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Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Dear CCSV Parishioners, Benefactors, and Friends:

The month of November is filled with many mixed emotions: joy and hope, fear and regret, excitement and discouragement. We end the month on a high note, celebrating Thanksgiving with family gatherings but with great caution because of Covid 19. Still we are grateful and grace filled.

Honoring the Saints and Souls of God

On the first day of the month we honor the saints of God for their faith and courage. Then the next day we pray for all the souls of God (our friends and loved ones) for their eternal life and peace.

We ask the saints for their intercessions and pray to God for mercy upon the souls in purgatory.

Many of us took time this first week of November visiting the cemetery to give respect and recognition to those who have died. Nostalgia, sadness, or regret may be some of the emotions that go through our mind as we stand next to the burial ground of our loved ones. May you find comfort and peace.

Peace and Progress for Our Nation

With the Presidential and general election this year, this first week is vitally important for us as a nation as we react to the results of the general and presidential election on November 3rd.

Many will be excited with the outcome, but others will be disappointed and discouraged. Regardless of our party affiliation and the results of the election, the voice of the people has spoken, and each of us has fulfilled our civic duty as citizen by casting our votes.

I pray that our nation will be united and that great divide in politics, ideologies, and racial relations will find a common ground for dialogue and decency, respect and reconciliation.

Gratitude to God’s Gift of Life and Relationship

This year will be very different in the way we gather as family and invited guests to share a thanksgiving meal. Some families may cancel their usual gathering for Thanksgiving dinner; others may continue with fewer guests and family members coming together.

A thankful heart brings joy to the soul and helps us to appreciate the kindness of others. There is hope in and for humanity when

gratitude is expressed with love and compassion for one another.

St. John Paul II reminds us the importance of Thanksgiving. “Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence.” –St. John Paul II

Gratitude, enthusiasm, and confidence are what we need in our nation and with our world during this challenging times.

Rise in COVID-19 Infection Rates

I pray that you and your loved ones are doing well emotionally and physically during these challenging days with the Covid-19 pandemic. Many countries in Europe are shutting down again for the entire month of November and could well do the same for Christmas.

The same is true with our country. We pray that all of us, especially on our seniors and those who are immune compromised, will well during the flu season and the increase in COVID-19 cases.

Parish Update on Mass Attendance and Finance

Our mass attendance is increasing slightly, with weekday masses ranging from 15-20 parishioners and attendance of 25-35 parishioners for the three Sunday masses (8AM, 10AM, and 12PM) that we celebrate.

I want to report to you the status of our finances based on our report from July to September 2020. Looking at our regular Sunday offering and comparing to last year, we are down by almost seventeen percent (\$11K - unrestricted), but we are up with our Sunday building fund of twenty percent (\$13K—restricted).

Our expenses are also less compared to last year, by almost twenty eight percent (\$35K). I am truly grateful for all your generosity and support of our church through Mass attendance, and on-line giving with Zelle or credit card.

Finally, I encourage you to say a quick prayer or one “Hail Mary” for young people, especially millennial generation who are experiencing deep psychological/relational crises and financial challenges.

May the Holy Family of God (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) guide you in all your endeavors. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I pray for you and your family during the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

**“CRYING OUT NOT COVERING UP”
May all of our journey in life lead us back to God.**

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