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## February 12th Speaker – Rudy Ruettiger



Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC Fresno's February 12th breakfast speaker is Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, who, in twenty-seven seconds, carved his name into history books as perhaps the most famous graduate of the University of Notre Dame. The son of an oil refinery worker and third of 14 children, Rudy rose from valleys of discouragement and despair to the pinnacles of success.

In 1993, TriStar Productions immortalized his life story with the blockbuster film, RUDY.

The critically acclaimed RUDY received "Two Thumbs Up" from Siskel and Ebert and continues to inspire millions worldwide.

Today, Rudy speaks to international corporate audiences, school children, university students, and professional athletes with a unique, passionate, and heartfelt presentation style.

Rudy has appeared on various high profile, nationally televised talk shows and radio shows across the country. He received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Our Lady of Holy Cross College, the Distinguished American Award, a Proclamation from the Governor of Nevada granting an Official Rudy Award Day, was inducted into the Speakers Hall of Fame, and spoke at the White House during the presidencies of George W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

In addition to his motivational speaking, Rudy has co-authored several books and co-founded the RUDY FOUNDATION, whose mission is to strengthen communities by offering scholarships in education, sports, and the performing arts.

Rudy has two children: Jessica Noel Ruettiger and Daniel Joseph Ruettiger.

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## Speaker Recap

### St. Helen's Choir and Bishop Ochoa

By Pauline Smoke



CP&BC's December meeting was like a Christmas tree under which many brightly-wrapped presents awaited members and guests.

The first gift was a performance by the St. Helen's School choir, directed by Mr. Bill Thornbury. This reinstated a tradition that was interrupted last year by a schedule conflict. Thornbury accompanied the children on his guitar as they sang a variety of Christmas carols and winter-themed pieces. "Joy to the World" brought memories of the late Bishop John Steinbock who sang it year-round. Another audience favorite was the mesmerizing "Mary Did You Know?" As he introduced the songs, Thornbury took the opportunity to thank those who have supported St. Helen's School and its choir over the years.

Shared thoughts can also be gifts, and everyone was encouraged to discuss ideas for how to put Christ back in Christmas. Suggestions included choosing religious greeting cards, playing carols on the office intercom, exchanging gifts on "Little Christmas" (January 6) instead of December 25, and saying "Merry Christmas, the peace of Christ be with you" in response to the generic "Happy Holidays."

Finally, came the year's biggest gift: Bishop Ochoa announced that ten "Doors of Mercy" — one at St. John's Cathedral, plus one in each of the Diocese of Fresno's nine vicariates — will be opened on Sunday, December 13. He encouraged everyone to focus on corporal and spiritual acts of mercy as they strive to attain the plenary indulgence available to all who participate fully in the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis.

### Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here make your request). Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our Joy,  
pray for me.

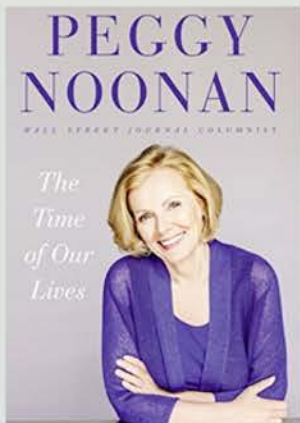
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, pray for me.

A symbol of love and compassion, she founded the Missionaries of Charity Family of Sister, Brothers, Fathers, and Co-Workers. She was Beatified on October 19, 2003, and her feast day is September 5.

## Book Review by John Kasaian

### The Time of Our Lives by Peggy Noonan

445 pages, hardbound  
Twelve Hachette Book  
Group, New York/Boston  
2015



Here is a collection of essays by Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan, who is a national treasure in the field of journalism. You will enjoy ninety-six essays — in fact hard hitting common sense essays from an admittedly Catholic perspective — something extraordinarily rare in the mainstream media.

These are endearing essays based on observations about life in the United States, over the past few decades as well as right now. What I enjoyed most about these essays is Noonan's wisdom and talent for showing the intellectual poverty of people, institutions, and thoughts, no matter how powerful

or covert, and offering correction with the greatest of charity. She must have had a great confessor at St. Thomas More on the upper east side of Manhattan to learn from.

