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MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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.

CDA MEETINGS

When: 2nd Sunday of the month
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: OLV Annex or Cafeteria
519 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA

CDA ROSARY

When: 3RD Wednesday of Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: ZOOM
Meeting Id: 837 9698 8058
Passcode: 825419

JCDA MEETINGS

3rd Sunday of the month
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: OLV Annex or Cafeteria
519 E. Palmer St., Compton, CA

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REGENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

My sisters in Christ Jesus,

At the root of the holiday season, sometimes buried beneath the well-intentioned array of lights, decorations and wrapping paper, remains the single transformational moment that we celebrate.

Jesus being born.

God entering our world.

That night in Bethlehem, in a humble manger, remains so awe-inspiring, that it's difficult to imagine it ever being forgotten or overlooked during the holidays.

And then our calendars begin to fill up.

Holiday parties. School concerts. Cookie baking. Card writing.

It's not uncommon for Catholics who appreciate and embrace the "reason for the season" to get swept up into the trappings of Christmastime.

And no days are busier than Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. (Hollow)

But as Catholics we must refocus and remember to treat people with love, compassion, and charity. If you know someone who is alone and homebound, bring them some food and spend some time with them, or if possible bring them home to share Christmas with you and your family. If you know of a family with young kids, buy them small gifts (If you can afford it.). If you have relatives who live out of state or country, give them a call wishing them Merry Christmas. You can also send them a text wishing them Merry Christmas.

I'm sending you the warmest wishes to you and your families. May God bless you with an abundance of blessings.

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad!

Bonita Carter, Regent

On Sunday, November 2nd, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church commemorated Día de los Muertos with a beautiful community altar and a Ministry Fair. The CDA and JCDA participated along with the English Ministries. Thank you to LaVerne and Barbara for the blood pressure screenings and education. The JCDA handed out candies and provided face paintings. They held their Princess House Raffle drawing. Father Nsom participated in the fun.



Saturday, November 8, 2025 was the Day of Reflection Retreat at St. Albert the Great Church. Deacon Alberto Reyes was the speaker, and his topic was "Women of the Bible."



Many thanks to Court Compton members and JCDA members for decorating the church for Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Yesnia, Marnee and Maribel for their creative talents.



COURT NEWS
Bonita Carter, Regent
www.compton942.org

**Bonita's theme: "Stand firm and in your faith, Let all that you do be done in love. "
 (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)**

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

When: December 1 – 19, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

District 1: December 1 – 3

District 2: December 4, 5 & 8

District 4: December 9 – 11

District 3: December 15 – 16

Target: December 18

South LA: December 19

ADVENT RETREAT SPONSORED BY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Where: St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

804 East Compton Blvd., Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FEAST OF ST. JUAN DIEGO HOLY HOUR – SAN PEDRO DIOCESE

When: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Where: St. Anthony Catholic Church

540 Olive Avenue, Long Beach, CA

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm followed by a Mass

Every diocese in California is having a Holy Hour for the intentions of immigrants and refugees.

70TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

CDA & JCDA CHRISTMAS PARTY (joint celebration)

When: December 14, 2025

Where: Maribel Lara's Home

201 S. Mayo Ave., Compton, CA 90221

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 P.M.

Food: Catered by Panini Grill

CDA ROSARY

When: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Where: Zoom - Meeting ID: 837 9698 8058

Passcode: 825419

Time: 7:00 pm

Leader: Karen Jones

Intention: **FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

STATE NEWS

Lorine Bakowsky, State Regent

www.Californiacatholicdaughters.org

Lorine's theme: "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3

CA STATE REGENT OFFICE HOURSWhen: 1st Thursday of each month (only exception is in January, office hours are Jan 8, 2026)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89702138529?pwd=NhOuZl10TM7BQ3X0INsLaW0uEUKIFP.1>

Meeting ID: 897 0213 8529

Passcode: 629254

NATIONAL NEWS

Susan Moné, National Regent

www.catholicdaughters.orgSusan's theme: **A Beacon of Hope, A Light in the Darkness****CDA QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST -- April 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

The third: October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Prizes will be awarded to the top three Local Courts with the most increased members, in the event of a tie, a drawing will take place.

