



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

April 2020

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Dear Catholic Daughters,

What a historic Lent, Holy Week and Easter we are experiencing this year. One that none of us have ever experienced and one we will never forget. We have been blessed to have many different opportunities to watch mass, stations and pray the rosary on the internet, TV or radio. St. Mary has a Facebook page [Catholic Church-Eugene-St Mary](#) or look for one of the other parish's to see mass or other prayer opportunities. The National Catholic Daughters has a Facebook page as well [National Catholic Daughters of the Americas](#). On the CDA Facebook page you will find messages from our National Clergy Consultant Father Edward Lamp and prayers led by Connie Dronette, National Director and Spiritual Enhancement Chair. A wonderful way to feel connected to our CDA sisters throughout the Nation.

I always try to see something good no matter how bad the situation. Not being able to visit my church and attend mass certainly saddens my heart, but this pandemic has impacted my prayer life in a positive way. I am praying more as I am sure many of you are. Right now all we have is prayer to give us peace and hope. As we continue to practice social distancing don't forget to contact a fellow CDA sister. In all the phone calling that I made I found out that two of our members call each other and say a decade of the rosary. How beautiful is that! We can take comfort in knowing that our CDA sisters are praying for us our communities and the world.

Even though we are asked to self-quarantine, Court business still needs to be conducted. This will be handled by phone or email until this health crisis clears up. The Nominating Committee will be busy looking at our membership and asking members to consider running for an office. Please prayerfully consider holding an office of our Court and know that you will have the support of past officers to help you. At the April meeting a slate of officers was to be presented. Since we will not meet the slate of officers will be announced in the May newsletter. Stay home and stay safe.

Praying you have a Blessed Easter!

*In Unity and Charity
Julia Kelso, 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.”

***Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Oregon #118***

APRIL Meeting and Activities CANCELED

Prayer Corner



For our Court members

Tess Cersovski, Marie Weber, Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys, Eileen Laudani, Olga Saban, Ernestine O'Brien, Ruby Meyer, Pat Vohs, Rosy Makyadath, Cathy Frei, Cathy Kirby, and Ronnie Chouinard

Deceased CDA members

Mary Maira passed away February 14, 2020

Family of CDA members

Peter – Son of Tess & Brother of Miriam Cersovski

Carina Myrand – Granddaughter of Jane Myrand

Don Cersovski – Husband of Tess Cersovski

Thomas – Husband of Ernestine O'Brien

Grace Englehardt – 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

Fred – Husband of Julia Kelso

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 Regent Julia Kelso.

Nominating Committee

Pat Halvorsen, Fria Rogers & Julia Kelso

This process certainly was different than any other we have held in electing and voting on this committee. We had so many members that responded via email and I was able to reach many of the other members by phone.

Thank you for your response and patience in this process.

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Dear Catholic Daughters,

April 1, 2020



I hope that you all are doing well. We are moving toward Holy Week, but it is a preparation for Holy Week that is much different than I have ever encountered before. I am preparing liturgies that will have no people present, and I am trying to figure out how best to live-stream them.

These are, indeed, unprecedented times. And, I know that there is a great ache in your hearts at not being able to attend these liturgies in-person, and, there is a great ache in my heart not being able to be present to you during this time, but, nonetheless, I encourage you to enter into them spiritually and to follow them virtually on our Facebook page, if you are able.

This Holy Week is filled with many wonderful things. We of course begin with the Passion (or Palm) Sunday which celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and then very shortly later we read the passion account, of Jesus suffering and death ... quite a contrast!

Then the Masses during the week will prepare us for the Sacred Triduum (or three days). Normally, on Monday of Holy Week, the priests would gather with the Archbishop for a meal and the Chrism Mass, which would involve a renewal of our priestly promises; then, Wednesday of Holy Week is nicknamed "spy Wednesday" because of Judas' betrayal which we will hear about in the Gospel for that day.

