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Thanksgiving *is* Thanksliving

by Fr. John H. Hampsch, CMF

Customarily, on Thanksgiving Day almost everyone is thankful—except, of course, the turkey.

While you're still smiling (or groaning), consider this confounding conundrum: Gratitude has a double focus; a person can be thankful for something, and also thankful to someone.

Imagine for a moment that you're an atheist (God forbid it be a reality!). As a person joining in the holiday "thank-recital," you might be thankful for good weather, for good health, for being still alive, etc. Yet, like the thankless turkey, you're not thankful to anyone for such heaven-sent blessings. Of course you may be thankful for a gift and thankful to the giver—but only if the giver is human and not divine! That's as discombobulating as the bumper sticker that says, "Thank God I'm an atheist!"

We may not realize how "depersonalized" our gratitude can become. If questioned, we'll freely acknowledge God as the source of countless benefits and blessings, and even our very existence. Occasionally—such as Thanksgiving time—we may be "thankful for" our blessings, but far less often specifically "thankful to" our gracious and immensely beneficent Creator-God. Being "thankful to" him is not just enjoying his gifts, but acknowledging him as the Giver. By thus

"personalizing" our God-focused gratitude we can sublimate our thankfulness into a fervent "prayer of thanksgiving."

St. Bernard says that most Christians fail to realize that "any God-sent blessing left unacknowledged results in the Lord withholding many further blessings that would otherwise flood our soul." And St. Theresa says that even very pious souls offend our Divine Benefactor by sins far more often than they thank him for his benefits. Even among devout Christians who seldom sin, most ask God for favors far more often than they give thanks for favors. Heaven re-echoes with "Please, Lord" far more than "Thanks, Lord!"

As a priest I receive many Mass requests of petition, but hardly ever for a Mass of thanksgiving. ("Eucharist" means thanksgiving!).

An example of this distorted mentality is found in the biblical event of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). All ten were certainly "thankful for" their healing, but only one returned to express "thanks to" the healer. All said please, but only one said thanks. All received physical healing; only one received the spiritual gift of joy from Jesus' compliment: "Your faith has made you whole."

To grow in gratitude it helps to survey its various levels. The first level is just being aware of God's gifts; of course you can't remember them all; just don't forget them all.

The second level is thanking God for all that you have, but also for not having many things you don't have—leprosy, bankruptcy, a broken water heater, snakebite, or a cantankerous mother-in-law. The list is endless.

The third level is Paul's mandate which transmutes the bitter into bittersweet: "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:18)—not for all circumstances like crime, war, sin, etc. But thank God for his positive or permissive will in everything—including every pain, cross or trial. Embrace the grace in life's thorns, not just the roses. Life isn't always a bowl of cherries—sometimes it's the pits!

The fourth and highest level of gratitude is found in a phrase you recite in the Gloria at every Sunday Mass—most often parroted by rote: "We thank you for your glory." That's high-octane gratitude! Lower levels of thankfulness are simply gratitude for being gratified. This highest level of gratitude is totally selfless. You're simply thanking God for being God! If you utter it truly from your heart—not just from your lips by liturgical rote—it will lift your soul to the stratosphere of divine love. That's when thanksgiving segues into thanksgiving, and, as St. John proclaims (1 John 4:16), it will then spill over into your life as thanksgiving!

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9:45am-3:45pm

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After Nov. 7 or at the door: \$25

If you plan to register at the door, please call or email for lunch count. (Registration is the same price, with or without lunch).



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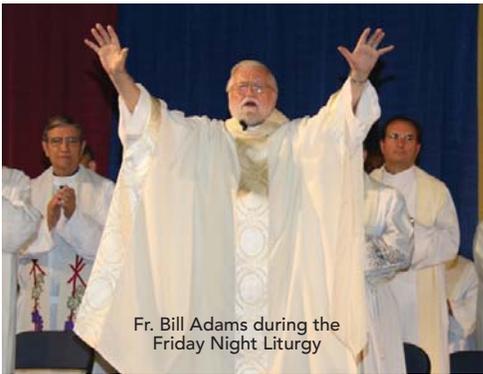
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Spiritually enriching Books, CDs/DVDs and gifts will be available for purchase throughout the day.



