



**Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374**  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

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**REGENT'S MESSAGE**

BY LORI KOCUREK

May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary, and I would like to wish a very Blessed Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers of our court.

Would like to send a special thank you to Bonnie Collins who offered to chair Senior Sunday for the court again this year. The graduating Seniors will be honored at the evening mass on Sunday May 16th. Let us pray that God grants them peace and protection for these young adults as they spread their wings and soar to the new adventures awaiting each and every one of them.

Although our court newsletter did not win at the state level, our court did have three winners at the state level Educational Contest. The winners were Myles Svatek, Second Place High School Essay; LaDell Janda, Second Place Adult Photography and Dana Sternadel, First Place Adult Poetry.

Thank you to Jane Ladewig, Rose Marie Janak, Delores Dornak, Barbara Junek, Mary Jane Kaiser for providing desserts and to Jane Ladewig and Becky Mitchell for working the funeral reception of B.G. Parma husband of court member Betty Parma and father of court members Bonnie Collins and Phyliss Appling.

The court audit which was held on Thursday April 22 and according to our District Deputy Alice Figirova all went well. At the audit, Alice presented the court with our court's sign that was used at the convention. I would like to thank Susie Orsak, Kimberly Eide, Theresa Harton, Mary Kay Price, Cheryl Fisher and Susie Priesmeyer for helping with the audit.

Thank you to Vice Regent Susie Priesmeyer for hosting the meal for our May meeting. The court is in need for someone to host the June meeting. Please contact me at 979-541-6241 or lorikocurek@yahoo.com if you would like to host June's meal.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 17th at 6:30pm after the 6:00pm rosary in the chapel; see you there.

**A Mother's Love**

*There are times when only a mother's love, Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints And calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a mother's love, Can share the joy we feel,  
When something we've dreamed about Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a mother's faith, Can help us on life's way And  
inspire in us the confidence We need from day to day.*

*For a mother's heart and a mother's faith, And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels And sent from God above.*

~Author Unknown



**"UNITY AND CHARITY"**



## APRIL MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:34 pm.

Regent Lori Kocurek led the court in the blessing of the meal. After the meal Regent Kocurek led the court in the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The court received thank you notes from the Diocese of Victoria for the donation to seminary endowment fund, Annette Balcar for donation towards summer reading program, Gladys Carlson for birthday card and sympathy appreciation card from Jerry Bilicek family.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Secretary Mary Kay Price reported there were 22 members present, 455 total members, all 455 members have paid 2021 dues, and 332 have contributed to the Bake less Bake Sale with a total of \$7,100.00 collected.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality of Life: negative

Clergy Report: Father Michael informed the court that May 16th is Ascension Sunday.

Social/Craft: negative

Spiritual: negative

Refreshments: Dianne Mozisek hosted the meal for the evening. Members that helped serve the chopped beef on bun and delicious desserts were Cathy Dornak, Jane Ladewig, Lorena Janik, Renee Boutelle and Theresa Harton.

### NEW BUSINESS

Annual \$1,000 donation to St. Philip School per standing rules.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The Annual Spring Audit will be held on Thursday April 22nd at the fellowship hall starting at 5:30pm.

The court had 9 seniors apply for the court scholarship this year. All applicants had excellent essays. The nine seniors are Brittany Baker, Allison Bena, Rheanna Eide, Gage Garner, Zachary Socha, Layton Stary, Myles Svatek, Hope Tomlinson and Taylor Watz. Each of these seniors will receive a \$300.00 scholarship.

The court discussed on how to handle Senior Sunday and a motion was made by Jeraldine Socha to hand out gift bags after mass like last year and was seconded by LaDell Janda. Motion passed.

### BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE

April: Georgia Henderson

Attendance: Jeraldine Socha

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday May 17, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Susie Orsak*

*Success!*  
**Graduation  
Celebration**

**2021**

*Senior Reception*

Open to any graduating senior  
Gifts will be given to the Seniors on

*May 16th, 2021*

*following the 6:00 p.m. mass*



### *FUNERAL HOSPITALITY*

#### **BONIFACE (B.G.) PARMA**

Boniface (B.G.) Parma, husband of our member, Betty, passed away April 21, 2021. The funeral was on Monday, April 26, 2021 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church followed by interment at Holy Cross Memorial Park. After this, a reception was held at Mikeska's. Jane Ladewig and Becky Mitchell served at the reception. Providing desserts were Jane Ladewig, Rose Marie Janak, Barbara Juneck, Delores Dornak, and Mary Jane Kaiser.

#### **WILLIAM PAYNE**

William Payne husband of court member Theresa Zetka Payne passed away on April 2, 2021. A memorial service was held on April 12, 2021 at Triska Funeral Home. Because there no reception held and per our court standing rules, a check for \$75.00 was mailed to the family.

#### *...A note from the Funeral Reception Committee*

Members helping Members

Remember, we will no longer make phone calls for funeral desserts. If you want to make a dessert for a funeral, please call Barbara Juneck at 979-244-6845 or 979-543-6366 so that your name can be added to the list given to the family.

#### *Memorial Cards*

ROSE ANN  
MITCHELL  
979-541-7130

#### *Funeral Donations & Cakes*

BARBARA JUNEK  
979-543-6366 (h)  
979-244-6845 (c)

#### *Hospitality Cards*

MARGIE SWOBODA  
1602 Ave. F, EC  
979-543-4734

#### *Funeral Chairman*

JANE LADEWIG  
979-541-3200



**Send \$25.00 Dues  
& Correspondence to:**  
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El Campo, TX 77437



## APRIL HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

### Birthdays

Gladys Cerny  
Dolores Priesmeyer  
Norma Treybig  
Jeanette Stock  
Kathryn Sellers  
LaDell Janda  
Daisy Zella  
Georgia Henderson  
Lorine Stary  
Barbara S. Socha  
Laverne Wendel  
Ann Arnold

### Sympathy

Theresa Zetka Payne - Husband  
Dianne Cerny - Father  
Ella Mae Merta - Brother  
Betty Parma - Husband  
Bonnie Collins - Father  
Phyllis Appling - Father  
Esther Harton - Brother in Law

### Congratulations

LaDell & Al Janda - Married 60 Years

### Get Well/Thinking of You

Mildred Janda  
Lorrane Rasmussen  
Patsy Miller

Get well cards are sent to members who are ill. Sympathy cards are sent to members upon the death of a husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or grandchild. Congratulations are sent for the birth of a child, golden wedding anniversary, 60th anniversary, 65th anniversary, etc. Cards of encouragement will be sent to the seriously ill. Birthday cards will be sent to members age 75 and over...from the standing rules; adopted in 1999

If you know of any occasion which necessitates sending a hospitality card, please call me at 543-4734. — Margie Swoboda

## The Origin of Mother's Day: 5 Surprising Facts About the Holiday

For many people, Mother's Day is simply a joyous occasion each May, a time to spend with our children and our mothers — marked by flowers, cards, and maybe some mimosas over brunch. So you might be surprised to learn that its cheerful greeting card messages belie a much darker, more complicated origin story. In fact, Mother's Day traces its roots back to wartime traumas, and includes plenty of controversy. Here are five surprising facts you may not have known about Mother's Day and its complex origins.

### **1. Mother's Day officially began as a tribute to one woman.**

Anna Reeves Jarvis is most often credited with founding Mother's Day. After her mother Ann (pictured here) died on May 9, 1905, Jarvis set out to create a day that would honor her and moms as a group. She began the movement in West Virginia, which prides itself on hosting the first official Mother's Day celebration three years later at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, according to CNN. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Jarvis' idea as a national holiday to be celebrated each second Sunday in May.

### **2. But before that, Mother's Day started as an anti-war movement.**

Although Jarvis is widely credited as the holiday's founder, others had floated the idea earlier — with a different agenda in mind, according to National Geographic. The poet and author Julia Ward Howe (pictured here) had aimed to promote a Mothers' Peace Day decades before. For her and the antiwar activists who agreed with her position — including Jarvis' own mother — the idea of Mother's Day should spread unity across the globe in the wake of so much trauma following the Civil War in America and Franco-Prussian War in Europe.