We will live stream the Tuesday and Wednesday Masses at 12:15pm on our Facebook page.

On Holy Thursday, we have the Mass of the Last supper. We will live stream it at 7:00pm on our Facebook page. Normally, we would have the washing of the feet of some of the parishioners at the Mass to imitate what our Lord did on that evening, but that will be omitted. The evening would normally end with the Blessed Sacrament being taken to the altar of repose, and the altar is stripped, and everything is removed out of the sanctuary, preparing for our Lord's passion and death.

Good Friday, then is the only day of the year that Mass is not celebrated in the world. We will have Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm. Then a Good Friday service at 3:00pm, which is basically a liturgy of the word with veneration of the Cross, and the reception of communion that would have been consecrated on Holy Thursday. Both of these will be streamed live on the Facebook.

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30pm. We will have a lighting of the Easter fire and from that fire we will light the Easter Candle which will be taken up in procession to its place of honor. Then the Exsultet will be sung, a hymn that proclaims the great mystery that is before us. There will be several readings from Scripture that lay out for us the history of Salvation. Normally, the lights would be dimmed and then brought up at the time of the Gloria. Normally, we would bring people into the Church on that Blessed evening, but this year it will have to happen later. In any case, we will plan on live streaming that Mass at 8:30pm. Then for Easter Sunday, we will live stream an Easter Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am (Spanish).

I want you to know that I think of you often, and I am praying for you. I know that it is not the same when you have to watch or listen to Mass from home, but we are trying our best to keep you connected. God Bless you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Ronald Nelson

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

Easter 2020

Dear Catholic Daughters of the State of Oregon,

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

Well this past Lent certainly is not one that any of us could have imagined or expected, but I do believe that it will be one that we will not soon forget.

While we will soon be arriving at the day that we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and the season of Lent will come to a conclusion for this year, I suspect that we will not be out of the woods yet in regards to the situation that we find ourselves in with regards to COVID-19. But, that cannot and will not diminish what Jesus did for each one of us on the cross.

Jesus came into the world so that he can be a sign for us. A physical sign of God and his love for us. It is not enough that God has spoken to the people through Moses and the prophets. We so often do not heed their words. We want to have an encounter, so Jesus came to us and walked among us. So that we can touch him and be close to God in a way that we never were able to be before.

During this past Lent, God has given us a sign. A sign that I hope we have taken time to ponder upon. A sign that tells us that we need to slow down our lives and our Lord will continue to use these events well into and through our 50 days of Easter and beyond to get us to return to him and the life that he wants us to live in a deeper way.

I want you all to know that you have been in my prayers, particularly each day as I celebrate Mass and you and your families will continue to be in my prayers especially during the Liturgies of the Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Please feel free to email me any prayer requests you may have (frjamesherrera@gmail.com) and I will offer those prayers as well!

May God bless you all!

Easter Blessings!

Fr. James Herrera
Catholic Daughters State Chaplain

Seminarian list for 2019-2020

For Court Oregon #118

Tristan Dillon, Oakland, Mt. Angel, Pastoral year
Anthony Hoangphan, Portland, Mt. Angel, Theo. 3
Bonaventure Okoro, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Theo. 4
Marcos Ricardo Alvarado, Portland, Mt. Angel, College 1
Darrell Edward Falconburg, Boise, Pre-Theo 2

Send a note to a Seminarian. Abbey Address:
Mount Angel Abbey
1 Abbey Dr.
Benedict, OR 97373

Dalton Rogers, Pastoral year
Send mail to: 1516 Center Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635

Please pray for our Court’s adopted Seminarians as well as vocations to the religious life.