45th Annual

SCRC
 Catholic Renewal Convention
**"Merciful & Gracious
 is the Lord"**
September 2-4, 2016
 Anaheim Convention Center



Fr. Bill Adams during the Friday Night Liturgy

A Special Thank You!

to all the volunteers and to all those who fasted and prayed for spiritual victories and breakthroughs at the recent SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention.



Fr. Mike Barry during the Healing Service



Deacon Augie Won praying over an attendee



Fr. John Hampsch and friends



Fr. Ismael Robles during the Mega Healing Service



St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Community Canoga Park, CA

God's grace was very evident throughout the entire three days. The Holy Spirit was present in a number of astonishing signs and wonders. We humbly request that you continue to surround with your prayers and sacrifices the numerous outreaches of the SCRC ministry. God Bless You!





2016 SCRC Convention Prophecies

My people, I have called you to this Convention that you may experience My love, My mercy and My grace. I shall shower you with my anointing and I shall fan the flames in your heart for where My grace is My mercy abounds!



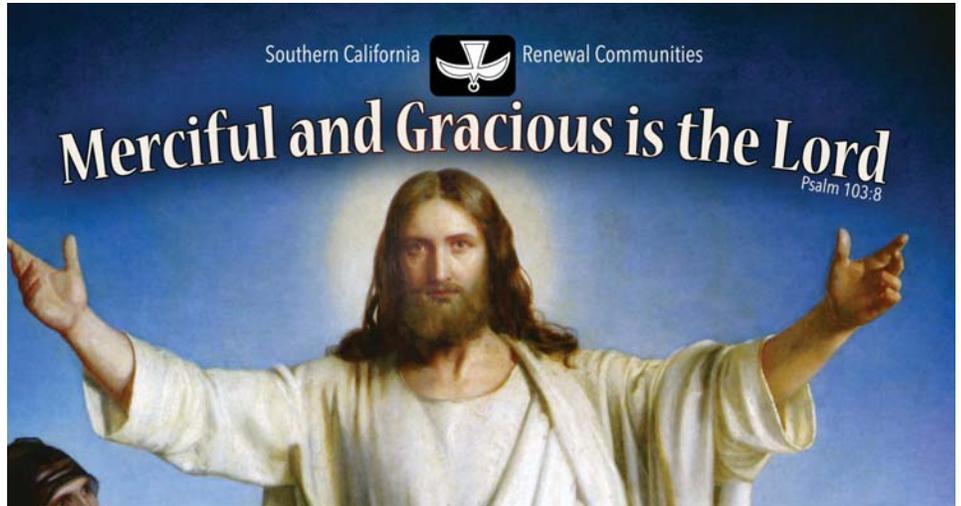
My children, I always hear the cry of your heart. Wait for Me in silence. To the listening ear, I speak. My words are life and strength, full of power and mercy to melt hearts and heal wounds. To the listening heart, I will surely come. Trust Me and be not afraid for I am with you always. I love you, My children.



My beloved ones, I am here with you. I delight in your presence. I delight in your love, in your faithfulness and commitment. I invite you My children to stay with Me. Listen to Me as I whisper to you My love and My mercy. I love you all My children. I love you. I love you.



My beloved ones, I have opened the floodgates of heaven to release to you



My love, My mercy and your healing. I have come to heal you in your body and in your mind. I have come to touch you in a special way tonight that you may know that I am your God! My love for you is from everlasting to everlasting. Receive the healing that I give you tonight.



My beloved, I open My merciful heart and hands to you. Wounded hands, scarred hands with boundless love and mercy. Feel the healing touch of My scarred hands right now flowing through you. My merciful heart will rekindle a fire in your heart. Bring to Me all your struggles, difficulties and trials. I will conquer them all with My boundless love and mercy. I will give you a new life and

you will be My disciples. Follow Me, My beloved.



My beloved ones, I am here. I delight in your presence. I love you My children. Remember, it is I who chose you to be here. Remember, I chose you to be the light for this world, to be the salt of this earth. The world, right now, is in darkness. It is chaotic. I ask you therefore My children to bring your lights together and bring My light to those who are in darkness. I ask you therefore My children to go forth and teach the people that I love them, that I have hope for them, that I have mercy for them, therefore you are My agents of love, of mercy, of hope. Go ye therefore My children. Tell them that I am alive, I love them, I have hope for them and I have mercy for them.

