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December 14—Annual Christmas Party

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our December 14th breakfast meeting will be our annual Christmas Party! Please bring an unwrapped toy as a Christmas present for a needy child or a monetary gift for the Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women.

Back by popular demand, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Choir, under the direction of Melita Mudri-Zubacz, will perform Christmas carols, and we'll also hear a special message from our club's Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Craig Plunkett, to keep us focused on the true meaning of Christmas.

There will also be some fun door prizes and even an appearance by Ol' Saint Nick himself.

We hope you will join us for an uplifting Christmas breakfast and a joyous celebration of this most wonderful time of the year!



**Melita Mudri-Zubacz,
OLPH Choir Director**



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It's amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network,
call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, contact Sally
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Speaker Recap Robert J. Hutchinson



By Norma Williams

The gospels are reliable. Jesus was Lord and Messiah—pass it on or not!

This is the conclusion of historical and theological author Robert J. Hutchinson, November’s breakfast speaker. Misconceptions and radical skepticism about Jesus dominated academic scholarship for more than a century, but recent archeological discoveries have revolutionized the New Testament, confirming and validating much Biblical teaching. Unfortunately, these findings rarely find their way into the general media.

Jewish scholars have documented belief in a suffering messiah, a concept often thought to have been “invented,” and there is evidence that Jesus did see himself as the Son of God, who came to set the world on fire, knowing the outcome of his message.

A few recent significant archeological finds include location of a crucial first century synagogue, a Nazarene house from Jesus’ time, a burial box, Herod’s palace, and Roman inscriptions which render old ideas obsolete. These are discussed in his book “Searching for Jesus: New Discoveries in the Quest for Jesus of Nazareth—and How They Confirm the Gospel Accounts.”

A native of the Seattle area, in his early 20s Hutchinson moved to Israel, learned Hebrew, and motorcycled throughout the land where the ancient cultures came alive for him. Later he earned a graduate degree in the New Testament from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has authored numerous articles and books over 30 years. He will soon have a book published about the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln.

Website: www.roberthutchinson.com

Christmas Giving

For Christmas this year, our club is providing an opportunity to donate to the Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women. One of our members, Sister Mary, oversees the Center, which for over 30 years, has served as a refuge for homeless and underserved women and their children.

Jackets, gloves, hats, blankets (not necessarily new, but in good condition), and donations of cash will help make the lives of women and children happier.

The Center is operated by Saint Agnes Medical Center and the Sisters of the Holy Cross; the Center provides daytime shelter, counseling and referral services, education and skills training, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, and social activities. In addition, the center offers summer programs for children and teens ages 4-17.

Each day, HCCW provides services for an average of 126 women and 14 children. In one month alone, the Center provided nearly 500 articles of clothing, diapers for an average of 222 children, 543 showers, and 224 loads of laundry.

More than meeting these basic needs, the center is helping to transform lives and build a healthier community. Your gift will help meet the needs of women and children in our community.



December Prayer

The birth of our Savior reminds us to cherish all our children, and this month, our Club is honoring women and children by recognizing the good works of the Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women. (See separate article.)

St. Agnes, patron saint of children,
watch over the children of the world;
keep them safe from harm;
be with them in their hour of need;
and always pray for them.



O Little St. Agnes, So young and yet made so strong
and wise by the power of God, protect by your
prayers all the young people of every place whose
goodness and purity are threatened by the evils and
impurities of this world.

Give them strength in temptation and a true
repentance when they fail.

Help them to find true Christian friends to
accompany them in following the Lamb of God
and finding safe pastures in His Church and in her
holy sacraments.

May you lead us to the wedding banquet of heaven
to rejoice with you and all the holy virgin martyrs in
Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever.

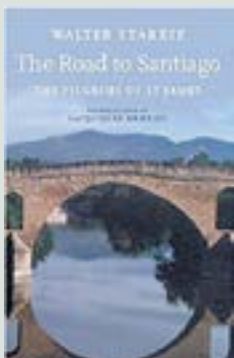
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Upcoming Events

- December 14—Breakfast Meeting
- January—No Meeting
- February 8—Breakfast Meeting

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Road to Santiago
by **Walter Starkie**
E.F. Dutton & Co
New York 1957
339 pages, hard cover

During World War II, the British sought to establish a link with Basque mountaineers in the Pyrenees for the purpose of smuggling downed allied airmen out of Nazi-held France.

