



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Everyone is invited to **celebrate Thanksgiving Day as a community at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on November 25.** In order to show gratitude to God for all the good that is bestowed on our St. Elizabeth Parish family, we are asking everyone to bring both canned goods and boxed food stuffs for our Food Pantry. These will be brought to the altar in the Offertory Procession. Parishioners are invited to bring the bread and wine that will be used at their Thanksgiving meal to be blessed after Communion. *All proceeds from the Thanksgiving collection go to Outreach!*

Thanksgiving Prayers

May we suggest one of these prayers for your family Thanksgiving...

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Dear Lord, today we give thanks for our many blessings as we pray for those in need. We give thanks for our family and friends as we pray for those who are lonely. We give thanks for our freedoms as we pray for those who are oppressed. We give thanks for our good health as we pray for those who are ill. We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity as we share our blessings with others. On this day of Thanksgiving, may the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell within us and the joy of God uplift us. **Amen.**

O Gracious God, this Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who, like a loving parent, denies us no good thing. **Amen.**