November, 2016

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Friday, November 4

Presentation, "Angels from Heaven" 7:00-9:00pm with Dominic Berardino at Santa Rosa Parish Hall, 668 S. Workman St., San Fernando.

Saturday, November 5

SCRC Fundraiser Banquet, "Walking in the Spirit of God" with special guest speaker sharing his testimony: Deacon Milt Rosenberg at the Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. (see page 7).

Thursday, November 17

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Robert Rueda at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, November 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, November 14

Spanish Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm

with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Friday, November 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Mary Star of the Sea, 870 W. 8th St. San Pedro. Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Monday, November 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, November 28

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. George Reynolds at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, November 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Michael Barry, SSCC at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea.

SAN DIEGO DIOCESE

Saturday, November 12

"Healing From Heaven", 9:45am-3:45pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson & Dominic Berardino at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad. \$20. Catered lunch included. See page 2 for registration information.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday, November 12

8:00am-5:00pm (with Mass at 5pm) with Fr. Lou Cerulli at St. Joseph Center, 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra. Love offering will be taken. Register (626)357-0582 or (626) 390-3572.

MONTEREY DIOCESE

Monday, November 14

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Jose (Beto) Vazquez at St. Patrick Church, 501 Fair Oaks, Arroyo Grande.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES

February 2-13, 2017

12-Day Shrines of India with Fr. Jerry Thompson with optional 5-Day. For information, call (310) 331-8123.

March 7 - 13, 2017

Shrines of Mexico with Fr. Jerry Thompson & Deacon Steve Greco For information, call (310) 331-8123.



December, 2016

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, December 3

Advent Morning & Healing Service with Fr. Pat Crowley, SSCC at St. Elizabeth Church, 1879 N. Lake Ave., Altadena. Breakfast: 8:30am, Liturgy: 12:30pm. To register, call Carolyn (626) 376-3003.

Friday, December 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel.

SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

Saturday, December 3

Palm Desert Chapter Breakfast, 9:30am-12:30pm at Indian Wells Country Club, 46000 Club Dr., Indian Wells, 92210 with guest speaker: Cheryl Ward Kaiser. \$28/person. After Nov. 24, \$35/person. For info. contact Janice Shepherd (760) 902-7395.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES

April 18-30, 2017

13-Day Way of St. James (Camino de Santiago) with Fr. Jerry Thompson. For information, call (310) 331-8123.

June 25-July 6, 2017

Holyland Pilgrimage with Father Darrin Merlino, CMF & Father Gaspar Masilamani, CMF For information, call Albert and Mary Helen Estrada (626) 285-6687.

LOOKING AHEAD!

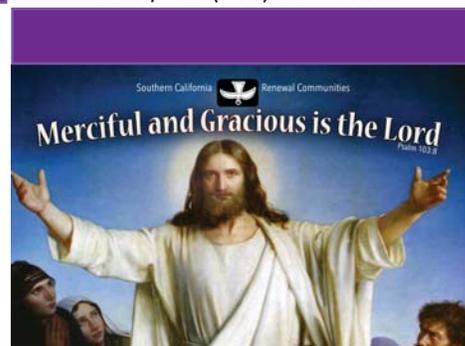
Fri.-Sun, January 6-8, 2017

SCRC Retreat, "The Spirit Lifted Me Up" with Fr. Joshua Lee & Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra. Please contact SCRC for room availability and commuter information.



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 - \$180 (per person) - Double Room - 2 beds w/ private bath
 - \$350 (per couple) - Married Couple upstairs w/ private bath
- (Price includes 3 meals on Sat. & 2 meals on Sun.)

Commuter Attendee (without room):

- \$65 - Saturday ONLY - includes lunch/dinner
 - \$55 - Sunday ONLY - includes breakfast/lunch
 - \$120 - Saturday & Sunday - Weekend Commuter incl. Sat: lunch/dinner and Sun: breakfast/lunch.
- Registered attendees may attend Friday evening Mass & Fellowship time at no additional charge



Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ



Fr. Joshua Lee

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Walking in the Spirit of God

Galatians 5:25

**Saturday,
November 5, 2016
11:00am-2:00pm**



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