

From the Pastor's Desk:

The recent Thanksgiving holiday is a cause to reflect on what we are thankful for. In our society's trend of secularization we can be led to overlook the reality of a good and loving God who provides for us many things that we don't realize. There are many good things we have or that have happened that we can attribute to "luck, or "fate," or "coincidence" - but there is a greater force at work. As Abraham Lincoln stated in the proclamation that established the Thanksgiving Holiday: "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God ... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Our Father in heaven is the reason for the Thanksgiving Holiday - let's not forget that.

I am thankful for the wonderful presence of the Spirit in the group that has been meeting for Bible study on Tuesdays - open door policy if you want to come. I also am thankful for those who have continued to come forward and are interested in the ministries I wrote about last time that we are working to put in place. I am thankful to God for Fr. Ramos, our Deacons and staff members who have been so supportive, and for all those of you who put in your time and energy for the good of the parish. Seeing our students, teachers and parents at the Thanksgiving lunch and at the dance last Friday made me thankful the the Lord has given us our school as a ministry to carry on. I am thankful most of all for all those things that God has done that sustain me each day - many blessings to be grateful for on Thanksgiving.

God has blessed us at Annunciation with many individuals with many talents, and with many blessings yet to realize. As we continue to grow together watch for information on participation in activities and ministries as they are becoming available - and don't forget to give "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

God's peace be with you.

Fr. Steve