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49er Highlights – December Programming!



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KNXT Catholic Television for the San Joaquin Valley is proud to announce Advent and Christmas themed programming to get you in the spirit of the holiday season!

“Feasts & Seasons” every Friday 8:30 am
“Advent Reflections” every Monday 2:30 pm
“Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception” Dec. 8th, 9:00-10:30 am
“Cathedrals Across America: Solemn Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe”
Dec. 12th 9:00-10:30 am

Christmas Eve:

“Candles & Carols 2009” 10:00-11:00 am
“Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve with Pope Benedict XVI” (LIVE)
1:00-3:00 pm
“Choral Meditations” 7:00-7:30 pm
“Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve” (LIVE from BNSIC) 8:00-9:00 pm

Christmas Day:

“Christmas Mass from St. Anne’s Chapel” 7:30-8:00 am
“Solemn Mass of Christmas” (EWTN) 9:00-10:30 am
“Catholic University of America Christmas Concert” 3:00-4:00 pm
“Christmas Mass from St. Anne’s Chapel” 5:00-5:30 pm
“Urbi et Orbi” 8:00-9:00 pm

“The Life of Christ” Dec. 26th 10:30-12:00 pm
“Urbi et Orbi” (repeat) Dec. 26th 3:00-4:00 pm
“A Time to Remember” Dec. 27th 10:30-12:00 pm
“Vespers of Thanksgiving” Dec. 31st 9:00-10:30 am
“Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God” Jan. 1st 9:00-10:30 am

Visit our NEW website <http://knxt.tv> for more information on our programs or festive community events!

December 11 – Christmas Networking Social

The December breakfast will be our Christmas Networking Social with Christmas music provided by select singers from the San Joaquin Memorial High School choir. A special Christmas message on keeping Christmas Christ-centered in these days of commercialism and the secular push to keep Jesus from the season will be presented by our own Msgr. Byrne. Be sure to make your reservations early for this popular holiday event!

Book Review

By John Kasaian

Coincidentally

By Fr. George W. Rutler

The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York

222 pages hardbound

\$14.95

Father Rutler is one of the coolest priests you'll come across. If you've ever seen his program on EWTN you'll know what I mean. Besides being perhaps the most intelligent person on television, he cuts a gallant figure in a cassock. Keanu Reeves in Matrix has nothing on Fr. Rutler---how cool is that? Anyway, cool authors write cool books and *Coincidentally* is no exception.

"An evil generation seeks signs and wonders. But a stupid generation ignores signs and wonders...Something can be read into any coincidence. The question is whether anything can be read out of it... The only reason for asking if a coincidence of things has a purpose is the belief that there is a purpose behind things. It is not a question for the Atomist. It is a plausible question for everyone else."

So begins this delightfully intellectual little book which is generously laced with humor and history. *Coincidentally* is the perfect literary cocktail to enjoy by the hearth on a winter's evening. I was amazed by the hundreds, if not thousands of coincidences in history which have been cataloged by Fr. Rutler and offered for the reader's consideration. All these are coincidences that effected an often significant change of some sort, and in that regard alone are worth knowing about. You may consider it a post-graduate course in trivia if you want, but this book is far more than an illumination of oddities concerning Al Gore, UFOs, Margaritas, Louis Farrakhan and Beaver Farming.

The issue addressed is a problem many face (or refuse to face), which is how to discern the difference between what is significant as opposed to what is just silly. Or in the words of Fr. Rutler: "Odious superstitious misuse of coincidences always is, only slightly less offensive is the underestimation of the significance of some of them. I mean the kind of coincidence which may be not only happenstance but may be what has been called God's shorthand for a miracle, or God's way of remaining invisible."

I found this to be both a fun, entertaining book sparkling with humor and yet very significant in attempting to understand God's presence in some of the more obscure affairs of humanity. At the very least it would make a dandy gift to someone addicted to Trivial Pursuit! You can get a copy at The Holy Child Bookstore on the northwest corner of Palm and Bullard.

Enrico Hernandez

By JoEllen Strait



According to our November speaker, Enrico (Rico) Hernandez, we should all hire “Jesus of Nazareth, Inc.” as our leadership consultant in the business world. Rico is a native Californian who teaches Catholic school finance and holds several degrees including a MBA and a MA in theology. Rico’s philosophy is that we don’t need to relegate Jesus’ teachings to just Sunday, but we can apply them

every day in our work place.

