmas does not begin and end on December 25th. There are more days to celebrate ... we have a whole season of Christmas! We have the special Octave of Christmas which we look forward to that continues into the twelve days of Christmas (made popular by the song); and these twelve days are meant to go until the Epiphany, and then the Christmas season continues on until the Baptism of the Lord, so Christmas is indeed a rich liturgical season. In addition to the Christmas days, there are some important feast days within the Christmas season: Dec. 26th = St. Stephen the protomartyr, Dec. 27th = St. John the Apostle (however, since Sunday falls on the 27th this year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, the first Sunday after Christmas), Dec. 28th = The Holy Innocents, and finally Jan. 1st = Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (a holy day of obligation). I encourage you to make an effort to celebrate these great feasts in some way. You might come to the Mass as a way to celebrate, or if your schedule prevents you, try at least looking at the readings for those days, and pray with the Scriptures.

It is indeed a holy season!

Let us make the most of it!

I pray the Lord's blessings upon you and your family during these Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

In Christ,

Rev. Ronald Nelson



Catholic Daughters ~ December 15, 2021~ Christmas Spirit Meeting

Please join us at 5:30 pm for an Appetizer Potluck. Bring a snack, dessert or beverage to share, for at least 12 people. At 6:00 pm will be prayer followed by a short meeting, followed by some Christmas carols and a small gift exchange. The theme for the gift is "Tea Party" max spending limit is \$10.00 or whatever your budget allows. Example: a pretty teacup, sugar spoons, box of teabags or tea towel etc.

Pick up your New Court Directory at the Christmas Spirit meeting.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
8. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



MONTHLY MASSES OFFERED FOR ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS LIVING AND DECEASED. Masses held at St. Mary Parish.

December 17, 2021 Friday at 12:15 pm

2022

January 15, Saturday at 8:00 am
 February 19, Saturday 8:00 am
 March 19, Saturday 5:30 pm
 April 23, Saturday 8:00 am
 May 21, Saturday 5:30 pm
 June 18, Saturday 8:00 am

July NONE
 August 20, Saturday 5:30 pm
 September 17, Saturday 5:30 pm
 October 15, Saturday 5:30 pm
 November 19, Saturday 8:00 am
 December 17, Saturday 5:30 pm

LOCAL COURT NEWS



Anne Olsen ~ December 5, 2021

Our CDA sister Anne Olsen passed away Sunday, December 5th. Anne had been a member of our Court for forty-nine years and 10 months. Anne was a very active member of the Court. Memories of her leading a group of Catholic Daughters, in the St. Mary kitchen, in making bread. She had her cute bandana on her head and was so patient in teaching us the art of baking bread. Anne was a real inspiration to all. A very prayerful and joyful woman of grace.

Anne is fondly remembered and we will surely miss her.

**Funeral Rites will be Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:00 am at
Nativity of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church
704 Aspen Street, Springfield.
Interment at Mt. Calvary at noon. Reception 1:00 at
St. Paul's Parish Hall 1201 Satre Street, Eugene**

A note from Fr. Ken Olsen "The Catholic Daughters will host and serve the meal and we thank them for this kindness. If you cannot make both events you are still welcome. If you can only make the meal, please come and share with us our memories of a remarkable woman, our mother."

Catholic Daughters to provide desserts. And serve the food at the reception.

Masses offered for Ernestine O'Brien

Passed away September 20, 2021

Masses to be offered

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 8:00 am and
Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm at
St Mary Parish. Ernestine was a member
of our Court for 28 years.



*Eternal rest grant unto
them oh Lord.*



Barbara Furrer

passed away

November 13, 2021.

Barbara was a member of
Court Oregon #118 for 25
years. Her Funeral Mass was
held November 29th at
St. Paul Parish in Eugene.

**MESSAGE FROM THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN
REV. JAMES HERRERA**

December, 2021

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves once again in the season of Advent. This is the beginning of a new year of grace in our Church. A year of grace in which we journey with Christ as he comes into the world to lead us to the kingdom prepared for us in heaven.

This time of Advent is a time to prepare, to prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming in the world, but also to prepare our hearts for the Lord's second coming at the end of time.

During these Advent days we have the example of Blessed Mary to help us prepare. There are two feast days of Mary that help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus. The first is Mary and the Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate on December 8th and is a holy day of obligation. This teaching of the Catholic Church states that Mary was conceived without original sin in order to be the pure vessel to bring Jesus, the Son of God, into the world. We are also called to bring Christ into the world by our acts of charity. In order to do this, we must strive to be without sin and if we have found ourselves in sin, then we must seek the Lord's forgiveness in reconciliation. Advent is the perfect time to reconcile with God as many of our parishes have Advent Reconciliation services during these holy days.

The second image of Mary we can reflect upon during this time of preparation is Our Lady of Guadalupe. We celebrate her on December 12th. While this feast day is not a holy day of obligation and this year our parish churches will be celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent, it is with great joy that we can turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe to recognize that she is the mother of us all. We have many different images of Mary as she has revealed herself to different cultures and this is a reminder for us that her Son is meant for the salvation of all, not just a few. We must simply follow Jesus and his way. As we focus on this image that shows God's love for all, it can inspire us in our acts of unity that will help strengthen our communities as we journey together to heaven as the Body of Christ.

May these Advent days of joyful preparation bring you to that miraculous day in which the Word became Flesh. Jesus came into the world. This baby that has changed everything.

