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Fr. Danny Murphy – Thanksgiving Day – 2018

We'll start with two stories: the first story is how NOT to spend Thanksgiving Day or any

other day. It's the story brought her grandson to yellow sunhat, a sand pail



of a fallen-away Catholic, a woman who the beach. She bought him a cute little and shovel and lots of ice cream. And

while the little boy was playing in the sand, the woman fell asleep in her beach chair. The little boy started walking to the water and soon he was pulled into the ocean by an undertow and started to scream in fright. The woman woke up, turned her eyes to the sky and said, "Please God save my grandson, if you do I promise I'll go back to Mass every Sunday, I'll keep all the commandments, I'll do anything you want me to do, anything! Please, save my grandson." Sure enough, the little boy was washed up safely on the shore. The woman ran to him and when she saw that he was breathing, she looked up to the sky and said: "Where's his hat? He had a yellow hat! Where is it?" Is that story my story, is that story your story? That no matter what God gives you, no matter how much God gives you, I'm not quite satisfied. The second story is how to spend Thanksgiving Day and every day. It comes to us from Dorothy Day who said, "When I meet God in heaven, all I am going to say to God is thank you, thank you." Let's not wait to get to heaven to say thank you to God. Let's say thank you to God today and every day. Could we pause for a moment now, please so that all of us could think of some things for which we can be grateful today and then, thank God for those things. (PAUSE). "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank you Lord, thank you Lord for all your love. We really want to thank you Lord, Amen."