Jesus had to deal with many of the same challenges that we as business men and women encounter on a daily basis. As Rico pointed out, Jesus had to build his team from scratch; he couldn’t check references, some of his disciples weren’t exactly the smartest people around, and some even threw Jesus under the bus, so to speak. To emphasize how similar our business experiences are to what Jesus encountered, Rico gave us his “Top 10 List” of leadership maxims – lessons demonstrated by Jesus that we should follow in our business world:

10. Never end run your boss – Judas did not confront Jesus directly, but instead complained about him to the religious authorities.

9. Praise in public, criticize in private – Jesus did not publicly condemn the adulterous woman.

8. Delegate, delegate, delegate – A professor once told Rico “There is only one Messiah, and you’re not it.” When the disciples left to spread the good news, Jesus didn’t micromanage, but he didn’t abdicate responsibility either.

7. Protect your staff no matter what – In Mark’s gospel, elders complained to Jesus about some of his disciples not washing their hands before eating. Jesus did not agree, but took offense with the elders.

6. Communicate, communicate, communicate – Jesus communicated with His Father and also with his disciples through the use of parables.

5. Hold your people accountable – Peter denied Jesus three times, but in one of John’s post-resurrection stories we are presented with a conversation of accountability and forgiveness between Jesus and Peter.

4. Say “thank you” a lot – When Jesus cleansed the lepers, only one returned to say thank you, and Jesus reaffirmed the healing.

3. Walk the talk – At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, thus assuming the role of a slave to show his disciples and us what we have to do.

2. Know your mission – Jesus was very clear about his mission and made it known as can be read in Chapter 4 of Luke’s Gospel.

1. Leadership is never done in a vacuum – Jesus knew this, he worked very closely with His Father and the Holy Spirit. The “Inc.” in Jesus of Nazareth, Inc. actually refers to the Trinity.

Rico hopes that his message will allow our Sunday experience at Mass to not seem so disconnected with what we face everyday in our work place. In closing, he left us with the words of St. Francis of Assisi – “Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words”.

Pastor Profile - Rev. Victor T. Dinh

By Don Cardell

*Pastor – St. Genevieve Parish
1127 Tulare St., Fresno, CA
(559) 486-2988*

*Weekend Masses: Sunday: 10:30 am (Bilingual, English and Chinese)
Second Sunday of the month: 5:00 pm (English)*
Weekday Masses: Monday - Friday 7:30 am, Saturday 8:30 am



Father Victor was born in Kien Giang, Vietnam in September 1960. He was encouraged by his pastor and parents to consider becoming a priest. His parents have passed away, but he has two sisters who live in Vietnam and two brothers who live in Orange County, California.

He received Bachelors degrees in Political Science and Philosophy from California State University, Fullerton, and a Masters of Divinity from St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, California. He was ordained to the priesthood

July 19, 2003 at St. John’s Cathedral in Fresno by Bishop John T. Steinbock.

He was the associate pastor at St. Frances of Assisi in Bakersfield and St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno (residing at St. Agnes Mission Church in Pinedale). He was also on call for all of the hospitals in the Fresno area. From January through August 2008, he was the associate pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Clovis, and from September 2008 to December 2008 he was working on his Masters degree at St. Patrick’s Seminary. Since January 2009, he has been the administrator of St. Genevieve’s Parish. Prior to becoming a priest, Fr. Victor was a realtor.

Father likes to travel, read books, watch movies, play golf and Chinese Chess, and relaxes by playing the guitar. Every month and half or so he visits his brothers and their families in Orange County. His favorite scripture passage is Luke 8:16-18 “For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible and nothing secret that will not become known and come to light”.

Personal Perspective
By Lanny Larson

We hear it and say it each holiday season: ‘Tis more blessed to give than to receive’. That theme resonates through Scripture, forming a foundation of our Faith. To follow the example of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to give. It’s been drilled into us since before First Communion – reinforced by our parents and countless fictional and true-life stories. So why have so many of us become takers first and not givers.

