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MESSAGE FROM REGENT

Dear Catholic Daughters,

It is hard to believe that the Easter season is here again. Now is the time to start planning for summer including planting all the beautiful, colorful plants that make our yards so inviting, beckoning us to sit and have some tea.

The past seven months have seen our membership increase by six new members. These ladies are eager to be active Catholic Daughters. In March, both Rosebel Cameron and Janet Valenzuela received the oath of membership. For the next three months, Cheri Hoffman, Vice Regent and membership chair will be working to increase our total membership. All members may help her by remembering B.O.G.O. (Bring One Gain One).

Court La Purisima has been touched by sadness these past few months with the loss of three long time members: Jessie Delira, Barbara Mascsak and Mary Lou Simoni. These members were great examples of women of Catholic faith serving their families, church and community. Three members also lost spouses: Sally Baisa (Joe), Inez George (August) and Valeri Gunst (Richard). Please keep all of our departed in your prayers.

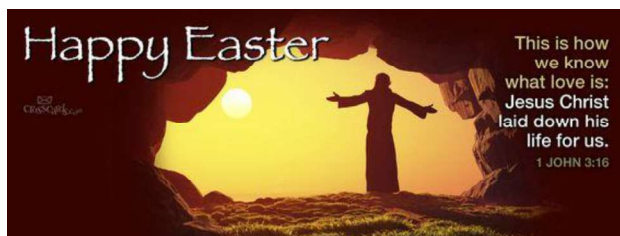
The Circle of Love continues to be the focus of Catholic Daughters. Our court presently has chairmen working on four of the spokes: Spiritual Enhancement, Education, Legislation and Quality of Life. To complete the Circle of Love in our Court, the other three spokes need chairmen: Leadership, Family and Youth/Junior CDA. With everyone working together, the Court will complete the Circle of Love.

I wish you a Blessed Easter.

Reba Montoya, Regent

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.



Hopefully you are having a difficult Lent! As a seed struggles to emerge from its hard shell and pushes through the darkness into the light, so must we face our struggles and practice self-denial in order to see The Light. Only then can we be transformed and flower, as God intends, into the beautiful creation He has planned for us! Easter is nearly here and I hope you have enjoyed walking with Our Lord in the desert.

Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. This is why its date changes each year. The principal feast of the year and of our faith is celebrated at the Easter Vigil. The rubrics of the *Missale Romanum* remind us that this "mother of all vigils" is the "greatest and most noble of all solemnities." And the most beautiful! Included in this celebration are the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word that recounts the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation, the Liturgy of Baptism that welcomes new Catholics into the fullness of the faith, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you do not normally attend this meaningful Mass, so rich in symbolism, I highly recommend that you do so this year!

May you be renewed in your faith, re-energized in your relationship with Our God, and holier than you have ever been before! May your Easter celebration be a feast that carries over every Sunday of the year. May you go out and evangelize the world - not by bringing people to Jesus, but by being Jesus and bringing Jesus to other people!

Sandy Mitchell, Spiritual Enrichment Chairman

WHAT'S COMING UP:

Catholic Daughters of America Spring Tea

Court La Purisima #1267's annual Spring Tea will be Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at La Purisima Parish Hall, corner of South I St and W Olive Ave, Lompoc. Please support this fundraiser for the parish school.

Thank you to Sally Baisa & Priscilla Salazar for chairing this event. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$5/students under 12. Tickets are available from Mary Braun at 733-1924. Tickets stubs and money are due to Mary Braun by April 21.

Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary

Court La Purisima #1267 has been praying the Stations of the Cross at La Purisima Catholic Church, Lompoc at 1:00 pm each Monday during Lent. Plan to join us & bring a friend as all are welcome to participate in this moving prayer.

Divine Mercy Novena

Join others at La Purisima church to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00 pm weekdays, April 14-22.

Rosaries

Forty Days for Life Rosary will be recited every weekday after each 8:00 am Mass during Lent.

On Easter Monday, the recitation of the rosary for peace resumes on Mondays after the 8:00 am Mass at La Purisima Catholic Church, Lompoc. The patriotic rosary for the conversion of our country is recited on the first Monday of the month.

