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April 12—Rose Sweet

Profiled by Tom Lang

Do you have a relationship that needs to be put back in order? Are you tired of being frustrated, angry, overly worried, or even depressed about your family or friends? Have you been emotionally abandoned by someone or suffered from divorce?

Our April 12th speaker Rose Sweet can help! She is traveling to Fresno from Palm Desert.

For over twenty-five years, Rose has accompanied people to an unexpected place of hope and the underpinning of all healing: the Interior Life. Join her on the journey, if you dare...because discovering the truth is truly an adventure!

Rose is a passionate, courageous, and humorous Catholic author of 12 books. She has inspired people throughout the U.S. on how to “Put Your Religion in Your Relationships!” She draws on Scripture, John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and the timeless treasure of the Catholic faith to inspire singles, married, divorced, remarried, stepparents, and just about anyone looking for authentic love and lasting happiness.

She is a frequent guest on Catholic radio and television and has been a presenter at the World Meeting of Families, Theology of the Body Congress, USCCB Convocation, and more.



Become Part of Our Prayer Network Today!

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, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sally.salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378

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Speaker Recap | Jon Leonetti

By Norma Williams

That happiness can be found in the person of Jesus Christ is either the greatest truth or the biggest lie. If one cannot fully believe, one should run from it. If believed, one must be all in, stop compartmentalizing and living under a lie of what fulfills. Ten minutes after experiencing pleasure, we want more, a constant emptiness. Living out the commitment is the huge question each must answer, necessitating change in all aspects of life. Lent is a good time for taking spiritual inventory, to find our personal mission. We must take up the cross daily for it saves us from ourselves. Good deeds are not enough. We must look for opportunities to die to ourselves, yet acknowledge our imperfections, remembering even Peter, the first pope, denied Jesus three times. Quoting second century Irenaeus, God is omnipotent and gains nothing from us, unlike the pagan gods who needed people for power and glory.



Love hurts, and Christian love is a kind that much of the world doesn't get. There can be no Easter joy of Resurrection without the pain of Good Friday. Being Christian is not just a badge to be worn, and Catholicism is the one true hospital. The world suffers from relativism which fails both reason and logic. Evangelizing the world should start with the family, a point reiterated by Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Jon believes a problem today is men who want to be boys.

As a Catholic evangelist, speaker, author, and radio host, Des Moines, Iowa resident Jon travels seven months of the year. His books are "Mission of the Family," "Your God is Too Boring," and "The Art of Getting Over Yourself."

Website: JonLeonetti.com

Memorial/Lenten Mass

By John Gerardi—President

On Saturday, April 13, CP&BC will host an hour of Confession and a memorial Mass for the repose of the souls of our deceased members. Mass will take place at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Chapel, 1550 N Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93707 (at the Diocesan offices near the campus of San Joaquin Memorial). Mass will be preceded by the opportunity to go to Confession, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Mass will take place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, which opens Holy Week. We hope our members will take advantage of the opportunity to spiritually prepare for this sacred time through Confession and the Eucharist.

The CP&BC is a community, united by bonds of fellowship and love. How fitting that we would pray for the repose of the souls of those members of our organization who have passed into eternal life, thereby extending our fellowship beyond this life and into the next. The Church teaches that prayer for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy, and it is a fitting way to prepare for Holy Week.

Prayer Research and Submission
By Mary Borges



Prayer of
St. Irenaeus

June 28—Feast day of St. Irenaeus

It is not thou that shapest God
it is God that shapest thee.
If thou art the work of God
await the hand of the artist
who does all things in due season.
Offer Him thy heart,
soft and tractable,
and keep the form
in which the artist has fashioned thee.
Let thy clay be moist,
lest thou grow hard
and lose the imprint of his fingers..
- St. Irenaeus

Upcoming Events

- April 12—Breakfast Meeting
- April 13—Memorial/Lenten Mass
- May 5—Membership Sunday
- May 10—Breakfast Meeting
- June 14—Breakfast Meeting
- June 21—New Member Social

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Business Person of the Month—Annamarie Avila

Annamarie Avila is President/Founder of Avila's Cancer Fund and owner of Velo Events. She is committed to helping cancer patients in current treatment right here in the Central Valley. In July 2016 Annamarie's husband was diagnosed with gastric cancer. The Avila family noticed there



were limited financial resources available for families with a loved one going through treatment. In April 2017 she founded Avila's Cancer Fund, a 501c3 non-profit. Annamarie is determined to make a difference—she can give a family one less thing to worry about. Avila's Cancer Fund offers financial assistance for co-pays, rent, gas, and food vouchers from \$100-\$500. With volunteers, fundraisers, and donations, Avila's Cancer Fund is a small non-profit that has made a huge impact in our community by increasing the awareness that the expense of cancer treatment can cause on evictions, utilities shut-offs, and the need for fund for gas. Annamarie Avila is a mother of three, a wife of 30-years, was raised Catholic, and is a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua. Her faith has guided her through life's struggles and given her the strength and compassion to make a difference in our community.

Board Profile Aundrea Piacentini

Born and raised in Fresno, and a parishioner and EMHC at St. Anthony of Padua, Aundrea graduated from Fresno Pacific University 2017 with a BA in Pre-Law. She works with the Fresno Unified School District as a Classified Substitute. Aundrea is single, happy, has a dog, and loves reading. She volunteers with the St. Anthony of Padua Life Teen Group working with confirmation classes.



Aundrea replied to a few questions for us including what do most people not know about you that isn't too embarrassing to share? "Back in 2004 I danced in the Moscow Russian Ballet performance of the Nutcracker. I was an angel."

Her reply to how do you incorporate your faith into your daily life was, "Weekly Mass and daily prayer. I try to say the rosary daily—I need to get better at that."

Her inspiring reply to why did you agree to be a board member of the CP&BC Board follows. "I like what this organization stands for, and what it brings to the table for its members: fellowship, community, and inspiration. I love that I have become a part of a network of Catholic professionals, who are living their lives for Christ and incorporating Him into their daily professional lives, not just on Sunday. I find that young adult Catholics find this hard to do—be a Catholic Monday through Friday. With this organization we get the opportunity to hear from various speakers who show us that it can be done, and how it can be done. I am proud to be a part of the Board and help this organization grow and thrive.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer April Intention:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Torn Areas

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person and are due June 30, 2019. The deadline for the 2020 Membership Directory is December 31, 2019. 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 Denise Correia 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 the 2020 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2019 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2019 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising 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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