You can get your own copy from Cotter Religious Goods.

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Meetings

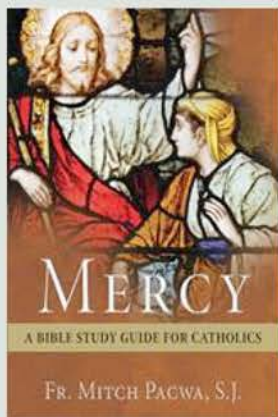
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
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## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016

This occasion of grace may be lived within our Diocese by making a pilgrimage, which “represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a “viator”, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination.” By “crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.” We are invited to cross the threshold of the Holy Door in churches including St. John’s in Fresno, St. Joachim in Madera, St. Anthony of Padua in Reedley, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hanford, and St. Aloysius in Tulare. The Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. In his Letter to the Diocese, Bishop Ochoa asks that we focus our hearts and minds on Jesus and allow him to embrace us.

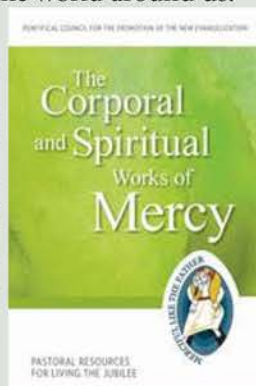


There are many new books to help learn more about the Year of Mercy. Here are a couple of titles:

In *Mercy: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics*, Fr. Mitch Pacwa leads us to a deeper understanding of mercy through the study of Israel’s long, slow struggle to experience mercy. By looking carefully at their experiences of turning away and returning to God, we begin to understand that God’s love is shown through His

mercy in history and in our lives. His mercy will help us understand the importance of God’s love and mercy to the world around us.

*The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy* is part of a series of eight official books published by Our Sunday Visitor for the Year of Mercy. This book reviews the Seven Corporal and Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy through scripture. It explains how sharing the work of Christ among the poor and needy helps us live our faith and share in the work of God.



<sup>1</sup> Quote from our Holy Father in Letter from the Most Reverend Armando X Ochoa <http://www.dioceseoffresno.org/documents/2015/11/JYofM%20Letter%20-%20Designated%20Holy%20Door%20Parishes%2011615%202.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid



## Board Profile Marianne Collins King

During the Christmas season of 2014, I was graciously invited to attend a CP&BC breakfast. As I sat among fellow Christian Catholics, I knew that CP&BC was an organization that I desired to

be a part of. In 2015 I was honored to be asked to serve as a board member. With steadfast passion for our faith, a conservative perspective, and zeal for community stewardship, it has been a divine opportunity for me to touch the lives of others and to thread the Gospel within the business community.

As the President of CK Communications, a niche consulting organization focused on business advancement, government relations, and community philanthropy, I incorporate a faith-based perspective. As the Associate Director of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, I led internal operations and was a liaison in government, public and community relations.

As a community advocate with a heart of a philanthropist, I serve as a board member for Face Forward, Inc. which provides “pro bono” surgery and support to individuals who have encountered domestic or gang violence. I am a board member with MadeForThem; a fashion line where proceeds support services to individuals rehabilitating from human trafficking. I proudly volunteer with: Fresno Downtown Partnership; Fresno Art Museum; Junior Leagues International; Saint Agnes Women’s Club; Society for Human Resource Management; Miss California Outstanding Teen pageant; and, am currently the host of “Conservative Roundtable,” which airs Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. at [www.centalvalleytalk.com](http://www.centalvalleytalk.com).

God has given each one of us tremendous gifts, talents, and abilities to further His kingdom. May he use us as instruments to lead by example, become involved in our community, and incorporate a high standard of ethics and faith within our daily lives. In order to change the world for His glory, one must change the sea of doubt to hope ... one ripple at a time.

*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” ~ Mother Teresa*

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**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at [559.434.2722](tel:559.434.2722) or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

**Membership Directory:** Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) for more information. December 15, 2016 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2016 is the deadline for ad artwork. It is too late for the 2016 directory, but it is not too early to think about the 2017 directory.

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally ([salauritz@att.net](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or [559.439.8378](tel:559.439.8378)) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

**Website:** Please be sure to visit [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website.

## **Mission Statement:**

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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