The One Million Rosaries for the Unborn Campaign runs May 5-7, 2017. La Purisima will observe this with the recitation of the rosary after the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, May 5, 2017.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS are at the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS HALL, 523 E. Chestnut Ave, Lompoc on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Rosary at 12:30 p.m.

Meetings & Events:

- April 5, 2017 – Monthly Meeting
- April 14-22 – Divine Mercy Novena
- April 29, 2017 - Annual Spring Tea, 2- 4 pm, La Purisima Parish Hall, Lompoc
- May 3, 2017 – Monthly Meeting
- May 5 - One Million Rosaries for the Unborn
- May 24-28, 2017 – State Convention, Ontario
- June 4, 2017 – Priest Appreciation Day
- June 7, 2017 – End of Year Luncheon & Meeting
- July 2017 – Ice Cream Social at Convalescent Care Center

Newsletter Editor Needed

The Court is looking for someone to compile and edit the quarterly newsletter starting April 1, 2017 for the summer and fall newsletters. The newsletter is sent to members generally in January, April, July and October.

Catholic Daughter Website Information

National: <http://catholicdaughters.org>
 State: <http://catholicdaughterscalifornia.org>

WHAT COURT LA PURISIMA NO. 1267 HAS BEEN UP TO...

Valentine Bake Sale – Sunday, February 12, 2017 at La Purisima Parish Hall

The annual bake sale was a success bringing in over \$800 for Court La Purisima #1267 projects. Kathi Downey thanks all who participated by either baking, set up, sales, clean up and/or other donations. Thank you to Fr. Mike for announcing the bake sale at Mass as well as baking brownies for the sale.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Please keep the following members in your prayers: Toni Adams, Carol Anderson, Minnie Apodaca, Sally Baisa, Dora Blanco, Mary Braun, Barbara Friar, Inez George, Valerie Gunst, Margaret King, Joyce Langenfeld, Lydia Martinez and Marie Truong as well as Barbara Kurz’ husband, Larry. Also, remember in your prayers those members who are caring for loved ones who are ill.

Catholic Daughters extends condolences to Inez George and her family on the passing of her husband, August George; to the family of Barbara Mascsak; and to the family of Jessie Delira (mother of member, Rita Adams & grandmother of members, Angela Smith & Gina Adams).

SPRING BIRTHDAYS:

April		May		June	
Val Scott	2	Beatrice Blankenship	1	Elsie Paige	2
Dolores Lotspeich	9	Joan Hazel Keefe	6	Mary Braun	3
Ethel Ahrendt	11	Joyce Langenfeld	13	Marie Higgins	8
Sally Baisa	15	Barbara Friar	16	Margaret Flack	10
Janet Stevens	19	Toni Adams	18	Margo Milligan	12
Maxine Sierra	21	Kim Ochoa	18	Cheri Jo Weissenburger	12
Dolores Herigstad	29	Rita Adams	23	Eva Hamon	13
Pat Jure	29	Armande Hull	31	Marie Truong	18
				Melva Riegel	29

**HERE IS A CONCRETE WAY TO EXPLAIN THE PASSION TO CHILDREN
(GUARANTEED TO IMPACT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF EASTER!)**

EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the Eve of Easter

Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans	Ziploc baggie
1 tsp vinegar	Wooden spoon
3 egg whites	Tape
Pinch of salt	Bible
1 cup sugar	Mixing bowl & Mixer



Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Place pecans in Ziploc baggie and encourage children to beat them hard with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Read John 19:1-3, explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp vinegar into a mixing bowl. Read John 19:28-30, clarify that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink.

Add egg whites to the vinegar. Read John 10:10-11, inform that eggs represent life and that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Sprinkle a pinch of salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Read Luke 23:27-28, expound that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar. Read Proverbs 24:13-14 and John 3:16, clarify that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. And this knowledge is like honey in our mouths.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Read Isaiah 1:18 and Proverbs 20:9, the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. We cannot clean ourselves from sin any other way.

Fold in broken pecans. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Read Matt 27:57-60, each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Read Matt 27:65-66, Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read John 16:20 and 22, explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were very sad when the tomb was sealed. GO TO BED!

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! Read Matt 28:1-9, on the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty and Jesus alive!

May you and your family have a wonderful EASTER!!! And may you celebrate the true meaning of the Easter story with rich traditions such as this.