Mark your calendar for the next Cookie Day
May 1, 2020

2019-2020 State

Penny Drive to benefit

The Grotto in Portland



To make a donation to this Penny Drive, mail your donation to:

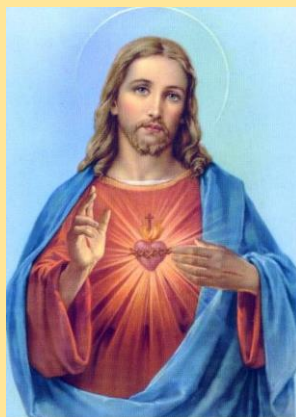
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Thank you for your support.

**Message from Archbishop
Jose Gomez
President of the USCCB**

The president of the USCCB Archbishop Jose Gomez had said “The novel coronavirus pandemic’s effects on victims and the closure of church have deeply pained the Catholic faithful and clergy, but Holy Week is a time to join together to seek God’s mercy and love in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

Gomez invites all Catholics to join him in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Good Friday, April 10, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. You can join him at 9 am Pacific Time via Archdiocese of Los Angeles website or the U.S. Bishop’s Conference Facebook page. His speech is on Facebook.



**2020 Oregon
State Conference**

Will be the same weekend as CDA DAY AT THE GROTTTO on the weekend of August 14, 15, and 16, 2020. Please mark your calendars!

**2020 CDA
Day of Recollection**

Will stay on the second Saturday of October on October 10, 2020.

NATIONAL NEWS

2020 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The multinational pro-life prayer event is being coordinated by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization and is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Participants are asked to pray at least one Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons.



MESSAGE FROM CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR CONNIE DRONETTE

My Dear Oregon Sisters in Christ,

Our lives seem so surreal at this time. Did you ever think that you would be alive during a global pandemic? I know it is being referred to as a pandemic, but how is it different from a plague?

The word *plague* refers to an infectious disease caused by a bacterium spread from rats to humans by means of flea bites. This is not how the coronavirus started. It is killing as many people as a plague. When I pray, I say put an end to this pandemic, plague or whatever you want to call it God!

I have spoken with many of you on our National Facebook page since we started our stay at home orders. I do a live prayer service every morning at 11:45 AM and end with the Angelus at the noon hour. I also lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:30 PM on the National Facebook page. Both of these times are Central Standard Time. I think that you are two hours behind me so you would have to adjust the times to fit your time zone. I would love to pray with you so please join the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Facebook page if you have not already done so. Many of you are on it already.

I will be hosting a live Seder Meal on Thursday on the National CDA Facebook page. I will be telling the story of the Jewish feast and how it is important for Catholics today. I invite you to join me.

We enter into the solemn days of Holy Week tomorrow, Palm Sunday. I know it is not easy to not be able to attend Mass on these days, especially Easter Sunday. God is always with us, please invite him into your home by watching the Mass live online or on EWTN. I continue to pray for you and your families.

Your Servant in Christ,

Connie Dronette
National Director

LOCAL COURT NEWS



Seminarian Benefit Dinner



Top left: Tess Cersovski, Marco Alvarado, and Jane Myrand

Top right: Julia Kelso and Marcos

Bottom left: Barbara Gunn, Pat Halvorsen & Seminarian

Bottom Right: Judy Spearin and Cathy Frei

Center: Oguilvia Skelton, Marcos and Pat

A wonderful evening at the Seminarian Benefit Dinner. The Seminarian's sang for us as they entered the banquet hall. We were treated to several musical performances during the evening. A Seminarian at every table gave us the opportunity to ask them about their life at Mt. Angel. Seminarian Marcos Alvarado, pictured in the center, is from St Mary Parish in Eugene. Marcos is one our Courts adopted seminarians. Please keep all the Seminarians in your prayers.

**Can't go out shopping due to the quarantine, take a look at all the RADA products!
Access RADA through our Courts website: www.cdacourtoregon118.com**



YES!!! Our Court is still selling RADA Cutlery, which is one of our Courts ongoing fundraisers. Keep RADA in mind for holidays, birthdays, and weddings or for any of your gift giving needs. There are two ways to see and order all the wonderful products of RADA. (1) Visit our Courts website and just click on the RADA link to see the items. (2) You can obtain a catalogue from Barbara or Julia and place your order through us. Our Court receives 40% of all sales. Please consider shopping RADA as your next gift option.