The Brits recruited Catholics thinking a shared religion would be an asset in dealing with the Basques, and one of the Catholics they recruited was an Irishman, Walter Starkie, an accomplished violinist, the first professor of Spanish at Trinity College (Dublin), an expert on Gypsies, fluent in Romani, and a chronic asthmatic. During WWII he was the Director of the British Institute of Madrid, whose ulterior purpose contacting Basque smugglers, was to promote Spanish neutrality in the war.

In the 1950s, the horrors of World War II as well as the Spanish Civil War were vivid in everyone's memory prompting Mr. Starkie to embark on his pilgrimage to Santiago, which is the subject of the book.

I really enjoyed this book! Unlike many books on the pilgrimage of Saint James, this one offers three distinct stories.

The first being the story of St. James, the establishment and Church patronage of the route as well as the history of the Moorish occupation and their defeat.

The second is a rich account of the music, art, and architecture of the pilgrimage in the Middle Ages, in particular the minstrel tradition and notable pilgrims.

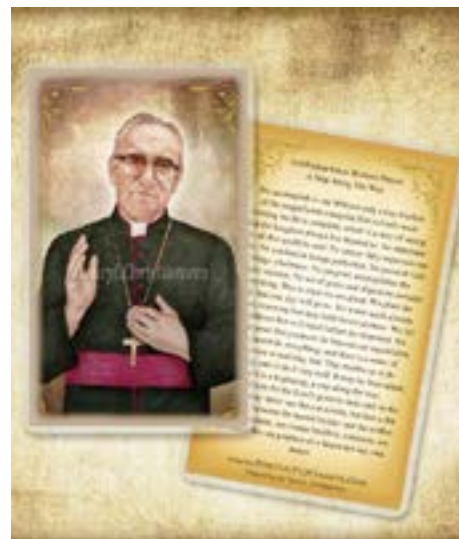
The third is the gritty journey Starkie endured—the route (not the more common “French” route popular today, although it does join up with it in Pamplona) and all the people he meets along the way—many of whom he remembers from the War—and seasoned with plenty of delightful stories.

I found it an excellent adventure—part Catholic culture, part history, and part Indiana Jones.

Ask Cotter Religious Goods to order you a copy.

Canonization of Oscar Romero

On October 14, 2018, Pope Francis canonized seven new Saints in a Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Square. Pope Francis canonized Saints Paul VI, Oscar Romero, Francesco Spinelli, Vincenzo Romano, Maria Catherine Kasper, Nazaria Ignazia of St Theresa of Jesus, and Nuncio Sulprizio.



Though Pope Paul VI might be better known, many of us probably remember a person of the Americas, the Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, who was shot dead on March 24, 1980 as he was saying Mass in the cancer hospital in El Salvador. During his three years as archbishop he was an outspoken voice for the poorest of his country; he was caught up in the conflict between the military government and the guerilla groups that claimed tens of thousands of civilian lives. Today he is regarded as a saint and martyr by Catholics and non-Catholics.

Julian Filochowski, chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust (set up to promote greater knowledge of the saint's life and legacy, as well as to support human rights efforts in Latin America today), said Romero was a man “who said what he thought and meant what he said, he talked the talk and walked the walk.” He didn't just love the poor, he adds, since “that's relatively easy,” but he also defended the poor with “apostolic courage” and became a model for bishops, priests, and all Christians.

Pope's Intention for December — Evangelization

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person and were due June 30, 2018. A membership application form is available on our website at www.cpbcfresno.org. The deadline is December 31, 2018 to be included in the 2019 directory. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Lourdes Sanchez at 559-434-2722 or by visiting 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 breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory for 2019: Ad space starts at \$50. Send an email to directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2018 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2018 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory information is available at www.cpbcfresno.org.

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 or 559-439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit 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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