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## February 9th Jonna Schuster

Our February 9th breakfast speaker is Jonna Schuster, Co-Founder and Director of Catholic Revival Ministries (CRM) <https://www.catholicrevivalministries.com>, which she launched in 2019 with her husband Jim. Together they serve the Church by equipping Catholics to bring supernatural impact to all areas of life by partnering with the Holy Spirit in power and love. They have served a variety of parishes, ministries, and audiences world-wide, including “Endow,” “Metanoia Catholic,” “Pray More Novenas,” “TANOVA,” “Awaken Kingdom,” the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Diocese of Peoria, IL, and the Diocese of Austin, TX.

Jonna graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in graphic design and completed a Master’s degree in Moral Theology at Christendom Graduate School. She spent 10 years as a full-time Director of Youth Ministry in the diocese of Arlington, VA. Before that she served for two years as the first Campus Minister of Western Illinois University. She and Jim moved to California in 2018 and currently reside in Santa Clarita. In addition to her work at CRM, Jonna is also an adjunct professor of theology at John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido. She believes everyone is called to greatness and has a heart to see people come into the fullness of their identity and calling.

Jonna will be speaking about navigating important decisions and innovating new projects to problem-solving and caring for our loved ones, and how we do not have to rely on our human strength alone. As Catholics she explains that we have received “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:16) and can turn to Him for insight and strategies regarding the issues we face today. In this presentation, Jonna will share stories and methods of how we can invite the Lord into our thought process, provide practical tools for discerning His guidance, and suggest ways of collaborating with Him in our everyday pursuits.

### 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](mailto: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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## Fundraiser for CP&BC



The world-renowned mural of the Last Supper took Leonard da Vinci over four years to paint, but luckily our version didn't take that long. Created by Jayden Lelliott it too is a masterpiece of detail, using multiple layers of applique to build each of the 42 tiles; it has over 93 colors of threads, and 2,014,288 stitches. The embroidered frame finishes this famous scene. This one of kind applique will be auctioned at the March Breakfast, or you can buy it now for \$3,000. For more information contact Tim Dodd. [timothy.dodd@lpl.com](mailto:timothy.dodd@lpl.com). Tax deductible

### December Business Person of the Month – Monsignor Patrick McCormick



My name is Patrick Joseph McCormick, and I had a twin brother, Michael, who passed away of Covid in 2021. We both attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Taft, CA, where we were born. It was in the seventh grade that I became the organist for the children's choir and began to play for weddings on Saturdays. Then in the eighth grade I first had a sense of being called to the priesthood.

When I began Taft Union High School, I was in the music department along with all my other classes because I was interested in becoming a music teacher. I did not receive a call to priesthood during my high school years. I guess I was having too much fun and enjoying life.

After graduating from high school, I attended Taft College and then transferred to Fresno State University. It was in my junior and senior years that I started to think about priesthood a second time. In my senior year I went to speak with Father Sergio Negro about my vocation. While still working on my teaching credential, he asked me to begin a process of praying about a vocation. He went on to say to me several times that going to the seminary does not mean that you will be a priest. But it is the place to find out if God wants you to be a priest. Well, the process of going to the seminary did just that, God was calling me to priesthood.

I attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA and in the fourth year of theology I was called in the bishop's office along with one classmate and told to sit down because Bishop Hugh Donohoe had a particularly important question to ask us. Did we want to go to Rome in June 1975 and be ordained by his Holiness Pope Paul VI? We both said that we needed to talk with our parents. My father had passed away in 1970 and my mother was a Baptist, and so I was to call my father's relatives to ask their opinion. They all said yes – go!

My priesthood has given me many opportunities during these past 48 years. I was first assigned to the Shrine of St. Therese where I spent three years. Then I was sent to the Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. to study liturgy and music, and later became the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Fresno and lived at St. Anthony Of Padua as well as being an assistant there. After two and a half years, I was moved to St. John's Cathedral in residence teaching liturgy throughout the diocese to the laity in different parishes.

I plan to retire in two years when I will have been a priest for 50 years.

### 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.

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

6-Day Silent Retreat

Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three River

**Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

World Marriage Day Location: St. Location: St.  
Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia

The Diocese has numerous lay formation classes in January and February. Check the website noted above.

#### 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](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378.



#### Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

Contact Denise Correia  
[vavi@cns4u.com](mailto:vavi@cns4u.com)

## February Prayer to St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr



He is known for saving the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone and is said to have lit a candle in his memory to be free of infection. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in what is now Turkey and Armenia. His feast day is February 3rd.

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise Bishop and Martyr,

may God deliver you from ailments of the throat  
and from every other evil.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## December Program Christmas Breakfast



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Choir, under the direction of Melita Mudri-Zubacz, performed traditional and sacred carols for us at our December 8th Christmas breakfast. Monsignor McCormick, spoke about his vocation, and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus joined Monsignor and club president Timothy Dodd for a photo.

## Upcoming Events

- February 9, Pardini's
- March 8, Pardini's
- April 12, Pardini's



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions February 2024 - For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

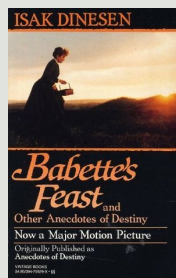
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## Babette's Feast and Other Anecdotes of Destiny

By Isak Dineson (Karen Blixen)  
Vintage Books Edition, a Division of Random House,  
New York, 1988\  
244 pages, paperback

By John Kasaian

"Babette's Feast" is best recognized as a classic film circa 1979. In print, the Catholicity of the story really shines far brighter than in the film.

The collection of stories, entitled "Anecdotes of Destiny" deal with the paradox of the reality where both free will and God's will exist.

Each of the five stories in the collection are masterfully written and "Babette's Feast" is the crown jewel of the lot.

A pious Lutheran cult-like community slowly unravels after its elderly "Dean" passes away. His two daughters, now spinsters, do their best to keep their father's humble community – a small fishing village in Norway – viable.

On a cold rainy night, a French woman near death knocks on the sisters' door with a letter of introduction from a famous opera singer, who had passed through the village on a holiday, and was enchanted by the voice of one of the sisters and begged the Dean to permit him to give her voice lessons.

The employment was short lived, but the opera singer never forgot the sister's voice and the family's hospitality, so provided a letter to the French woman, Babette, who has lost everything in a revolution in Paris.

The daughters keep Babette on as a housekeeper for many years until Babette wins a large sum of money from the lottery. This windfall occurred near the anniversary of the Dean's 100th birthday and the sisters planned a modest memorial until Babette begged them to allow her to cook a meal for the brotherhood.

One of the guests was to be the nephew of an elderly matron. The nephew had been a young officer and quite smitten with one of the sisters, however he pursued his military career, stationed in Paris during the rebellion where Babette's family were killed, and her famed restaurant destroyed.

Babette cooks a sumptuous feast for the cult members whose diet for decades was, by choice, limited to a penitential bread soup and boiled fish.

But enough about the food. The story is about the complex relationships of the sisters, the members of the brotherhood, the General, and of course, Babette. It is a story of forgiveness, redemption, and destiny.

While "Babette's Feast" may be currently out of print, used copies are readily available."





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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$55 per person and are due August 31, 2024. The deadline for the 2025 Membership Directory is December 31, 2024. For more information contact Denise Correia at 559-999-9153 or email [membership@cpbcfresno.org](mailto: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](mailto:reservations@cpbcfresno.org) or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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 2025 Membership Directory starts at \$60. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2024. For more directory information, email [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto: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](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 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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