

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

First, in the name of all the staff who serve you here at Holy Family I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day. This is one of two national holidays, Memorial Day being the other, on which we are called to stop and praise our God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us and to petition for his continued presence in our lives, families and nation.

Thanksgiving Day actually began in the 1600's. It was a difficult period of time and yet they turned to the Lord to give thanks and to petition for the continued care, guidance and protection granted by the hand of God.

This day of prayer is as important today as it was to past generations. As Catholics we believe that the turkey and other table items, the football games and other celebratory events are only important if we first gather together, recognize that all good things come from the hand of God and to thank him for these.

I have attached a Litany of Thanksgiving that can be printed. I offer this as an instrument for your prayer before your dive into the bird on the table.

Join us for mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9am. What better way to begin the day than to celebrate Eucharist- the Church's great thanksgiving. Bring your family and neighbors.

The Parish offices will be closed on Friday.

God bless you and your family. I look forward to gathering with you on Thursday then again this weekend as we enter into the Season of Advent.

Fr. Tim