



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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March & April
2021

REGENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fr. Ron and CDA Sisters,

I pray all is well with you and your families. Can you believe we're almost through the first quarter of 2021? These past few days, we've been hearing on the news Lane County's COVID-19 risk category is being downgraded to lower and safer levels. It's finally been announced the public schools, 4J, Bethel and Springfield School Districts are going to re-open for students to return to the classrooms in person, for at least a portion of every week. These actions give us more than a glimmer of hope our lives may finally be getting back to normal, or at least to some degree of what 'normal' used to be.

For some of our court members, the pandemic has affected us in so many different ways. Certainly not being able to conduct our monthly meetings has caused a major disconnection between us. However, I'm happy to say we have scheduled a general meeting for Wednesday evening, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. Another piece of news is that we will be returning to the St. Mary Parish Center for our meetings.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us so we can all get reacquainted and re-charged. It's exciting to know we can finally move forward and return to the activities and good works benefitting our community as outlined in the mission of the Catholic Daughters.



May the light of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit guide us back to the familiar path of unity, charity and love.

Blessings to all,
Lisa Hurlimann
Regent

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.”

Please join us for our next meeting.

Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm

**St. Mary Parish Hall
1062 Charnelton St. Eugene**

Prayer Corner



For our Court members

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

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.

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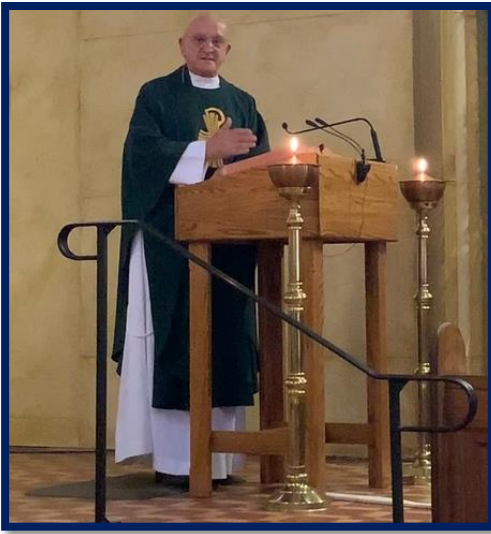
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Palm Sunday

They took palm branches and
Went out to meet Him, shouting,
“Hosanna!” “Blessed is He
Who comes in the Name
Of the Lord!”

John 12:13



Past National Chaplain, Reverend Edward Lamp

**Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)
March 28, 2021**

**Isaiah 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11;
Mark 14:1-15:47**

[The First and Second Readings are the same every year but the Passion account is taken from a different gospel – A, Matthew; B, Mark; C, Luke. The Passion from John is read on Good Friday.]

There is great hostility in the story we have just heard, all of it directed against Jesus.

There is the hostility of the chief priests, of the Roman soldiers, of those who passed by and jeered as he hung from the cross. Alongside the hostility of those who rejected Jesus, there is the failure of those who had been closest to him. His disciples all deserted him and fled; Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him publicly. Yet, there were a few people who responded to Jesus in that dark hour faithfully and nobly. There was the anonymous woman who in an extravagant gesture of love and respect anointed the head of Jesus. Then there was the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, ‘this man was son of God’. Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified burial. The women disciples who looked on from a distance noted where Jesus was buried and went away to prepare spices to anoint his body at the earliest opportunity. All of these people, men and women saw Jesus with eyes of faith and love.

The story we have just heard invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus’ passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkness’s, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being. We have heard the story of Jesus’ last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

Friends:

I’m asking your prayers for the next 10 weeks as I begin radiation and chemotherapy to treat a squamous cell carcinoma in my rectal area. The doctors say it is 100% curable. Your prayers and their good work, will make it 1000% curable.

I am privileged to share in the sufferings of so many other cancer patients, as well as the sufferings of Jesus.

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

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I sit to write this message to you all, we find ourselves well into the season of Lent. While we are not quite to the halfway point, we are getting close. I pray that these Lenten Days this year have been fruitful and that your spiritual exercises that you have undertaken during these holy days are helping you to see the areas in your life in which you have failed to follow the commands that God has given to us, the areas in which we need to continue to grow in the virtues of Christ, what things that you need to bring to Jesus for forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the penance that you must do for reparation of those sins.

