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## October 12—Mel Kennedy

Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC Fresno is proud to bring Mel Kennedy to our club for its October 12th breakfast meeting! Mel is a Catholic musicianary (musician and missionary) who focuses on creating an uplifting experience at her presentations and uses her gifts of an extraordinary voice, dynamic presentation, and infectious spirituality to capture the hearts of all who hear her. She has shared her ministry at conferences, retreats, prayer services, and concerts across the country.

Mel is a National Association of Pastoral Musicians Certified Cantor. The former Mrs. Anaheim Hills shares sacred scripture, heartwarming songs, and personal and humorous stories to engage her audiences. In addition to her live presentations and performances, Mel has released five contemporary Christian CDs: “Mother, I Miss You” (50% of the proceeds benefit MD Anderson Cancer Center), “Bienaventurados” (Spanish/English Album), “Open My Eyes,” “The Journey,” and “Hope-N-Light,” which was Mel’s debut album.

Mel is an Artist Representative for Unbound Ministries. She also has several community outreach programs. Along with her ministry, Mel is the proud aunt of sixteen nieces, nephews, and 6 great nieces and nephews. She resides in northern Nevada with her husband of over 30 years, Steve. Her ministry is dedicated in loving memory of her mom—ministry team member and best friend—Barbara Shields.

Mel’s ministry is about empowering and encouraging men and women to share their faith and radiate God’s love through liturgy, service, relationship, and the simple actions of day to day life.



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## Speaker Recap Matthew Archbold

By Norma Williams



Archbishop Fulton Sheen once was asked, “Who is going to save our church?” His answer was not the hierarchy or the priests, but YOU. This is important to remember in these turbulent times when the church must contend with battles from without and from within. Matthew Archbold stated that a serious sin of our times is pretending not to see.

We were reminded that anti-Catholicism is nothing new. There was anti-Christian graffiti in early Rome, and many in the first century were mocked for worshipping Christ. Much of today’s mainstream media is reluctant to discuss religion unless there is scandal involved.

Matt is a writer and blogger for “Catholic Digest,” “National Catholic Register,” and other publications. His book, “Faith Under Fire,” documents stories of Christian courage by ordinary people who demonstrated their faith under extraordinary circumstances.

Matt is a Pennsylvania home-based father of five who humorously speaks of the “great leap into the unknown” when becoming a parent. He cautions against being a “cool” parent afraid to say no. He compares parenting to the role of a sports referee and believes the ultimate compliment from a child would be, “My dad loved me so much, he said no.”

We are created in love and must mirror that love in ordinary life, Matt believes. He left his audience with two pieces of advice: 1) don’t take children any place expensive! and 2) pray often—for patience, for children, for our “mad” world, and for the church.

Matt’s blogs may be viewed at [www.ncregister.com](http://www.ncregister.com)

## Business Person of the Month Jim Flanagan

Jim Flanagan is of Irish descent and a second generation American, born 1934 in San Francisco, and baptized in the old Mission. He went to parochial grammar and high schools, Stanford for an AB & JD, and served in the Marine Corps in between. He has been married to Charlotte Nevins of Fresno (now a retired RN) for 58 years, with five children, and about a dozen grandchildren. He was a “dinosaur” Lawyer (general practice) for 44 years, university educator for 14 years, newspaper columnist for 13 years, and member of several dozen professional, military, community and church organizations (president/chair of about half) over the years and still a member of two military, two secular, and two religious ones. Jim authored a book on managing conflict, and is a co-author-to-be of one on mediation. He is a member and Eucharistic Minister of Holy Spirit Parish, and he and his wife live with their youngest daughter and her family in Bonadelle Ranchos.



## Prayer Research and Submission By Mary Borges

### October—The Month of the Holy Rosary



#### To Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy twenty mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

- October 12—Breakfast Meeting
- November 9—Breakfast Meeting
- December 14—Breakfast Meeting
- January—No Meeting

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## Book Review

By John Kasaian

**A Grief Observed**  
by C.S. Lewis  
Harper Collins, New York  
75 pages, paper bound

Here's a classic book on the subject of grief—a diary actually, and a rather amazing diary by an amazing writer, C.S. Lewis, Oxford Don and Cambridge University Chair of

Medieval and Renaissance Literature, who gave us, among other works, the popular Narnia series of novels as well as many other powerful Christian essays and novellas.

But this particular book is a diary, kept after the passing of Lewis's bride and documenting the grief Lewis suffered while trying to come to terms with the Christian God he believed in. Being an academic sort, Lewis is painfully aware of his own vanity and tries to separate that from his true experience of loss and his love for his bride, Joy, and his anger with God.

Lewis, searching for anything that makes sense to justify his loss, is frustrated at every turn until there is no direction left to turn but to God and the great mystery—the reality of everlasting life.

What impressed me about "A Grief Observed" was Lewis' willingness to write down and publish his journey of pain, fear, and coming to terms with overwhelming loss, which is at odds with modernity and the advice of self-help Gurus with which society is plagued.

You can get your copy of "A Grief Observed" at Cotter Religious Supply.



## Pastor Profile

### Rev. Msgr. Robert D Wenzinger (AKA, Fr. Rob)

By Don Cardell

The third of five children, Msgr. Rob was born on November 10, 1956 in Brooklyn, New York to Ralph and Madeleine. His Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation were held at St. Joseph Church, Babylon, New York.

He moved to Canoga Park, California in the 1960s, attending Limerick Avenue Elementary, Christopher Columbus, and John A. Sutter Junior Highs. He graduated from William S. Hart High School (Newhall) in June 1974. At Hart High School he lettered in Cross Country and Track, participated on the debate team, and served in the student government. He entered Saint John's Seminary College in September 1974, graduating in 1978 and that same year entered Saint John's Theologate. At Saint John's Theologate, he served as the first Fresno Diocese student representative on the student council, and served one year as Class Representative. Fr. Rob was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph J. Madera on October 9, 1982 at St. John's Cathedral.



He has held various parish assignments in Bakersfield, Visalia, Dos Palo, and Fresno. He is currently at St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno. His other assignments included Dean of Kern and Inyo Counties; member of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors; Vice Chair of the Board of Catholic Charities; Vicar for Catholic Charities; Church History Teacher for "New Wine;" member of the Board for Our Faith, Our Family Our Future; Priest Moderator for St. Vincent De Paul; and Priest Advocate for Catholic Charities.

Other interests and hobbies include: history—especially pre-Soviet Russia; ante bellum Civil War; the "Olympic" class ocean liners of the White Star Line (Olympic, Titanic, and Britannic); German high seas fleet of WWI; and, general WWII history. He also enjoys sports and cooking.

### Pope's Worldwide Prayer October Intention: Evangelization

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**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](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 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](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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