May this same Christ Child bless you and your families during these holy days!

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

In Unity and Charity,

Fr. James

Rev. James Herrera

Sacred Heart – St. Louis Church Gervais, OR

Dear Fr. James and Catholic Daughters in Oregon:

Greetings from Harrisburg! This truly is a busy time of the year with all the parties to attend, gifts to buy, and family dinners to prepare. Let us not forget the real reason for this season: JESUS, our SAVIOUR. Make some special time to spend with Jesus this Christmas season.

We have just entered the 2021 Advent Season. Did you know that the Catholic Church celebrates three Advents? The first Advent was the time waiting for Jesus to come. It started with Adam and Eve and ended with the birth of Jesus. The Second Advent is happening now in 2021. This is the longing and waiting for Christ to be born into our hearts. The third Advent is the Second Coming of Christ. In the Nicene Creed we pray: *“He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”*

The Year of Saint Joseph will conclude on December 8th. This past year I have developed a whole new understanding of Saint Joseph as a father figure. I encourage all of you to continue praying to Saint Joseph daily. He gave us so many qualities to imitate. The **Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Happy Death** has become one of my nightly prayers. If you have a special altar or devotion for Saint Joseph, please send pictures for the January newsletter.

On behalf of the Oregon State CDA Officers, I want to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas. We are praying that the joy and peace of the Christ Child you find this Christmas season will be with you all through the 2022 New Year. Wishing you a season of blessings from Heaven above.

In Unity and Charity,

Tess Cersovski
Oregon State Regent

State Penny Drive

All Courts are asked to take up collections at Court meetings or any time of your choosing. This year's recipient of the Oregon Catholic Daughters Penny Drive will go towards a memorial for Rev. Scott Vandehey. Fr. Scott was State Chaplain for over 25 years.

Mark Your Calendar for future events

2022 STATE CONFERENCE will be in Corvallis on September 2022. Court Our Lady of the Valley will be hosting.

2023 STATE CONVENTION will be in Hermiston in May 19-21, 2023. It is my pleasure to announce that the Oregon State Court will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary.



On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, State Regent Tess went to the Benedictine Brewery to sign the new endowment agreement.

What was The Rev. Joseph B. Hayes Memorial Scholarship is now

***Catholic Daughter Oregon State
Endowment Scholarship Fund***

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

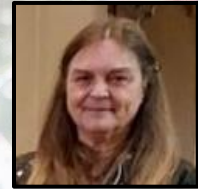
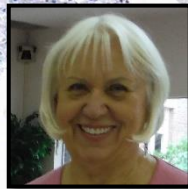
DECEMBER

16 – Corrine Clifford
24 – Julie Rochon
30 – Miriam Cersovski



JANUARY

3 – Regina Kungys
9 – Shirley Fogarty
9 – Corrine Lopez
16 – Kathleen O'Connell
20 – Susan Steimer
21 – Danuta Hall
28 – Pat Klenke
29 – Vilma Baker*
29 – Sally Hovey
*-not pictured



Basket Raffle Winners

Cathy Kirby won the U of O Basket. The Christmas Basket was won by Linda Phillips. Lisa Hurlimann presents the Christmas basket to Linda's husband David Phillips.

Thank you to all our members that contributed in helping and praying for a successful Bake Sale, RADA Cutlery Sale and Basket Raffle. We had plenty of baked goods on our table throughout the weekend and plenty of volunteers to man our tables.



The Saint Mary Christmas Fair

A great event and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with many of our members.



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UPCOMING EVENT

St. Mary Christmas Party Friday, December 17, 6:30 – 10:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of Live Music and caroling, Fr. Ron's "Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest", Singing Christmas Carols and a movie.



Catholic Daughters to provide Baked Goodies and other treats.

Please bring your goodies to the Parish Hall on the evening of the event or drop off at the office earlier in the day by 4:00 pm. CDA will also be serving the treats along with Hot Chocolate and Hot Apple Cider.

Help by volunteering to donate goodies or to serve drinks and goodies.

Questions or to sign up to help. Lisa Hurlimann Email court118cda@gmail.com Phone 206-504-0426

Pray for all Seminarians

Court Oregon #118 Adopted Seminarians for 2020-2021

Triston Dalton

Mt. Angel Seminary Theology IV

Dalton Rogers

Mt Angel Seminary Theology IV

Marcos Alvarado Trasmonte

Mt Angel Seminary College III

John Jose Terron

Mt Angel Seminary College II

Send mail to the above Seminarians to:

Mt. Angel Seminary 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR 97373

Matthew Knight

St. Patrick's Seminary Theology III

Send mail to Matthew Knight at:

St. Patrick Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025

The Seminarians appreciate mail. Send your words of encouragement or a special prayer request.

2022 National CDA Education Contest

The two themes this year are:

"With God All Things Are Possible" Mt. 19:26 or Where is God in my life when I am struggling?

The categories are: **Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music and Photography**

This is open for all children in grades 4-12, whether in public school or homeschooled. No CDA affiliation is required. Adult CDA members may enter the contest as well.

Do you need more information or entry forms?

Forms can be accessed on Court Oregon's website: www.cdacourtoregon118.com

Or contact your Parish, each have been given a packet or
you may contact Chairman - Corrine Clifford 541-915-5434



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<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=853008.123d68>



*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.*



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