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December 11 - Christmas Party



Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, December 11, 2015 meeting will be our annual Christmas Party! This year the St. Helen's School choir, under the direction of Mr. Bill Thornbury, will perform Christmas Carols for us, and we'll hear a special message from Bishop Armando Xavier Ochoa, D.D.

The educational program at St. Helen's Catholic School is grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Students at St. Helen's Catholic School are called to love God, to

treat others respectfully, to work to the best of their abilities, and to have reverence for all of God's creation. The faculty and staff members of St. Helen's Catholic School strive to teach as Jesus did and assist parents and guardians in their role as the primary educators of their children.

A lover of music and scenic arts since his childhood, Bill Thornbury graduated from California State University at Fresno with a teaching degree in music. In 1978, at 26 years old, he portrayed the character of Jody Pearson, elder brother of Mike, the young protagonist of *Phantasm* (1979). He reprised this role in 1994 and 1998.

Bill is a professional singer/songwriter and has been a staff songwriter for 20th Century-Fox in Los Angeles and MTM Records in Nashville. In addition to recording albums, Mr. Thornbury also performs with the critically acclaimed vocal group The Sons of the San Joaquin; but, his passion is teaching music to the next generation of music lovers at St. Helen's.

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Speaker Recap

- Terry Barber

By Pauline Smoke



Deacon Bill Lucido, Terry Barber & Jeff Lauritzen (Club President)

St. John Paul II called all Catholics to participate in the “new evangelization.” However, few people understand what this means, let alone how to go about it. Fortunately, Terry Barber is an expert at presenting the Catholic

faith in engaging ways and is dedicated to teaching others how to become effective evangelists.

Barber founded several Catholic communications companies, co-hosts “The Terry & Jesse Show” on Immaculate Heart Radio, and wrote *How to Share Your Faith with Anyone: A Practical Manual for Catholic Evangelization*. His witty, energetic style was shaped by the works of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, plus skills learned as a baseball umpire, and real estate agent. Barber’s “Ten Commandments of Evangelization” include commitment to prayer, preparation, intentionality, motivation, and fearlessness.

Barber demonstrated that even mundane actions can have profound results if one is alert and prepared. At a restaurant, a nearby diner asked Barber why he had crossed himself and said grace. He explained that he considers every day a gift for which he is thankful. As the discussion continued, he learned that the elderly woman was recently widowed, and felt her life now lacked meaning. Barber encouraged her to find new purpose by prayerfully offering the sufferings of her daily life for the repose of her late husband’s soul. Amid grateful tears, the woman revealed that she had planned to eat a final meal, then end her life. Barber’s devotion to prayer and willingness to share his faith had turned a routine act into a life-saving moment of evangelization. May we all aspire to doing the same.

Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



Saint Nicholas’ Christmas Prayer

Thank you, God for the wonderful gift of your son, Jesus, as we celebrate His birthday. Help us to remember Him as we give and receive gifts, taking time to pray for each person and for those who have nothing. Help us, Lord, to fill this Christmas with you and your love, peace and joy. Amen

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Live in the light of the word of the Lord:
“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”
(cf. Lk 6:36)

Business Person of the Month

Dana Zupanovich Lucka, Ed.D., CFRE



I am honored to serve as the Director of Development for the College of Health and Human Services at Fresno State. Where else can you help make dreams come true and create opportunities for student success? I truly believe that education has the power to transform lives and change circumstances thus, I “walked the talk” and have all three of my degrees from Fresno State (Bachelor’s in Journalism, a Master’s in Education and a Doctorate in Education). In my work, my faith is critically important and serves as a foundation for creating authentic relationships that honor a person’s unique story and life experiences. Each month, CP&BC meetings refresh my “service above self” focus

and affirm my greater faith filled purpose where I can serve the community by making a healthy, happy difference in the lives of others. I am blessed to share my life with my husband, Dr. Wojciech J. Lucka, two grown stepsons and a big happy lab named Bissou.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- January No Meeting
- February 12
- March 11

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

A Chesterton Christmas: Essays, Excerpts, and Eggnog
 edited by Brian G. Daigle
 Mud House Art and Literature,
 Baton Rouge, LA, 2015
 92 pages, paperback \$15.99

In a world before Netflix, families would gather around the tree to sing Christmas Carols and read Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. In a time before traditional holiday entertainment consisted of the likes of anthropomorphic, animated reindeer and snowmen embarking on crusades to "save Christmas" from unsavory rascallions, entertainment for a long winter's night would consist of a nip of eggnog, a warming fire and reading a slim book about Christmas. If you're up for an Old School Christmas, here is that slim book about Christmas told through the poetry, essays, and excerpts from essays by G.K. Chesterton, as well as a luscious recipe for eggnog. When the fog enshrouds the vineyards, snow blankets the Sierra, and the entire San Joaquin Valley seems peacefully at rest and joyous with joyous expressed not as materialistic hype, but rather in the wonderment about the supernatural and the birth of the Christ child, G. K. Chesterton delivers the literary goods. He possessed an invincible devotion to the Blessed Virgin and a near childlike enthusiasm for the infancy narrative. Here is one of my favorites "A Christmas Carol Poem" from 1900:

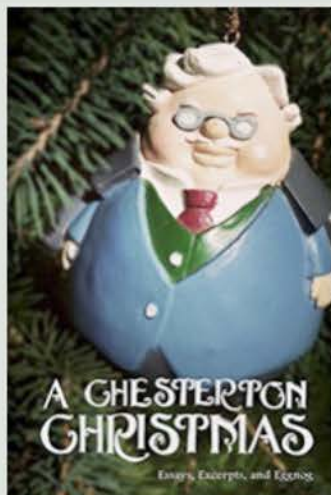
The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
 His hair was like a light.
 (o weary, weary were the world,
 But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's
 breast,
 His hair was like a star.
 (O stern and cunning are the
 kings,
 But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's
 heart,
 His hair was like a fire.
 (O weary, weary is the world,
 But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's
 knee,
 His hair was like a crown.
 And all the flowers looked up at
 Him,
 And all the stars looked down.

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Pastor/Parish Profile - St. Joachim – Madera

By Fr. John Warburton

During my last year of high school I fell in love with a beautiful sophomore named Mary Jo. Part of the attractiveness of Mary Jo was that she was so good and so caring. She was a convinced Catholic who was putting obedience to God's will at the center of her life. She spoke



openly about the possibility that God may be calling her to be a nun. It was at that point that I fell in love with God. I became convinced that God exists, God is Love, God is good, and that God created me to know, love and serve Him. The seminary became an attractive option to me. I saw it as a place where I could learn how to listen to God, discover His will for my life and then put my whole heart into His call for me.

I chose to start my quest to know my vocation with the Oblates of St. Joseph. I felt "at home" when I visited them. I was attracted by their family spirit and by the friendliness of the priests and brothers. Their simple ideal of serving the interests of Jesus in imitation of St. Joseph appealed to me.

By that time my friend, Mary Jo, had discerned that her vocation was to marriage. I thought, "Well that's it! That's the sign I have been waiting for!" And here I am, doing what I really want to do as an Oblate of St. Joseph priest with all the graces I need to do it.

The Lord has blessed Mary Jo with a good marriage and family. She continues to be an inspiration to me, and I try to be the same for her and for all.

St. Joachim Church is in Madera. For location, phone and Mass schedule visit <https://www.sjoachim.org>

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at [559.434.2722](tel: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 cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2015 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2015 is the deadline for ad artwork.

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](tel: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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