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MYOCN PEW PALS



9th Sunday of Luke

As we prepare for Thanksgiving this week, the Church reminds us that giving thanks is not just something we do once a year—it's how Christians live every day.

In the Bible we hear:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His mercy endures forever." – Psalm 136:1
Everything we have—our families, our friends, our church, our homes, our food—comes from God. Thanksgiving is a beautiful time to slow down and remember God's blessings, especially the greatest gift of all: His Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us more than anyone else ever could.

Jesus teaches us to:

- Be thankful for the little things and the big things
- Remember God when things are going well
- Trust God and give thanks even when life is hard



This week is a special chance to practice grateful hearts and loving actions. Jesus loves thankful hearts because they help us see the world the way He sees it—with joy and love.

Family Homework

- **Thankful Jar:** Each family member writes one thing they are thankful for every day and puts it in a jar. At Thanksgiving dinner, read them together.
- **Gratitude Walk:** Take a family walk and try to name 10 things in nature that remind you of God's love.

Memory Verse

**"In everything
give thanks." —
1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Craft – Thankful Cross Collage

Materials:

- Cardstock or construction paper
- Pre-cut cross shapes
- Colored paper scraps
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons



Instructions:

1. Give each child a cross shape cut from sturdy paper.
2. Provide a pile of colorful paper strips or squares.
3. On each strip, kids write something they are thankful to God for—family, church, pets, nature, Jesus, food, friends, etc.
4. Glue the strips onto the cross to create a colorful “thankfulness collage.”
5. Add the verse at the bottom:
6. “In everything give thanks.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

This visual reminder shows that our thankfulness fills our life with color and joy.



Table Discussion

“What is one blessing God has given you this year that you are especially thankful for? How can we show our gratitude to God as a family?”

Saint Spotlight

SAINT KATHERINE

Saint Katherine lived in Alexandria, Egypt, around the early 300s A.D.

Her father was the governor of Alexandria. From a young age, she was very smart. She decided she would only marry someone who was wiser and better than she was –but then she heard of Jesus Christ and realized He was the only One who could truly match those qualities. She chose to give her life to Him instead.

St. Katherine told the emperor and his philosophers about Jesus. She used her mind and her faith to show everyone the truth. Because she refused to worship idols, she was put into prison and faced many hardships. According to tradition, she was sentenced to a terrible instrument of torture called a spiked wheel but the wheel broke when she touched it! Eventually, she was martyred for her faith, and after her death many began to honor her as a martyr and a model of wisdom and courage.

Commemorated on November 25