1st Place Prize -- \$100.00**2nd Place Prize -- \$75.00****3rd Place Prize -- \$50.00****A GIRL'S TRIP TO CDA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS – for up to 5 guests****Includes:** 4 days and 3 nights stay at the Grand Old Lady (Dorm style) in NYC

A Broadway ticket for each guest (up to \$200.00 each)

A Travel Voucher for each guest (up to \$500.00 each)

A Food Voucher for each guest (up to \$250.00 each)

Purchase entry by December 31, 2025

The recipient winner will be drawn at the March for Life in DC on January 23, 2026

For more information: Download flyer: [Release16 -New-York-Trip-Flyer.pdf](#)**Entry form:** [Release-16 Tickets-for-NY-Trip-2025.pdf](#)**SAVE THE DATE: JCDA BIENNIAL #LOVEYOURSELFIE RETREAT**

When: June 9 – June 12, 2026

Where: Camp Karol of Saint Charles Retreat Center: website: www.campkarol.org
Lake Charles, LouisianaActivities: Pilgrimage to the gravesite of Blessed Charlene Richard "the little Cajun Saint"
Field trip to Lazy Gator Water Park

The Retreat will also include a variety of faith-oriented and engaging events

More information to come

SAVE THE DATE: CDA NATIONAL CONVENTION

When: July 22-26, 2026

Where: Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center
300 East 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa

Opening of the Convention is on July 22, 2026

More information is coming soon.



CIRCLE OF LOVE

A circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven-point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest – LOVE.

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**The new 2025-2026 Essay Contest themes: The Least of These. Matthew 25:40 OR
The Least of These: Lifting Others Up.**

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If you would like to support our JCDA Court Mother Lupita with this fundraiser, please take a look at the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The JCDA turns 100 next year and see page 5 under National News. More information is coming.



Do you know ladies who might want to join our Court. We need new

members with new ideas and new talents and willing to share their talents and gifts with us. Please invite someone to come sit at one of our meetings and their blessings will be many. For more information, please contact our membership chairmen:

Amparo Marez @ 310-594-9897

Yvette Manard @ 562-400-8079

Alicia Jeter @ 310-667-2395



The 2026 dues are \$40.00 for the year. If you would like to start paying now, you may submit this to Rosa.

Please bring your money to our meeting or mail it to Rosa at the below address:

Please mail your dues to:

Financial Secretary
Rosa Cadena
3002 Clarendon Ave.
Huntington Park, CA 90255
323-819-9374

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 6 Diana Campos
- 19 Cynthia Carpenter
- 23 Karen Jones
- 27 Louise Harris
- 29 Essie Preston

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER

- 14 years Maria Flores

DECEMBER SAINTS

- 3 St. Francis Xavier
- 4 Saint John Damascene
- 6 Saint Nicholas
- 7 Second Sunday of Advent
- 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- 10 Our Lady of Loreto
- 11 Pope Saint Damasus I
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 Saint Lucy
- 23 Saint John of Kanty
- 25 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
- 26 Saint Stephan
- 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 Holy Name of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- 29 Saint Thomas Becket
- 31 Pope Saint Sylvester I

THE MEMORARE

Remember. O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 14 CDA Mass
- 14 CDA & HCDA Christmas Party
- 25 Christmas



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Praying for ourselves, our families, our church, and for world peace.

#1 Ct. Compton #942 Rosary

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: ZOOM

Meeting Id: 971 925 5126

Passcode: 825419

#2 ACCW ROSARY

Every Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 p.m. PST

Call in: 1-425-436-6200
410510#

#3 OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Every Sunday

7:45 p.m. PST

Call in: 1-425-436-6200
410510#

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER CARD

Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, O.S.A.

