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April 10—Matthew Leonard

Profiled by Tom Lang

Due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, our April meeting has been cancelled. Our speaker, Matthew Leonard, will hopefully be rescheduled for a future breakfast meeting to be determined.



Moving forward, changing conditions pertaining to the community spread or lack of spread of in our area will determine CP&BC's prayerful assessments with regard to May and June breakfasts currently scheduled. Our Club's top concern is for the health and safety of all our members. We also are mindful of the need for the faithful to be nourished through the Spirit-led messages and Christian fellowship our breakfasts provide.

Our Holy Father has asked the Virgin Mary to watch over the world in this current moment of crisis. An English-language translation of the Pope's prayer is below:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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:Sallysalauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378



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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Seven Wonders of the World | Meditations on the Last Words of Christ | by Fr. George William Rutler | Ignatius Press, San Francisco | 1993 | 158 pages, paper bound

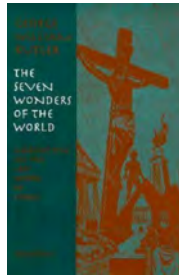
Here's a fascinating little book for Lenten reading.

Fr. Rutler presents the seven last words of Christ on the Cross in contrast with the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Rich in contrasts, Fr. Rutler takes the reader on an Indiana Jones worthy adventure through antiquity that bears a startling resemblance to modern times.

What the Statue of Zeus, the Pyramids of Egypt, The Temple of Diana, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Colossus of Rhodes, The Tomb of Mausolus, and The Lighthouse of Alexandria have to do with the seven last words spoken by Christ is to offer the most incredible, legendary human monuments which crumble when compared to Christ's Passion.

"...the Lord of History, by various acts of grace revives in the human memory awareness of what he has done from the beginning of time as an assurance of what he will do. Time is a silent puzzle and even a ticking horror without the Divine assurance of a reason for it."

Treat yourself to a copy from Cotter's Religious Goods.



Halleluia! All glory, praise and honor to You Most Glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave, You have conquered sin and death, You have opened the gates to Heaven! Halleluia! All praise and honor to You Most Glorious Lord Jesus!

My Lord, hope is restored, joy and excitement are instilled in many hearts as You quietly, gently and gloriously rise from the dead, and bring forth new life for this fallen world. Sweet Jesus, give me the eyes of faith that I may see and believe in Your Resurrection. Help me to know the effects of Your triumph in my life. As I come to know You, my resurrected Lord, help me to entrust to You all that I am and all that I hope to be. Help me to trust in the abundant Mercy that flows from Your resurrected soul.

Volunteers Wanted

Come Join us!

Our amazing Denise Correia is retiring in June. She does a variety of tasks requiring an hour per year of several hours month. We are looking for volunteers who would like to give just a little bit of their time. Please, prayerfully consider how you can support our Club and do one or two simple tasks.



If you are willing to help, or if you have questions, please call Denise at 559-9153.

Business Person of the Month—Carlos Flores, RN

Carlos Flores, RN, is the Trauma Coordinator for Valley Children's Hospital Pediatric Trauma Center and a representative of Safe Kids Central California. Carlos enjoys the blessings of family life with his bride, Sally (also a nurse), and their four grown sons. Since 1987, he has devoted his career to pediatric nursing, focused on Emergency and Trauma Care.

He is a Master Catechist and was commissioned for lay ecclesial ministry leadership in May 2014 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno. He has over 40 years of Catholic ministry background in a wide variety of local ministries. His health ministry known as "Be Not Afraid" focuses on a variety of health issues with intentional care of the spirit. Depression and Suicide Prevention, The Wellness of Hope, the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Theology of the Body are some topics addressed through this ministry. To schedule Carlos for speaking or teaching events, contact him by email f8thnurse@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

- May 8—Breakfast Meeting: subject to COVID-19 assessment
- June 12—Breakfast Meeting: subject to COVID-19 assessment
- July and August—Summer Break

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Lenten Reflection

By John Gerardi—President

In her sacred liturgy, the Church echoes St. Paul's words to the Corinthians: "Now is the acceptable time, now is the hour of salvation." As we enter the holy season of Lent, we consider the Church's positive and negative recommendations for this season: to fast, pray, and give alms. If sin consists in saying "yes" to ourselves and "no" to God, fasting is the opposite—a training of our wills to say "no" to ourselves, as we prune away unnecessary food, media, or other material goods for Jesus' sake. Through prayer, we unite our souls more closely to God, rendering Him adoration, thanksgiving, contrition for our sins, and petition for what we need to accomplish His will. Through almsgiving, we give God something of our physical substance, uniting it to the spiritual self-gift of our prayer to make an entire donation of our lives, body, and soul.

We encourage our members to pray, fast, and give alms during this holy season, and to take advantage of this acceptable time, this hour of salvation, by participating in the Sacraments, particularly Confession. May God bless you all!

November Speaker Recap— Patrick Coffin

By Norma Williams

Asked if things are going really well in their lives, a majority of Americans admit something is not right. "How did we get to this situation?" asked March breakfast speaker Cy Kellett. Citing high suicide rates, the narcotic/opioid crises, a desperation among many young people, and an overall relativism in society, Cy describes a downward slope of moral/spiritual decline despite an upward slope of technological progress.

In some ways Europeans of the Middle Ages had a better grasp of community. Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders changed Europe as drastically as the internet changed the world in our times. Twelfth century cathedrals where eucharist was the heart of Christendom have been replaced by sports stadiums. For a millennium churches, hospitals, monasteries, and schools were founded upon Jesus' message of evangelism, but 1600 and 1700 intellectuals began to emphasize a "do it ourselves" philosophy focused more on nature. This was further supported by Marx and Darwin and culminated in World War I when post-Christian nations slaughtered one another. Even following the 1945 introduction of the atomic bomb, most of the world did not return to God. Instead we became anesthetized by, and slaves to, media with a loss of contact with reality.

San Diego resident Cy believes there is a powerful revolution underway to return to Jesus and the eucharist which we need to join by living out and never being ashamed of our faith, helping to recover a modern world fit for people. As host of "Catholic Answers Live," he takes heart in the fact that two decades ago there were 70 Catholic radio stations in the U.S., whereas, now there are over 600.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer April Intention

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2020. The deadline for the 2021 Membership Directory is December 31, 2020. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2020 directory is underway.

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 \$135 is available for members that prepay for the year. Reservations are still required for prepaids.

Membership Directory: For the 2021 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2020 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2021 Directory. December 31, 2020 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. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC 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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