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Diocese of Fresno

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December 8th

CP&BC Christmas Breakfast



Back by popular demand, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Choir, under the direction of Melita Mudri-Zubacz, will perform traditional and sacred carols for us at our December 8th Christmas breakfast. Mrs. Zubacz earned dual Master's degrees in Eastern Christian Studies and in Music from the University of Manitoba.

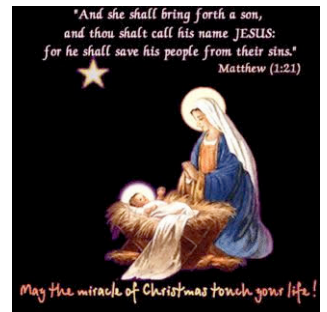
In addition to participating in school-related Masses and concerts, this is the performing group that travels in order to represent the OLPH school in the wider community, including the Blue Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Right to Life Fundraising Dinners, as well as Disney Performing Arts Workshops.

This auditioned ensemble consists of students from the 4th through the 8th grades, who work exceptionally hard at their once-per-week rehearsals to prepare their advanced repertoire.

Come share the Joy of the Season with time planned for networking, humorous holiday icebreakers, and music by the wonderful young performers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Clovis - all designed to put us in the right frame of mind for this blessed time of year.

Invite your Catholic as well as non-Catholic co-workers to join us at the party as it is the ideal "meeting" to introduce them to what CP&BC is all about.

We wish everyone a very blessed Christmas!



CP&BC needs your help.

- We are looking for a Treasurer (who will also be a board member). QuickBooks experience is desirable. Please contact Tim Dodd if interested or if you have questions. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tim Dodd at timothy.dodd@lpl.com
- We need parish ambassadors for these parishes. Please contact Tim Dodd. If one of these is your parish, he can explain your easy duties. St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of the Sierra, Our Lady of Victory, Sacred Heart, Shrine of St. Therese, St. Alphonsus, St. Anthony Claret, St. Helen, St. Joachim, St. Joseph, St. Lucy, St. Mary, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Ann.
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Christmas Charity



Each year in December our Club adopts an organization. This year we are requesting unwrapped toys or cash for children served by our Catholic Charities.

Jeff Negrette, Executive Director, Catholic Charities will speak for a few minutes at our December meeting.

November Business Person of the Month – Don Cardell



I am Don Cardell, a Fresno native. My wife, Sally, and I are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, and our grown son and daughters each attended San Joaquin Memorial High School.

I have spent the last 23 years as the manager of the Whitehurst Sullivan Burns & Blair Funeral Home. Beginning in 1958, the Bishop of Monterey-Fresno asked the Whitehurst's to come to Fresno since all 15 funeral homes were owned by members of the Masonic Lodge. Sullivan, Burns & Blair was on the market, and Whitehurst had the opportunity to have a funeral home predominately focused on the needs of the growing Catholic Community.

They did this by getting involved in all parish activities and supporting the Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, Sisters of the Pious Disciples, and placing calendars in 14 parishes. We continue all these activities today.

Being there for a family when they need you the most is such a privilege. This was especially true during Covid.

Since moving into our new location three years ago, we have had the opportunity to reach out to our new neighbors including the congregation of Temple Beth Israel and two Mormon Wards.

Being a funeral director is more than a job for me, it is a way God can use me to help people that are going through one of the most difficult times of their lives and treat every family as if they are the only family with attention to every detail.

In closing I would like to quote Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your path straight."

Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than six weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members. Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Come Away Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center,
Three Rivers

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Advent Family Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center,
Three Rivers

Sunday, January 28, 2024

6-Day Silent Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three
Rivers

We encourage you to sign up for the Diocese of Fresno weekly newsletter, which is published every Monday morning.
<https://dioceseoffresno.org/newsletter>

Stay Connected with Prayers!



Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It's amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, or update your email address contact Sally Lauritzen
salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378.

Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

Contact Denise Correia
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December Prayer

A Prayer to Saint Matthew the Apostle, for Grace

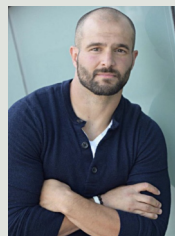


O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven. Amen.

St. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, accountants, and civil servants. Read his infancy narrative about the genealogy of Jesus, the birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, the flight to and return from Egypt, and the Massacre of the Infants.



November Speaker Recap



Robert Renzi

By Norma Williams

Be attentive to the “winks and nudges” of life, urged November breakfast speaker and storyteller Robert Renzi.

There were many such instances in Robert’s life on the road to renewed childhood faith. The Northern Virginia second eldest in his family of 12 had lived a nearly non-existent religious adulthood characterized by partying and drinking. He moved to Hollywood where for several years that lifestyle intensified. A family crisis where he became “man of the house” resulted in discovering his father’s Rosary which “I couldn’t keep my eyes off of” and a brochure telling how to pray it. He was drawn to Our Lady, and praying the Rosary became a habit and discipline.

He returned to Los Angeles with grandiose confidence to “make it big” as an actor, but over the next two years nothing important materialized, though his faith continued to grow, and he learned more and more about Catholicism. He found himself asking, “Why didn’t I know this?” He began to experience conflicts between his faith and the entertainment business. He asked God to send people of substance into his life and was surprised to find a vibrant faith community in Southern California and a personal church “home” at St. Vitus Church in San Fernando. He prayed, “In Your grace, allow me to tell one great story.”

A friend was producing a movie entitled “The New Manna” and believed that Jesus should be played by someone “who knew and lived the Catholic faith.” There were many obstacles making the film and whatever could go wrong did. The producer came to feel that Robert should play the role of Jesus. It was the hardest test of his life, he stated. Telling his father of the unworthiness he felt, “I don’t see Him when I look at me.”

With shifted priorities and his heart on fire, he realized Jesus is the one a person can go to at any time, the direct result of the greatest love story known to man: Christ’s life, suffering, pain, and resurrection.

Upcoming Events

- December 8, Pardini’s
- January No Meeting
- February 9, Pardini’s



The Pope’s Monthly Intentions December 2023 - For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$55 per person and are due August 31, 2023. The deadline for the 2024 Membership Directory is December 31, 2023. For more information contact Denise Correia at 559-999-9153 or email membership@cpbcfresno.org.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's or Hotel Piccadilly's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website www.cpbcfresno.org then click on reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and networking.

The program starts at 7:15 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$25 for members and their guests and \$30 for non-members. An option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$175 (\$50 savings) is available to members that prepay annual breakfast. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2024 Membership Directory starts at \$60. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2023. For more directory information, email directory@cpbcfresno.org or call Denise Correia at 559-434-2722.

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 Christopher Erk of TrevNet for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Rodarte Productions for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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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