

Fourteenth Southern California Congress of Divine Mercy

“Man is the Way of the Church, and Christ is the Way of Man”

(Saint John Paul II)

“O Church of God, you are the best mother, you alone can rear a soul and cause it to grow.

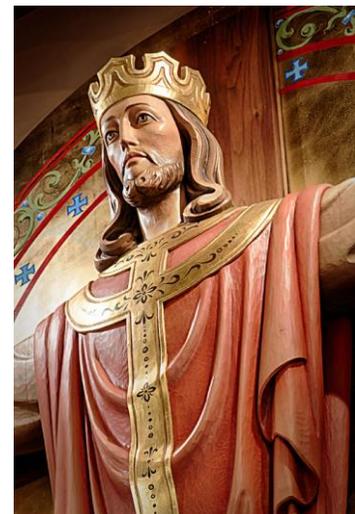
Oh, how great is my love and respect for the Church, that best of all mothers!

(Saint Faustina Diary, 197)

November 23 – 24, 2019

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church
617 N. Arden Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90004
(Corner of Melrose and Vine)

Congress Schedule



Saturday – November 23, 2019

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: The Church as the Best Mother in the Spirituality of Saint Faustina

Almost every feast of the Church gives me a deeper knowledge of God and a special grace. That is why I prepare myself for each feast and unite myself closely with the spirit of the Church. What a joy it is to be a faithful child of the Church! Oh, how much I love Holy Church and all those who live in it! I look upon them as living members of Christ, who is their Head. I burn with love with those who love; I suffer with those who suffer, I am consumed with sorrow at the sight of those who are cold and ungrateful; and I then try to have such a love for God that it will make amends for those who do not love Him, those who feed their Savior with ingratitude at its worst. (*Diary 481*)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Conference: The Message of Mercy: What Does Mercy Mean for the Life and Mission of the Church? Without mercy, the Existence of the Church would not Make the Slightest Sense

“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life... All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.” (*Pope Francis, “Misericordiae Vultus”*)

12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Conference: God's mercy - the source of our salvation in the Church

“We will not save ourselves” - we sing in one of the penitential songs. We will not save ourselves! This truth should be discovered by every human being, just as the prodigal son discovered it. Everyone who has sinned seriously has two ways to go. He can choose the path that Judas chose -despair (see Matt. 27: 5; Acts 1:18), or the path that Peter chose, that is sincere regret and tears of repentance (see Matt. 26, 75; Lk 22, 62), God is one with us in Christ, and he has left this ministry of reconciliation in the Church. The Holy Spirit constantly calls in the Church and through the Church: “Stand up! Repent! Repent!”.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Mercy in Deeds and Offertory (*Bilingual*)

Facilitators:

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

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Conference: Two Lives: The Story of Divine Mercy

This is a story of divine irony. A story of tragedy so enormous as to be incomprehensible. It leaves you standing silent, weeping with an aching sadness for the not to be forgotten millions, who suffered so much. It is a story, nevertheless, that leaves us somewhat shocked at the workings of Divine Mercy. But perhaps this truth should awaken in our hearts that small, infinitely powerful, bright, white-winged virtue called hope that flutters out of the maelstrom of soul-destroying dark memories.” It is said that Psalm 1 in the Bible is a summary of the whole of Sacred Scripture. It outlines the way of virtue and the way of vice. You will not like what you read here because the focus is mainly on the way that leads to doom; but that it is all about the Divine Mercy.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Penance Service and Individual Confessions

5:30 PM

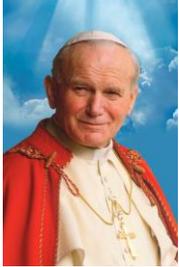
Concelebrated Mass (*Bilingual*)

Sunday – Christ the King Feast - November 24, 2019

10:30 AM Solemn Holy Mass

12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Conference: Core of Divine Mercy: Man is the Way of the Church, and Christ is the Way of Man**



The Church cannot abandon man, for his "destiny", that is to say his election, calling, birth and death, salvation or perdition, is so closely and unbreakably linked with Christ. We are speaking precisely of each man on this planet, this earth that the Creator gave to the first man, saying to the man and the women: "subdue it and have dominion"⁹ Each man in all the unrepeatable reality of what he is and what he does, of his intellect and will, of his conscience and heart. Man who in his reality has, because he is a "person", a history of his life that is his own and, most important, a history of his soul that is his own. [...] This man is the way for the Church - a way that, in a sense, is the basis of all the other ways that the Church must walk - because man-every man without any exception whatever - has been redeemed by Christ, and because with man-with each man without any exception whatever - Christ is in a way united, even when man is unaware of it: "Christ, who died and was raised up for all, provides man" - each man and every man - "with the light and the strength to measure up to his supreme calling.

(Saint John Paul II, Redemptor Hominis, nr. 14)

3:00 PM **The Hour of Great Mercy** *(Bilingual)*

Meditation: "In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world" *(Diary 1588)*

- Stations of the Cross
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Veneration of the Relics

4:30 PM Closing Remarks: Your Experience And Testimonies. Conclusion.

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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