

Father Fialkowski's Thanksgiving Message To OLW Parishioners

Thanksgiving is a very special time for us Americans. It is the one day specifically set aside for us to give thanks for all that we have, for all that has been given to us.

And while Thanksgiving is a unique American Holiday, the expression of thanks is not uniquely American.

Saint John Paul II, one of our most recent Popes, once said:

“Remember the past with gratitude; live the present with enthusiasm; and look forward to the future with confidence.

As Americans, we must do that, and as Catholics, we should remember those words of Saint John Paul II. We must especially remember the past with gratitude at this special time in our nation.

We must be grateful for our past; excited and engaged in the present; and hopeful for tomorrow.

This is a time for us to be grateful to God for all that He has given to us, and it is a time for us to share what we can with those who are in need.

And it is a time for us to share in our faith community. As we share so many things at this time of year, we must remember to share our great faith as well.

With that, I'd like to invite all in our community, whether you are a parishoner at Our Lady of the Wayside or not, whether you are even Catholic or not, I would like to invite you all to our Thanksgiving Mass this year.

I express my thanks to all of you. I hope you will express your thanks to your neighbors and all the wonderful people of Our Lady of the Wayside and I pray that you may share your gratitude and blessings with all you meet this year.

God bless.