To obtain a catalogue or to order on the website contact:

Barbara Gunn 541-686-6690 or

Julia Kelso 541-344-6851

Court website www.cdacourtoregon118.com

LOCAL COURT NEWS

Birthdays

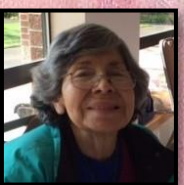
April

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



May

- 10 – Cynthia Fisher*
- 15 – Olga Saban*
- 19 – Phyliss Porter
- 20 – Cathy Kirby*
- 21 – Mary Anne Olsen
- 26 – Janeane McClure*
- 28 – Jane Kim*



CIRCLE OF LOVE and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Quality of Life

Lynda Atto ~ Human Trafficking
Corrine Clifford ~ Health and Wellness

Youth

Lisa Hurlimann

Legislation

Vacant

Education

Christie Beltran ~ Education Contest

Spiritual Enhancement

Lisa Hurlimann ~ Spiritual Chair
Seminarian Chair's
Ogulvia Skelton & Kathleen O'Connell

Leadership

Rosy Makyadath ~ Membership
Jane Myrand & Pat Halvorsen
Refreshment

Family

Pat Halvorsen ~ First Way

Court Parliamentarian

Tess Cersovski

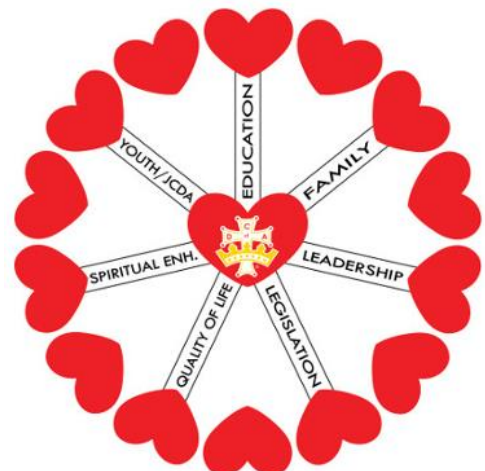
Webmaster

Miriam Cersovski

FIRST WAY ~ BABY SHOWER

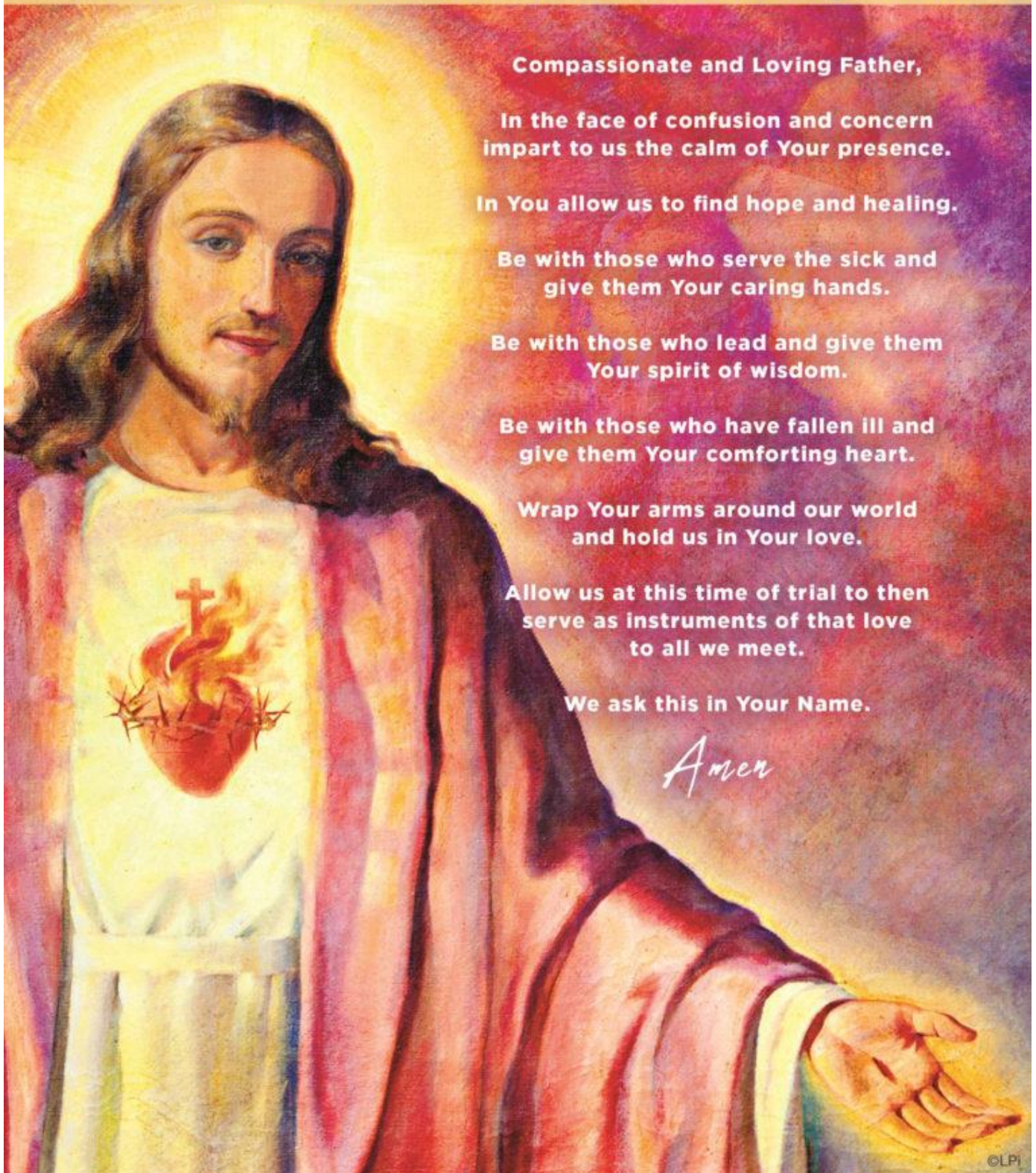
Court Oregon #118 had planned to collect much needed items for First Way during the months of March, April and May. Due to March and April meetings being canceled we ask members to consider making a monetary donation. Mail donations to Regen Julia Kelso, please write "First Way" on the memo line.

