



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

May – June 2021

## **REGENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Fr. Ron and CDA Sisters,

The beautiful month of May has come to an close and June is now upon us. As we look around outside, we see the trees are sprouting green leaves, while some varieties are also blooming with vibrant colors of fragrant flowers. The timing of these blooms couldn't be more deliberate.

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven, Queen of the Angels, Queen of Peace, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. May is the month we as Catholics carry out the beautiful tradition of the May Crowning, which reflects the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary. Adorning Our Lady with a crown of flowers is a custom of great devotion to Our Holy Mother and recalls her maternal love for us during difficult times in this world. Her Immaculate Heart will always triumph over the ugliness of sin and suffering.

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### ***The Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

*“O most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer Thee this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Thy will. Grant, good Jesus that I may live in Thee and for Thee. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Thy blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Thy Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying, ‘Heart of Jesus, help me.’ Amen.”*

We as Catholic Daughters of the Americas honor our beloved patroness with strong devotion in our prayers and petitions. With these thoughts in mind, it is my hope that all of you are blessed with good health, love and grace every day.

Your sister in Christ, *Lisa Hurlimann, Regent*

Look for information on CDA in your church bulletin. History on CDA will be in the June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> bulletins. There will be a CDA table set up following Mass at St. Mary Parish, on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please help with passing out information following the Mass you attend.

Please join us for our next Informational Meeting.

**Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

St. Mary Parish Hall, 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

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

Sally Hovey, Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys,  
Eileen Laudani, Olga Saban, Ernestine O'Brien, Pat Vohs,  
Rosy Makyadath, Cathy Frei and Cathy Kirby

### Deceased CDA members

Marie Weber passed away March 28, 2021

### Family of CDA members

Peter – Son of Tess & Brother of Miriam Cersovski

Don Cersovski – Husband of Tess Cersovski

Thomas – Husband of Ernestine O'Brien

Alice Barngrover – Sister of Tess Cersovski

Sarah – Granddaughter of Ernestine O'Brien

Darren – Husband of Cathy Kirby and  
son-n-law of Anna Marie Blume

Julie Ann Daughtery – Daughter of Eileen Laudani

### Deceased of CDA members

Theresa Marie Weber daughter of Marie Weber

### 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 to Julia Kelso.**

## Marie Weber

Passed away March 28, 2021  
Two Masses to be offered for her:

Sunday June 27, 2021 at 11:00 am  
Sunday August 1, 2021 at 11:00 am



Both Masses will be at St Mary Parish

It has been customary for our Court to have two Masses  
offered for a deceased Catholic Daughter member.

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

May 1, 2021

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Is it really May already? Somehow, I keep thinking, or at least feeling, that we are still back in March. Yet, with all the flowers starting to bloom and the nicer weather that we have been having, it is indeed May. It is also still the Easter season. We officially conclude the Easter season with the Solemnity of Pentecost, which this year on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I want to first of all say that it was a great honor to be able to con-celebrate the Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass with Bishop Ken Steiner a few weeks ago at our Virtual Convention and to get to speak to a number of you through Zoom on the day of the Virtual Convention. I enjoyed that time with the State Officers and the others that were able to participate, and I look forward to the day when we can gather in person, hopefully in the not-too-distant future.

During the month of May we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary and many of our parishes on the first day of May or on the first weekend in May will crown our Blessed Mother with a beautiful crown of flowers. This is a wonderful tradition in our Catholic faith, and I would encourage all of you ladies at home to find one of your favorite statues of Mary or an image of Her and make your own May crown to place upon her head or honor her image during the month of May with some flowers.

At the Convention during my homily at Mass and during my talk on Saturday, I spoke of Mary being the cause of our joy. She is the cause of our joy because she brings us Jesus. She brought into our world and to us the very source of life. Jesus, who forgives our sins and makes us whole, Jesus who leads us to heaven, Jesus who is our joy!

Let us turn to our Blessed Mother Mary this month and ask her to us embrace the joy that Jesus has for us now and to share that joy with our brothers and sisters who we serve in unity and charity.

Blessed Mother Mary, Cause of our Joy, pray for us!

In Unity and Charity,

*Fr. James*

Rev. James Herrera

Sacred Heart – St. Louis Church

Gervais, OR

## STATE NEWS

*"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*



### Saint Anthony's Church in Tigard, Oregon Memorial Mass

(From left to right) State Chaplain Rev. James Herrera; National Director Michele Bowman; Bishop Kenneth Steiner; State Regent Tess Cersovski; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent Kathy Pence; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent Lisa Dryer; State Secretary Kristi Smalley and State Treasurer Mary Saunders.