Lent comes to us at roughly the same time each year, the springtime. We can look outside and see the first signs of life starting to spring up from the earth. Each day I go outside, and I can see where another plant has burst through the earth, reaching for the warmth of the light and the sun. I can look at the many bushes that I have planted around the yard each with leaves starting to get bigger and bigger. The part that amazes me is how each of the plants that has been lying dormant through the cold and dark winter days and are now exploding forth from the earth.

This is a good image for us to have in our minds during these Lenten days. Not only are the plants waiting to burst forth with new life, the joy and love that comes to us from Jesus alone is waiting to burst forth in our own lives. As the joy and love of Jesus bursts forth from our hearts, it goes out to permeate every human being that it comes in contact with.

Lent is a time for us to do some Spring cleaning in our spiritual gardens, to remove all the debris from the year before, to remove all the branches that did not bear fruit, to fertilize and nurture. In other words, this is a time to get ourselves in order. To repent of our sins and do penance so that Jesus can permeate through us in everything that we say and do. So that Jesus' joy and love can not only be felt in our lives and hearts, but so that every person we meet each day will also encounter the love of Christ.

If you have not had the opportunity to begin your Lenten work, there is still time to start. Let us use this time wisely to return to God with all our hearts, so that when we come to the great celebration of Easter, we can celebrate and rejoice, and let our Alleluia's ring out through the entire land.

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



Dear Fr. James and Catholic Daughters in Oregon:

The following is taken from the Surrender Novena:

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything."

"Mother, I am yours now and forever.

Through you and with you

I always want to belong completely to Jesus."

As we journey through Lent, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the ways we can surrender ourselves to Jesus.

Tess Cersovski ~ State Regent and National Director

Did you know that our State Regent is also a National Director? One of the duties that she is in charge of is National Projects. In the latest issue, Winter 2021, of the "Share" magazine you will find an article on the five National Projects. Find your copy and look it up. This information can also be found on the National CDA website.

49th Biennial Oregon State Convention

The State Board will be meeting at Saint Anthony's Parish in Tigard, Oregon from April 16-17, 2021 in hopes of having a virtual convention. The meetings will be livestreamed if we can guarantee a secure meeting; otherwise, the State Officers will meet and email all the decisions and contest winners on Sunday. The theme of the convention is:

"May we shout for JOY!"

(Psalm 20:6) New American Bible

MEMORIAL MASS for deceased CDA Members will be on April 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

This Mass will be livestreamed for all to watch.

www.satigard.org - - website for Memorial Mass on April 16th

Seminarian Benefit Dinner was supported by the CDA State Court. A donation of \$2,500 was made in the memory of Gloria Amort. Gloria was a past State Regent and was State Parliamentarian for several years. Gloria volunteered at Mt Angel and served on the Abbey Development Committee, helping with the beginnings of the Abbey's seminary fundraising. Gloria passed away July 15, 2020.

Rev. Joseph B. Hayes Scholarship Basket Raffle

Two Baskets are being raffled off!

- (1) **SPIRITUAL BASKET RAFFLE** [over \$300 in value and still growing]
 Pictures of some of the items are below. Enough to share!
- (2) **Lottery tickets – gift cards - cash** [over \$150 in value & growing]
 Donations from Court Our Lady of Perpetual Help #1461, Albany.



HOW TO BUY TICKETS for the two baskets:

Tickets: \$5.00 each

Please print your name on this form and send with check(s) or cash.
 Feel free to make copies of this form.

NAME: _____ **Phone #:** _____ **# Of Tickets:** _____ **CHECK #** _____ **\$ Amount** _____

Send this form and donations to State Treasurer Mary Saunders, 12205 S.W. 126th Street, Tigard, OR 97223. Make checks payable to “Catholic Daughters of the Americas” and write “Basket Raffle Donation” on the memo line.

