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Fr. Danny Murphy – Thanksgiving Day – 2019

So, today's the day when we say, "Happy thanksgiving," to each other. At its core, what makes Thanksgiving happy is gratitude. Abraham Lincoln established the fourth Thursday in November to be a national holiday so that we Americans could give thanks to God; to thank God for of God's gifts, to thank God for all of God's goodness. So, let's reflect a little bit this morning on gratitude. We'll start with some quotes; a few of these you may have heard before, a few of these you may not have heard before. "Gratitude helps us to see what IS there, instead of what ISN'T." "If I'm not grateful for what I have, it's unlike that I'll be grateful for what I'll get." "Happiness is not what makes people grateful, gratefulness is what makes people happy." Dorothy Day tells us, "When I meet God, all I'm going to say is 'thank you.'" St. Paul tells us, "In all things, give thanks." See if you agree with this, "It has been said, that gratitude is the basis of all holiness." See if you agree with THIS, "It has been said that the holiest person

you know, is the most grateful person you know.” So, Thanksgiving Day – the day when we give thanks. But really, everyday could be thanksgiving day. We can give thanks every day. “All good things around us are sent from heaven above, so thank you, Lord for all your goodness, we really want to thank you, Lord.”