A picture of the 2021-2023 State Officers to be in the July and August Newsletter.

**Day of Reflection** will be October 9, 2021. Everything is in God's time and place. Please save the date. I will be sending out more information next month. National Director Barbara Jensen will join us.

**2021-2022 PENNY DRIVE** is for a Fr. Scott Vandehey Memorial. I am hoping to have more details worked out by the Day of Reflection in October. Due to Covid-19, I have not been able to go and see the new music room.

**2023 OREGON STATE 50<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION** will be in Hermiston. May 19-23, 2023 is the projected date of the convention. Mark your calendars! We will be electing new State Officers at this convention. The convention will be here before you know it. Since this will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, we will be planning extra special activities.



**State Regent Tess Cersovski attends the Knights of Columbus Convention.** Tess had an opportunity to speak at the KC convention reminding the Knights how our two groups are connected. Encouraging Unity.

#### **Saturday Night Banquet**

(From Left to Right)

CDA State Regent Tess Cersovski

Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

K of C State Deputy Ron Boyce and Bishop Liam Cary, Diocese of Baker.

# NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS



National Regent Sherry Nilles



## Are you “flocked”?

Barb Jensen, National Director

I recently returned from a trip across the Continental Divide in the Rockies of Colorado. Snow had fallen sometime from the time we went across the Divide late Monday afternoon to the time we returned back over the Divide Wednesday morning. I was amazed at how each individual tree appeared to have “popped up” overnight. When we crossed over the first time, everything was green, and all those green trees were just a “group of green evergreen trees”. When we came back across, those trees were no longer just a “group of green trees”, but I could see each individual tree due to the snow that had just fallen. The white dusting of snow reminded me of flocked Christmas trees. I thought “Wow! How can something that mundane turn into something so beautiful? God was busy last night.” (I sometimes get awestruck by God’s awesomeness!)

My mind was still filled with thoughts of the State Convention I had just completed. All the preparation work and the results of all that work were still fresh in my mind too. As I looked at all those “flocked” trees I envisioned that the “group of green evergreen trees” I had seen earlier, could be the delegation at our state conventions, or maybe even the local ladies at our local court meetings. We can get lost by just being a part of the “group”. We may feel that we can’t express ourselves, or don’t feel comfortable enough to say anything. We may need the Holy Spirit to put some “flocking” on us to help us stand out as individuals and think individually instead of getting lost in the group. Your ideas or talents may be just what the group needs. Don’t be afraid to bring to your court a renewed enthusiasm. You may be able to “flock” other members and those newly “flocked” members may feel more comfortable about being able to express their feelings and volunteer their help.

Some courts are finally able to start having monthly meetings again. Some members are yearning to get out and get back to attending meetings. New state officers have recently been elected and installed. Just like the excitement of seeing those spring flowers pop up out of the ground, be “flocked” and bring a new excitement back to your courts. “Flock” other ladies and bring in new members who want to join the Catholic Daughters. I want you to carry over our “May flowers” and “April showers” theme from last month. Go ahead and bring to the court a new member or two to your next court meeting—be their “May flower”. You can also “flock” these new members by helping them express their inner love for God and the Catholic Daughters.

May is the month of Mary. Pray for her guidance. Go to her with your petitions. Mothers have a hard time turning down their loved ones. Let your State Regent Tess know how you have been someone’s “May flowers” or how you have been “flocked” by someone.

Holy Mother of God Pray for Us.

**CDA NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ENCHANCEMENT CHAIRMAN,**  
**CONNIE DRONETTE**

***SAINT JOSEPH & Joseph, son of Jacob: Parallels between them***

Happy Saint Joseph the Worker Feast Day. Pope Francis gifted us with a year of St. Joseph. A year to grow closer to and learn more about the Earthly Father of Jesus. Even though not one word of St. Joseph was written in the New Testament, we know that he had a great influence in the life of Jesus as well as the life of the Church.

St. Joseph's life was prefigured in the Old Testament by Joseph, son of Jacob. You have probably heard of Joseph's Coat of Many Colors. We can learn much about St. Joseph by studying these parallels.

1. *Both Josephs had a father named Jacob.* The name of your father in ancient times was very important.
2. *Both Josephs were from royalty.* Joseph of the Old Testament descended from the great patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. St. Joseph was from the line of King David.
3. *Both of the Josephs suffered and lived a life of difficulty.* Joseph of the Old Testament was sold into slavery by his brothers, accused of infidelity, and ended up in the employment of the Pharaoh. St. Joseph went through trials as he tried to find a place for Mary to deliver Jesus. It wasn't always easy for him to provide for the Holy Family.
4. *Both Josephs left their homes and went to Egypt.* Joseph was brought to Egypt as a slave. St. Joseph fled to Egypt with the Holy Family to escape Herod's wrath.
5. *Both Joseph's had the ability to interpret dreams.* While in prison, Joseph was able to interpret the Pharaoh's dream and saved the Egyptians from starvation. St. Joseph responded to four heavenly dreams quickly, thus safeguarding the Holy Family.
6. *Both of the Josephs were charged with a king's household and possessions.* Joseph became the Lord of all of Pharaoh's possessions in Egypt. St. Joseph, as head of the Holy Family, was the ruler over the King of the Universe.
7. *Both Josephs were pure and chaste.* Joseph of the Old Testament refused to have an adulterous affair with his master's wife, so she lied, and he was put into prison for two years. St. Joseph, the most pure and chaste man that God created, married the Virgin Mary. They lived a virginal life their entire marriage.
8. *Both Josephs faced poverty.* Joseph had everything taken from him by his brothers. St. Joseph and the Holy Family were poor because at the presentation they gave two turtle doves, the offering of the poor.
9. *Both Josephs fed the world.* Joseph saved grain for the famine and Egypt was the only country to have food during the famine. St. Joseph cared for Jesus and helped him grow to manhood. Jesus fed us with His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Thus, indirectly, Joseph, through Jesus, continues to feed the whole world with the Bread of Life.
10. *Both Josephs can be sought in times of need.* The Egyptians and people of other nations went to Joseph for grain during the famine. He had influence with the Pharaoh. The people of the world today can go to St. Joseph today. He has the ear of his Heavenly Son. Go to St. Joseph!

These Josephs were two of the greatest men of the Bible. They lived through many of the same trials and sorrows that we ourselves might face today. We can look up to their examples of living according to God's will. We can pattern ourselves in the virtues we witness throughout their lives.

Researched from Relevantradio.com.

## LOCAL COURT NEWS

### *Court Oregon #118 Adopted Seminarians for 2020-2021*

<i>Triston Dalton</i>	<i>Oakland</i>	<i>Mt. Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Dalton Rogers</i>	<i>Fresno</i>	<i>Mt Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Marcos Alvarado Trasmonte</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Mt Angel Seminary</i>
<i>Matthew Knight</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Pastoral Year at: St. Mary Parish</i>
		<i>1062 Charnelton St., Eugene, OR 97402</i>

*Keep our Seminarians in your prayers while they are on their summer assignments.*

### *Priest Appretiation Day is June 6, 2021.*

*Our Court Chaplain is Fr. Ron Nelson. We are grateful for his support and continued prayers. Fr. Ron has been at Saint Mary Parish since July of 2012.*

#### *A Prayer for Priests*

*Lord Jesus, Eternal Priest and Good Shepherd of your people, let the fire of your love burn strong in the hearts of your priests. As humble shepherds, let them walk among your people as friend, healer, reconciler and man of prayer. As fathers in the Spirit, let their ministry be selfless and life-giving, an ever-flowing stream of the divine compassion. Let their lives be transparent sacraments of your love, and when they preach your holy word, let it be with a fire born of their own love for you, who are the Father's Word of love to the world. Like you, Lord Jesus, let them hate ill-doing but love the sinner, always careful not to break the bruised reed, always striving to be loved, not feared. Like you, Lord Jesus, let them be peace...Amen.*

A prayer by Rt.Rev Gregory Duerr, O.S.B Abbot and Chancellor

## BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Belated Birthday to our May Birthday Ladies!*



10 – *Cindy Fisher*



15 – *Olga Saban*



20 – *Cathy Kirby*



21 – *Mary Anne Olsen*



26 - *Janeane McClure*



28 – *Jane Kim*

### *June*



4 – *Christie Beltran*



22 – *Julia Kelso*

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**We look forward to your presence at our upcoming monthly meeting.  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
St Mary Parish Hall at 6:00 pm  
1062 Charnelton St., Eugene**



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