O God, who chose your servant Pope Leo XIV in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the prayers of Your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brothers and sisters and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in You, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Born: September 14, 1955

Ordained Priest: June 19, 1982

Ordained Bishop: December 12, 2014

Elevated to Cardinal: September 30, 2023

Elected Pope: May 8, 2025



PRAYERS – Karen Jones

Pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 NLT

MEMBERS:

Alice Avery and her family (*Jacob, Ontario, Frances, Danielle*) Friend (*Linda*)

Joan Braun and family (*Edwards & Paul's*)

Janet Castaneda and family (*Kathy*)

Bonita Carter

Marcella Cooper's husband (*Raymond*)

Elisapeta Fido

Maria Flores

Louise Harris and husband (*Roy*)

Carole Gilmore and husband (*Rodney*)

Sandra Koch

Amparo Marez and daughter

Doris Wilson and family

Nyah Wilson (*Doris's granddaughter*)

Cynthia Carpenter

Terron Walton – Mama Dee's grandson

Suzette Martinez (*Yvette's sister*)

Pedro Gutierrez – Patty's father

CA State Regent Maria Santos-Silva

CA State Regent Mary Beasley

CA Past State Regent Melody Ciaravino

CA Past State Regent Mary Bernard

Barbara Welch

Father Domingo

Father Stan Bosch

Deacon Alberto Reyes

Father Roberto Mena

Linda Wilson-Davis

Vanessa Simms Green (*Bonita's sister*)

Steve Bell – Dee's husband

Pat Smith – Bonita's cousin

Father Victor Ramos (priest at Sacred Heart)

Denise Gonzalez (secretary at Sacred Heart)

Eleanor Heithoff (*Jo Bryant's granddaughter*)

Shirley Creighton

Alice Paul (*Joan's aunt*)

SYMPATHY

Carmen Roberts – Maria's sister

Apolonio Flores – Maria's brother

George Hamboussi – Martha Hamboussi's
dad (National CDA Office Manager)

Philip Martinez (*Yvette's nephew*)

A Beautiful Message from Deacon Philip

Allow Jesus to take control. Allow Jesus to take center stage in your life at this moment. I will never forget the invitation I received the first day I joined the Catholic Charismatic prayer group at Bishop Shanahan College. These seminarians' devotions and preaching, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke these words, and they pierced my heart; they have stayed with me. Allow Jesus to take control of your life. Allow Jesus to take center stage in your life, and everything will be well.

In those moments, even today, when I become afraid or uncertain, when worries about the church, the world, my ministry, the language and my own human weakness flood my soul, I hear that gentle voice: Allow Jesus to take control of your life. Allow him to take center stage here. Jesus is the King because He is in control.

And I think that is the heart of the spirituality of the feast we celebrate today. Christ the King reminds us that God is in charge here. He is the master. We are the servants, the disciples, the followers. He is the Lord of history and of time; in His hands are all things.

Yes, we might sometimes think we are in charge or in control, but this is not true. The journey of faith has led me and millions, billions of people, saints and sinners alike to find that when we allow Jesus to take control, everything aligns perfectly. However, when we resist the Lord, when we say no, when we reject His love, our lives become chaotic, confused, disturbed, and full of pain.

How they suffer those who do not know the lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ How they suffer who rely on themselves. As the psalmist says, "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Some trust in their horses and chariots, but we trust in the name of the Lord."

When Pope Pius in 1925 promulgated the feast of Christ the King, it was during a time of global crisis revolutions, violent upheavals all over in Russia, the rise of autocrats, dictators, terrible men like Stalin and Mussolini who were killing their own people, even close to the doors of the Vatican. Pope Pius was a prisoner in the Vatican, still a prisoner because the crisis between the papacy and the Italian state had not been resolved.

Modernists, secularists, and materialists were proclaiming that God is dead and thought they could construct a world without God due to technological innovation. Pope Pius warned the world against the rejection of God. Turning our back on God was akin to turning our back on our future, happiness, fulfillment, and peace.

How prophetic was Pope Pius, as the world did not heed his warning to place Jesus at the center. We witnessed the most devastating war humanity has ever faced. Millions were killed, devastation and extermination occurred especially among the Jews and many others. The world was drowning in blood and atrocities because they refused to listen to Pope Pius's invitation: Let us recognize Jesus as the king of our lives.

These forces of darkness are present again today. We see the atrocities happening every day, especially in our home countries. My heart bleeds to see the persecution of Christians to see terrorists and Islamists ravaging the land, slaughtering the innocent, killing priests and worshippers in the sanctuary of the Most High God. Abomination reigns. The government is corrupt and rotten, and when we think of those who rule us, we might view the kingship of Jesus in terms of pomp, pageantry, power, and domination. But the gospel shows us that Jesus rules from the cross. His crown was a crown of thorns, his hands were wounded, and his side bled. What was his royal robe? Nakedness. He stood naked before a naked humanity that needed the divine cloth of glory to cover it. He did it for us.

