

"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."

**May, The Month of Mary
Dedicated to Our Blessed
Virgin Mary
who said, "Yes" to God.**

**This is the day the Lord has made; Let
us rejoice in it and be glad."
Psalms 118**

**We hope to see you: Wednesday,
May 11th, Activity Center
St. Jerome Catholic Church
8825 Kempwood Dr. - Room 104
Houston, TX 77080
Business Meeting begins
at: 7 P. M.
We gather before our monthly
meeting
@ 6:30 p.m. to recite the Rosary
All are invited.**



**Reminder:
Court Dues are \$40.00 per year.
Mail To: Rachel Miller
201 Drew St. - Houston, TX
77006
713-498-2254
OR Bring to Meeting**

**Did you know you can pay your
Court Dues with a Credit Card?
Go to St. Jerome Website. Click on
Fellowship tab, then on the drop
list select Catholic Daughters. On
that page there are two tabs: One
for Donate and the other Pay
Member Dues here. When you click
on these you can pay with your
Credit Card information. If you
have questions contact:
Esther Martinez @832-368-0235**



**Hail Mary, Full of Grace!
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is
the Fruit of your womb,
Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God, pray for
us sinners, now and at
the hour of death.
Amen!**

*May
The Month of
Our Blessed Mother*



The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning.



Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just Do it. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

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Dear Catholic Daughters,

**A sincere thank you to our Nominating Committee: Judy Christy, Chairman,
Patsy Kelly, Diana Sebesta, Elena Torres, and Linda Towne**

2022-2024 Slate of Officers

**Kim Chavez, Regent
Kathy Fisher, Vice Regent
Beth O'Dowd, Recording Secretary
Rachel Miller, Financial Secretary
Marti Melchor, Treasurer**

Per Bylaws: elections of Local Court Officers are held in the Month of May. Nominations from the floor for Regent, Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer are opened at that time.

Please keep all your officers lifted in prayer as they carry out their duties and obligations for the benefit of our court.



**Send Prayers and notes of encouragement to our seminarians through the Office of Vocations
1700 San Jacinto
Houston, TX 77002**



**Attention:
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**Attention: Deacon
Christopher Meyer**



May 2nd - Trudy Benavides

May 2nd - Jeanette Bruegging

May 16th - Susan Graul

May 18th - Irene Infante

May 24th - Doris Knobloch

Gift Shop Volunteers Are Needed.

Contact: Mary Kay Dittrich

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or**

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Sat. 5:30 p.m. or Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:24, NCV).



We're Praying for You!



Mary Arredondo, Maria Bannatyne, Trudy Benavides, Helen Cantu, Judy Christy, Lydia Demko, Melinda Ehlinger, Dori Ellis, Paulette Farek, Kathy Fisher, Mike Gaul, George & Roz Hebert, Florence Hempel, Irene Infante, Rose Jordan's daughter Natasha, Nelwyn LeBlanc, Marimar Landrau-Mackey, Tony & Judy Maniscalco, Beth O'Dowd's parents, Georgia Popp, Amel Rodriguez, Gail Rodriguez's daughter Lynn, Henry Schonefeld, Maryann Spencer, Agnes Sullivan's daughter Yvonne, Elena & Juanita Torres, Marie Tupa, Mary Ann Wey, and Cecilie Zissa.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen - Saint Augustine

A Prayer which will release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

Prayer of St. Gertrude The Great

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family." Amen

If you have anyone you would like mentioned in this section,
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REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Important Dates to Remember MAY

6th - First Friday



8th - Mother's Day



11th - CDA Meeting

13th - Feast Day

Our Lady of Fatima



26th - The Ascension of the Lord

30th - Memorial Day

31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JUNE



5th - Pentecost Sunday

8th - CDA 53rd Anniversary

12th - The Most Holy Trinity

19th - Father's Day



COURT AVE MARIA #2001 - ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

Fundraiser for Scholarships 2022

Raffle tickets are on sale during May 6th Fish Fry

"Volunteers needed to sell tickets"



Time: 5-7 p.m.

Below L-R
Jackie Hollkamp,
Linda Towne, Patsy Kelly



2nd \$250 Gift Card
3rd \$150 Gift Card
4th \$100 Gift Card



**FIRST PLACE IS
A HANDMADE
QUEEN SIZE
QUILT**



Contact Raffle Chair, Teri De Los Santos @480-241-8357/ Email: tdls0406@gmail.com
Co-Chair, Marti Melchor @832-876-4198/Email: partimarti_houston1@comcast.net
Drawing June 8th, 2022 * Tickets are \$2.00 each - (6-\$10 or 12-\$20)

As in years past, we are requesting donations for gift card prizes. Please, if you can, repeat last year's donation. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated!

***New this year - Members who turn in \$40.00 in tickets will receive an extra page of raffle tickets for the drawing. Due by the May CDA Meeting (May 11).**

2020-2022 DIRECTORY



If you have any changes, please contact
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Spring Is Here



Rebecca Brown, State Regent

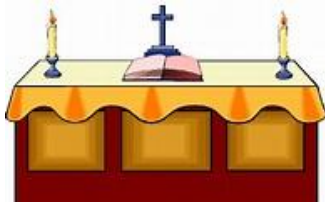
BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN...Catholic Daughter sisters, we can become poor in Spirit when we can say we are prepared to surrender all our moments even when the Kingdom of God Demands a sacrifice. Blessed are those who are not possessed by their possessions.



BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL BE SHOWN MERCY....Fulton J. Sheen writes, "Mercy is a compassionate understanding of another's unhappiness." Are we actively working to decrease our neighbor's suffering? Really think of other's suffering as your own and you will be able to show mercy in any circumstance.



The Rosary & Holy Hour for Pro Life is scheduled every Thursday in the Day Chapel from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Followed by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Holy Hour of Life



Over 63.5 million Babies have been killed by abortion since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973.

Source: National Right to Life Committee

We ask for continued prayers weekly or daily for the overturning of Roe v Wade. Stop the killing of Babies!!

COME PRAY TO HELP END ABORTION!



A Mother is a Blessing



We honor all our mothers, whether they are in the company of the Saints in Heaven or still whipping up delicacies in the kitchen! Thank you God, for all mothers, even those that were not there for us or for whatever reason chose to give us up for adoption. We thank you, Lord.

Author: Eileen (Ike) Colleton



Family Prayer for Purity

Dearest Jesus, help me and each member of my family to thoughtfully consider the moral and spiritual harm of inappropriate television, movies, magazines, emails and internet pictures. Give us the courage to remove ourselves from these occasions of sin. Preserve us from the evil around us and turn our eyes to You, for You have promised that the perfect heart will see God. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to fill us with Your grace, and keep us pure of heart. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Pray for Us!*



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