I work at a tax-supported public institution of higher education that’s part of a 23-campus system that used to enroll about 450,000 people planning to follow in our footsteps. In the dimming mists of yore, when I began my college education at what then was Fresno State college, a substantial portion of my education cost was borne by California taxpayers. Californians were proud that if young people applied themselves in high school, they could receive quality, low-cost preparation to become the state’s next innovators, entrepreneurs, educators, farmers and well-trained practitioners of so many disciplines. Higher education was viewed as a good investment. As time passed, our pride grew in our tax “gifts” forging the best public higher-education system anywhere and in opening opportunities to tens of thousands with no tradition of college training, to recent immigrants and to poor families. In short, we givers created a system we began to take for granted and to which many thought they were entitled – an inalienable right akin to free speech, speedy justice and pursuit of happiness.

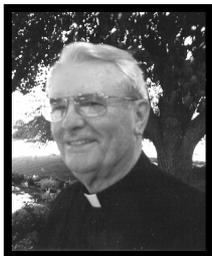
But as our priorities as a state changed and we demanded more service but grew reluctant to pay for it, there was less for higher education. Over 20 or more years, our legislators have – with or without our permission – dropped public higher education’s priority. I’m not so much angry as disappointed that as Fresno State begins its centennial celebration next spring, we’ll “celebrate” with students – and their parents – paying more and getting less; with faculty stripped of help they need to help mold students; and staff colleagues whose economic future has grown grim. Fresno State was born in the first decade of the 20th century to give teachers in the fast-growing San Joaquin Valley proper training locally. We’ve been giving ever since, supplying our region and beyond with people whose preparation on campus propelled success in everything from aerospace and outer space to groundwater supply and feeding the world.

I proudly take what my alma mater – and current employer – has provided all these years and I pray that those of us who can will give to pay it forward, whether through the gift of our purse or our persuasive force. Through our own generosity, we can honor our commitment to giving by providing opportunities that will give back to all of us.

*Lanny Larson is the editor of University Communications at Fresno State.
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“Food for Thought”

By CP&BC Spiritual Advisor – Msgr. Las Byrne



In this Advent Season, we are preparing to celebrate God’s great gift to us of His Son, Jesus Christ. We endeavor to pray a little more and hopefully reconcile ourselves with the Lord if we have strayed off the path. Traditionally we have listened to the voice of the ‘John the Baptist’ in his call to us to “Repent and make straight His path.” We do this to help us turn our thoughts to God’s love for us in sending His Son to earth – to take on a body like ours, who would teach us the ways of God and above all to give His life for our Redemption. So to experience the thrill of Christmas we must open our arms to receive the Gift of Jesus Christ, to hold Him fast and make Him a part of our lives.

It is important for us then to realize that Christmas is not just for children, but for all people. The giving of gifts should make us think of God’s Christmas Gift to all of us; this will help us cope with the extreme commercialism of the Season. Let these gifts remind us of the joys of the Holy Family on that first Christmas morning and, even as the stores are tearing down their decorations before Christmas Day, we will be getting ready for the real celebration. On Christmas Day we will visit the crib scenes in our Churches or homes and we will thank God for His Gift before we start playing with the TRAINS or other games Santa brought to the children! Our prayer for Christmas will include remembering the gifts that other people have been to us. May we all enter into the real love that Christmas signifies...

Business Person-of-the-Month

John Herrera
One Stop Shop Realty



John Herrera was our November business person-of-the-month. John works for “One Stop Shop Realty” in Madera and has been a realtor for six years. His area covers most of the central valley. John is also a retired police officer who spent 33 years with the City of Fresno. He is currently a parishioner at Sacred Heart where he serves as a lector, and is also president of the Madera Ranchos

Kiwanis Club. Please visit his website at www.osshome.net.

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Merry Christmas

FUTURE CP&BC PROGRAMS

Pardini's – Van Ness Blvd. & Shaw – 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

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Future Speakers

January – No breakfast
February 12, 2010 – Patrick McCaskey, Owner of Chicago Bears

Meetings Scheduled

2nd Friday of the month except January, July & August
\$12 for Members / \$15 for Non-Members.
Reservations (434-2722) Deadline is Thursday Noon of Breakfast Week.

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