Julia Kelso
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Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen



Julia Kelso, Regent

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Calendar of Events Due to the Coronavirus CDA events may be canceled due to the Parish being closed and the need to keep with social distancing.

- April 5 Palm Sunday
HOLY WEEK
12 Easter Sunday
16 **Thursday CDA Social and Service project - Canceled**
12:15 Mass offered for all CDA members at St Mary Parish.
18 **CDA Saturday Morning Meeting Canceled.**
- May 1-3 Pray a rosary for "One Million Rosaries for the Unborn"
10 Mothers Day
21 Feast of the Ascension
Thursday CDA Social and Service project 10:00-12:00 in the Elizabeth Seaton Room in St Mary Parish Hall. 12:15 Mass offered for all CDA members at St Mary Parish.
23 **CDA Saturday Morning Social, Prayer and Meeting 10:00-12:00 at St Mary Parish.**
25 Memorial Day
- June 7 Priest Appreciation Sunday
18 **Thursday CDA Social and Service project 10:00-12:00 in the Elizabeth Seaton Room**
20 **CDA Saturday Morning Social, Prayer and Meeting 10:00-12:00 at St Mary Parish**
21 Sunday Fathers Day

Dues of \$30 are due May 1, 2020.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic at this time I ask that dues be mailed to:

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