Thus, the kingship of Jesus is about self-emptying, emptying oneself for the sake of those we love. He reigns from the cross to teach us, especially as a church, that if we want to win souls for Jesus today, we will not do so through secular power but rather through the power of the gospel.

It is the power of God, as St. Paul said. He rose from the cross to teach us the humility of God. The last words Jesus spoke on the cross, as people jeered and mocked him, reveal a poignant truth: One man, the good thief, said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The distinction is clear between those who reject God, condemn God, condemn God's church, and kill church members and Christians they end up in darkness. And then we have the good thief, who asks Jesus to remember him when He comes into His kingdom.

The last words Jesus told him were, "This very day you will be with me in paradise." These are words of mercy. Here is a King who rules us with love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, peace, joy, and self-sacrifice. That is the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God that makes us whole because Jesus perfectly did the will of God.

He established the kingdom of God not by violence, lies, or deceit, but by telling us the truth and embodying that truth as the fullness of love—wholly, fully, totally given. Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer, we affirm that the kingdom of God comes to earth only when we do the will of God: "Your kingdom come. You will be done." When God's will is done, His kingdom comes.

So how can God's will manifest in your life and creation? By allowing Jesus to take control, by obeying God's commandments, and by living our lives like Jesus. May Jesus come into your life. May He be the center of your life. May He take control of everything that concerns you today. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have a blessed Sunday
Dcn. Chukwuma Maria

Welcome to Advent from Deacon Philip

Brothers and sisters, Advent is a time for us to climb the mountain of the Lord. As the prophet of Isaiah says in the first reading today, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord." This is an invitation from the church and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. Isaiah was prophesying to a people who were surrounded by enemies. Assyria and Babylon were powers rising at that time, conquering many nations and surrounding Judah and Jerusalem. The people were afraid. They were anxious, troubled, and losing hope. In the midst of this uncertainty and fear, the prophet of Isaiah assures them that the Lord is stepping into that situation, promising that their condition will turn around.

The promise of the Lord for you will come to pass. Do not lose hope. Instead, Isaiah invites them, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord," where we can hear God clearly. The mountaintop is a place where one can see farther, where God will teach us and show us why we suffer, and how our suffering will end by His mighty power.

God will step into the situation not with violence like Babylon and Assyria but with His mighty power, bringing peace. Isaiah tells us that nations will no longer fight against nations; they will turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. The prophet invites us, "Let us come, let us walk in the light of God."

St. Paul echoes this invitation in the second reading, reminding us that today is the day of salvation. God is always present, stepping into our lives when we open our hearts. This Advent season presents us with three types of Advents: the ultimate Advent when Christ comes again in glory, the Advent of God's constant presence in our lives, and the Advent that reminds us of our own mortality.

In these three advents, faith calls us to recognize that God is in charge of our lives. Advent is an opportunity to heighten our spiritual awareness. St. Paul exhorts us to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Jesus calls us the light of the world, reminding us that those who follow Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Advent prompts us to reflect on the darkness in our lives and in our world, motivating us to be bearers of love, righteousness, peace, forgiveness, and hope in a world plagued by violence. We are reminded of today's readings, which speak of a time when nations shall no longer fight against one another. Yet, we see an epidemic of violence in our world, where many suffer just as the ancient people of Judah and Jerusalem did.

We must identify and remove the obstacles in our lives that prevent God from being present. St. Paul lists things like greed, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. We know God's promise that He will come into our lives, making all things new and restoring what has been lost.

Let us work hard this Advent season to climb up to that mountain and open our hearts for God to restore our fortunes and heal our land. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dcn. Chukwuma Maria.



Do you need a new China Set?

CDA member Yvonne Iraldo's sister-in-law is selling her Chinaware set (20 plates) for \$100.00. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne at 310-678-9389.

Cut and Save

CDA Ct. Compton #942 Rosary Leaders for 2026

January	Bonita	July	Linda
February	Marnee	August	Vanessa
March	Patty	September	Alice
April	Maribel	October	Joan
May	Jacqueline	November	Doris
June	Louise	December	Karen