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Diana Butler Bass, *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* (Harper One, 2009)

In her latest book, [Diana Butler Bass] gives us an accessible and much-needed reminder of the dynamic—and often contested—nature of lived Christianity as expressed both in the lives of its people and its institutions. In our times, when churches are wrestling with a variety of issues that challenge the orthodoxies of the past, the reminder that the traditions we take for granted today represent the outcomes of struggles from the past is invaluable. This modest but powerful insight, brought home through lively examples, has the potential to humanize current debates. It moves the question from, "What was the winning argument from the past?" to "What does faithfulness for our time require?"

All sessions will be on Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, 1740 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. The series fee, \$50, includes all handouts and study material. Save \$5 and pre-register by contacting BobDoering@wordandlife.us before the first meeting. Financial aid is available to encourage those on restricted budgets to attend.

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Sep. 16	Introduction, & Part I, Early Christianity (pp. 1-30)	Fr. Jim Clarke
Sep. 23	Devotion: The Love of God (pp. 31-58)	Fr. Kenan Osborne
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Oct. 7	Part II - The Cathedral - medieval, 500-1450. Christianity as spiritual architecture (pp. 85-120)	Anne Heck*
Oct. 14	Ethics: Who is my neighbor? (pp. 121-148)	Thomas Heck*
Oct. 21	Part III - Word - Reformation, 1450-1650. Christianity as living words; Devotion - Speaking of faith (pp. 151-180)	Rev. Lynn Bruer
Oct. 28	Ethics: Walking the Talk (pp. 181-207)	Rev. Anne Howard
Nov. 4	Part IV - Quest - Modern period, 1650-1945. Christianity as a quest for truth; Devotion: The Quest for Light (pp. 211-246)	Timothy Conway
Nov. 11	Ethics: Kingdom Quest (pp. 247-282)	Alice MacDonald
Nov. 18	Part V - The River - Contemporary, 1945-now. Christianity as navigation; Devotion - stepping into the river; Ethics - Hospitality (pp. 285-310)	Wade Clark Roof

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