"Howe called for women to gather once a year in parlors, churches, or social halls, to listen to sermons, present essays, sing hymns or pray if they wished — all in the name of promoting peace," West Virginia Wesleyan College historian Katharine Antolini noted, as cited by National Geographic. These early attempts to create a cohesive peace-focused Mother's Day eventually receded when the other concept took hold.

### **3. Mother's Day is a \$25 billion commercial holiday.**

These days, Mother's Day is a \$25 billion holiday in America, with those who celebrate spending about \$200 on mom, according to National Retail Federation data published in 2019. More people buy flowers for Mother's Day than any other time of year except during the Christmas and Hanukkah season. Gift givers spend more than \$5 billion on jewelry alone, and nearly another \$5 billion on that special outing. Then there's \$843 million on cards, and \$2.6 billion each on flowers and gift certificates, according to the data.

### **4. Jarvis died regretting her idea for this very reason.**

Commercialism is the exact opposite of what Jarvis would have wanted: In her lifetime, she went after florists' aggressive marketing, eventually facing arrests for public disturbances, according to CNN. She also railed against first Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for interpreting Mother's Day inclusively as a way to promote the wellbeing of women and children at large. She didn't even believe in organizations using the occasion as a way to raise funds for charity; she didn't trust the purity of their efforts and saw them as profiteering off the holiday.

"To have Mother's Day the burdensome, wasteful, expensive gift day that Christmas and other special days have become, is not our pleasure," she said in 1920, according to Nat Geo. "If the American people are not willing to protect Mother's Day from the hordes of money schemers that would overwhelm it with their schemes, then we shall cease having a Mother's Day — and we know how."

Jarvis herself never profited from her idea. In 1948, at the age of 84, she died penniless — having used all her money to fight the holiday's commercialization — in a sanitarium.

### **5. The white carnation is the official Mother's Day flower.**

The white carnation became the official flower of the holiday shortly after Jarvis' own mother died. On May 10, 1908 — three years after that loss — Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in her mother's honor for that first Mother's Day celebration, according to Time.

Jarvis compared that flower's shape and life cycle to a mother's love. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying," she said in a 1927 interview, cited in Nat Geo.

So if you're buying flowers for mom this year, consider the white carnation — but also pause to consider the holiday's uncommercial origins. After all, it's not about flowers, or cards, or gift cards, or jewelry — it's all about love.

BY ALESANDRA DUBIN

April 13, 2020

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/mothers-day/g32129906/mothers-day-origin/>



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## NEWS from STATE

Congratulations to all our sisters in Christ who were elected to serve as State CDA Officers for the 2021-2023 term at the Biannual Convention

which was held in Texarkana, Texas. The next Biannual State Convention will be held in Galveston, Texas in 2023.

## NEWS from NATIONAL



Catholic Daughter Ceremonial Dress

Code had been updated for National, State and Local Officers.

Robes are to be worn with dignity and respect. Robes are to be clean and well pressed. Robes are to be eleven inches from floor (this is accomplished by hemming robe wearing the white shoes you will be wearing for the ceremonials). Please remember dress must be shorter than robe.

WHITE shoes are to be worn with robes at all times. Shoes are preferably closedtoed. No flipflops to be worn. Tennis shoes only if medically required. Wearing stockings is optional. Wear nude or skin tone-colored stockings – no white, black, off-black or navy blue.

Small stud earrings are allowed, no larger than the ear lobe. Rings and watches are allowed with robes.

Handbags are NOT to be carried when in procession with robe.

Slacks are NOT to be worn with robes at any time.

Chapel veils may NOT be worn with robes at any time

### **NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2021**

*(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by Meeting & Meal in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m.)*

A LIGHT MEAL WITH DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

*Birthdays ladies come for the monthly drawing!!*

*Don't forget to sign-in and put your quarter in the bowl.  
You may win the monthly door prize!!*

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✓ CDA National website: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)