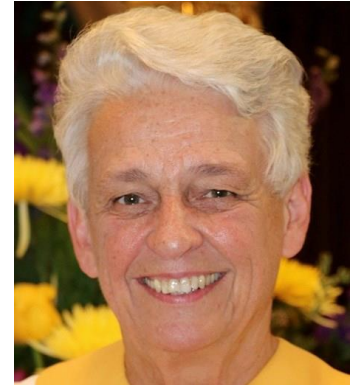
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**DRAWING FOR THE BASKET
 RAFFLE WILL BE ON
 SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021.**

The baskets will be delivered by State Regent Tess Cersovski or one of the other State Officers if you live close to them.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS



National Regent Sherry Nilles

MESSAGE FROM BARBARA JENSEN OREGON CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR



My dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,

Here we are, about half way through Lent. Remember we had talked last time about “taking up” instead of “giving up”? I hope you are doing well with that and have had many successful moments. Let’s also continue to “take up” wearing your masks and keeping your social distancing, even if you have had the Covid vaccine. Your mask protects you; your neighbor’s mask protects her. Together we protect each other.

I know you were planning on a virtual state convention, but have recently had to change things. State Regent Tess and her board will continue to be flexible and do the best that they can with the circumstances handed to them.

My message this month will be short and sweet as I am in the middle of planning my own state convention. I wish all of you a Happy St. Patrick’s Day followed by St. Joseph’s Day—patron saint of my home parish. Palm Sunday, my favorite week of the year Holy Week, and, Easter Sunday, will be here before we “talk” again. Holy Week is such a prayerful, powerful and reflective time. Take advantage of any prayer services that may be available. Have a blessed month and may God be with you, my CDA Sisters in Christ.

Barb Jensen
National Director

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>

Send mail to the above Seminarians to:

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

<i>Matthew Knight</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Pastoral Year at: St. Mary Parish</i>
		<i>1062 Charnelton St., Eugene, OR 97402</i>

*The Seminarians appreciate mail. Send your words of encouragement or a special prayer request.
The last day of classes for the Seminarians will be April 16, 2021*

BIRTHDAYS

March

20 – Cecilia Han*
22 – Rosy Makyadath*
27 – Martha Lynch*
31 – Oguilvia Skelton*

April

1- Jackie Cabalka*
8 – Anna Marie Blume*
10 – Rosa Gonzalez*
13 – Juanita Thorstad*
14 – Stacy Lee Vinolus*
18 – Corrine Palmer
25 – Eileen Laudani*
30 - Donna Slonecker*



If you would like your photo or an updated photo in the calendar corner, Please send your picture to the Editor, Julia Kelso.

Via email to cdacourtoregon118@gmail.com or mail to:

P O Box 8518, Coburg OR 97408

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The Discalced Carmelite Nuns

The Carmelite nuns are in need of some help. Gift cards to Winco are always welcome as well as any cash donations. With the Covid pandemic many fundraising efforts have been put on hold. Please help where you can.

There are two Winco locations one at 1920 Olympic St. Springfield and the other at 4275 Barger Drive Eugene.

Your gift cards or checks can be mailed to the Carmelites at:

*Carmel of Maria Regina
87609 Green Hill Road
Eugene, OR 97402*

Thank you for your support of the Carmelite Nuns.

Cookie Day for the Seminarians at Mount Angel

The following is a message from the State Seminarian Chairman, Jeannine Eisenbacher

Dear Catholic Daughters,

The end of the semester at Mt Angel Seminary is quickly approaching. The rules on the Hill are such that we still are not allowed to visit the seminary or have our usual cookie day. However, we will proceed in a similar manner to how we celebrated cookie day in the fall. The last day of Friday classes is April 16. So we will hold our cookie day on that day. You may either mail your goodies to Fr. Lalo at the address given below, or drop them off at my house. I will be getting everything I collect to him at once. Please have them to me by Wednesday, April 14 to ensure delivery.

For mailing packages to Father:

Fr. Lalo Barragan
1 Abbey Drive
St. Benedict, OR 97373

Or dropping them off with me:

Jeannine Eisenbacher
14373 Manning Rd NE
Woodburn, OR 97071
503-989-2303

Thank you so much! I think they all have to be store-bought and packaged again. Hopefully by December we'll be able to do home baked items and meet them at the Seminary! Please let me know if you have any questions.

God bless, Jeannine

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**Come to our CDA Monthly Meeting Wednesday April 21, 2021
At St Mary Parish Hall at 6:00 pm
1062 Charnelton St., Eugene**



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