

Tenth Southern California Congress of Divine Mercy

There Is No Limit To The Divine Mercy

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

617 N. Arden Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90004

(Corner of Melrose and Vine)

September 12 – 13, 2015

Congress Schedule



Saturday – September 12, 2015

8:00 A.M

Congress Check-In & Registration

9:00 A.M

Opening/Welcome Remarks & Invocation (*Bilingual*)

9:30 A.M – 10:30 AM

Conference: Grace Comes First, Then Comes All The Rest. How Do We First Learn About Mercy?

“He who encounters Jesus Christ feels the impulse to witness Him or to give witness of what he has encountered, and this is the Christian calling. To go and give witness. You can’t convince anybody. The encounter occurs. You can prove that God exists, but you will never be able, using the force of persuasion, to make anyone encounter God. This is pure grace. Pure grace. In history, from its very beginning until today, grace always primera, grace always comes first, then comes all the rest.”

(Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis), Homily, Buenos Aires 2001)

Speaker: Msgr. Charles J. Chaffman

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Conference: God Speaks Through the Cross And Responds To Evil, God’s Word is Mercy

The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness. It also reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Remember this: God, in judging us, loves us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but by my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves. *(Pope Francis, At the Via Crucis: March, 30, 2013)*

Speaker: His Excellency Bishop Oscar Solis

12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Conference: Being a Church of Mercy

“The Church, which is holy, does not reject sinners; she does not reject us all; she does not reject us because she calls everyone, welcomes them, is open even to those furthest from her; she calls everyone to allow themselves to be enfolded by the mercy, the tenderness, and the forgiveness of the Father,” *(Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy)*

Speaker: Fr. Jack Stoeger

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Mercy in Deeds and Offertory (*Bilingual*)

“Write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permission nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the Day of Judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy.” *(Diary 1317)*

Facilitators: Fr. John-Paul Gonzalez and Fr. George J. Bobowski

3:00 PM

**The Hour of Great Mercy – 3:00 O’clock Prayer (*Bilingual*)
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Conference: There Is No Limit To The Divine Mercy Which Is Offered To All People

“The act of Jesus by which He raised Lazarus demonstrates the end to which the power of the Grace of God can arrive, and the end, therefore to which our conversion, our change can arrive. But listen well: there is no other limit to the divine mercy offered to all! There is no other limit to the divine mercy offered to all!

Pope Francis, Angelus Domini, April 06, 2014)

Speaker: Fr. Luke Mata

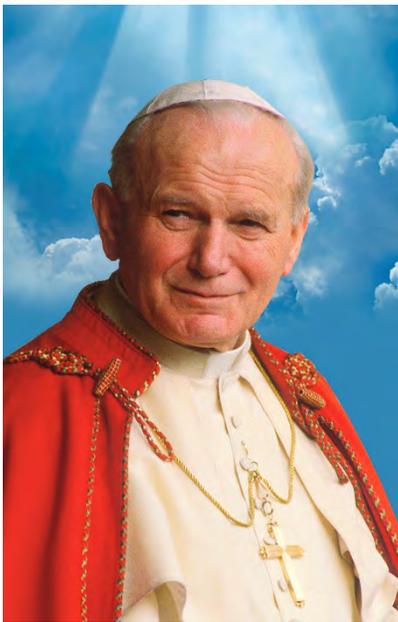
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Penance Service and Individual Confessions

5:30 PM

Concelebrated Healing Mass (*Bilingual*)

Main Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Edward W. Clark



Sunday – September 13, 2015

10:30 AM

Solemn Holy Mass (Bilingual)

Main Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Alex Salazar

12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Conference: Mercy as Christian Existence for Others.
Let Your Faith Make a Difference in Your Life**

Absorbed and deepened in the family, faith becomes a light capable of illumining all our relationships in society. As an experience of the mercy of God the Father, it sets us on the path of brotherhood. Modernity sought to build a universal brotherhood based on equality, yet we gradually came to realize that this brotherhood, lacking a reference to a common Father as its ultimate foundation, cannot endure. We need to return to the true basis of brotherhood. The Decalogue is not a set of negative commands, but concrete directions for emerging from the desert of the selfish and self-enclosed ego in order to enter into dialogue with God, to be embraced by his mercy and then to bring that mercy to others. Faith thus professes the love of God, origin and upholder of all things, and lets itself be guided by this love in order to journey towards the fullness of communion with God. The Decalogue appears as the path of gratitude, the response of love, made possible because in faith we are receptive to the experience of God's transforming love for us. And this path receives new light from Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount.
(Holy Father Francis, ENCYCLICAL LETTER "LUMEN FIDEI")

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Speakers: Fr. George J. Bobowski and Msgr. Paul M. Montoya

3:00 PM

The Hour of Great Mercy. (Bilingual)

- Singing the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Meditation: For a Culture of Mercy

Officiated by Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti

- Stations of the Cross

- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- Veneration of the Relics

4:30 PM

Closing Remarks: Your Experience And Testimonies.

Officiated by Msgr. Paul M. Montoya

Conclusion: Fr. George J. Bobowski



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE TWO DAYS OF THE CONGRESS

"First, the fact that the forgiveness of our sins is not something we can give ourselves. I cannot say: I forgive my sins. Forgiveness is asked for, is asked of another, and in Confession we ask for forgiveness from Jesus. Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ. Secondly, it reminds us that we can truly be at peace only if we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in the Lord Jesus, with the Father and with the brethren. And we have all felt this in our hearts, when we have gone to confession with a soul weighed down and with a little sadness; and when we receive Jesus' forgiveness we feel at peace, with that peace of soul which is so beautiful, and which only Jesus can give, only Him". (Pope Francis, Feb. 19, 2014)

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