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Fr. Danny Murphy – Thanksgiving Day – 2016

Thanksgiving Day; a day for family and friends, a day for fun, a day for football and food; all good! But what makes for a happy thanksgiving is GRATITUDE. Abraham Lincoln established the fourth Thursday in November as a national holiday so that we Americans could give thanks to God. To thank God for God's goodness; to thank God for God's gifts.

"All good things around us are sent from heaven above, so thank you Lord, thank you Lord, for all your love. I really wanna thank you, Lord." That's a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Story: Have I ever told you the story of the ten toes? A man tells that when he was about twelve or thirteen years old, his cousin who was the same age as he, and who lived on the same block as he, had to have one of her toes amputated. It caused her excruciating pain. After months and months and months of grueling physical therapy, she

had to learn how to walk without tilting her body. She was acutely embarrassed. She could never dance, she could never run and she could never play sports ever again. Well it was at this point that this man realized that he should be grateful for all that God had given him. That he should no longer take anything for granted. And from that point on, whenever life sent him a setback, he remembered that he still had his ten toes and he thanked God. So, for you and I, for all of us, we should try to cultivate a grateful heart, not just for thanksgiving day but every day to have a grateful heart. All you have to do is count your toes!