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Empowered by God's Grace and Love



The Thanksgiving holiday is an excellent time to rediscover the psalms of praise and thanksgiving. When you find a quiet moment, sit and relax with your bible. Think of a time when awe and gratitude overwhelmed you.

Maybe it was a sunrise, or children playing in a park, a walk in the woods, an inspirational hymn at Mass, or a family gathering. Remember how you appreciated that special moment. Then, open your bible to one of the psalms of thanksgiving and recite it to yourself, like *Psalm 118* for instance:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Listen to the words. Close your eyes. Let the psalm speak to you.

Other psalms of praise and thanksgiving you might consider include psalms 95, 98, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 117, 145, and 147. Following is *Psalm 92*:

A Hymn of Thanksgiving for God's Fidelity

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,

To proclaim your love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the night,

With the ten-stringed, harp, with melody up the lyre.

For you make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds;
at the works of your hands I shout for joy.

Whatever psalm you choose for that quiet moment, thank God for that special time of awe as well as all the good things in your life, and praise God for his glorious deeds.

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Special thanks to Doug D'Agrosa for his financial updates this weekend! Doug, Laura, and their three children, Danny, David, and Katie, have been faithful Parishioners and stewards for 25 years now. It is gratifying to have them, and so many of YOU, at our Parish. God has richly blessed STM with extraordinary people working together to make this Parish the amazing team we are. Onward and upward as we continue on our faith journey!

Our mission statement at St. Thomas More Catholic Church is: "To worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed."