

Dear Parish Family,

Most of us who have or have had children started teaching them the basics as they were in their formative years. We taught them to say “please” when they wanted something, but we also taught them to say “thank you” upon receiving a blessing.

It wasn't something they were born with, but the more we taught them not only with our words but also with our examples, they began to use these powerful words, and for that, we are thankful!

Psalm 107 verse 1 tells us: *“Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever!”*

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this coming Thursday, I pray that we will take time to express our gratitude to the Lord for all His blessings in our lives. If anything, we have learned over the past nearly two years in dealing with the pandemic is this - we can't take life for granted.

Thanksgiving is so much more than a day set aside once a year to eat all the food we can eat, followed by a marathon of football games or Hallmark Christmas movies!

We need to express thanks for the relationship we have with Christ, as well as our families and friends. Even going to church is something we can't take for granted anymore!

One of the best ways to begin our National Day of Thanksgiving is to gather at our Parish Family table and celebrate the gift of God's love for us - The Eucharist, which is from the Greek word eucharistia meaning “thanksgiving.” I invite you to join me, if you can, on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 for our Parish Family Thanksgiving Day Liturgy.

Stay well. Stay Safe. See the good in everyday and I wish you and your families a Most Blessed, Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

In His Love,

*Father John*

