

“A Month for Thanksgiving”

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Happy November to my Brother Knights and families! The end of the year is quickly approaching, and November is the time we remember to give thanks.

With the Coronavirus, you might be asking yourself, “Thanks for what?” Maybe the answer is: for life; for your life; for your families life; for the efforts of the Knights to promote ‘life’ by installing ultra-sound machines in certified clinics; for the women who have used the ultra-sound machine and decided to keep their babies; for the men and women who were and still are on the ‘front line’ fighting the Coronavirus and giving care to those who contracted the virus and needed to be hospitalized; for the medical and scientific community that gave us guidelines to follow in order to stay as healthy as possible during this pandemic; for the people who have remained vigilant and are still following those recommended guidelines by social distancing and wearing face masks; for our Diocese by its issuing its own guidelines (in keeping with CDC guidelines) for Mass attendance; for the Priests that carry out those guidelines as directed; for our military that fight for our freedoms in wartime; for our country; for our Catholic faith; for the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she would give birth to a Son; and for Mary in accepting the Good News from Gabriel.

Let us give thanks to Mary. She gave the re-birth of light, so that this Light could take away the darkness of sin and be our Salvation! Let us thank God because of His Grace and Power, that He preserved Mary from original sin so that she could give birth to a son, our Lord and Redeemer!

We give thanks for our military personnel, living and deceased. We are thankful for their commitment to our country and for protecting our freedoms and liberties in time of peace and war. May God always bless them.

And finally, though our Thanksgiving Day this year may have a few less people gathered together because of Covid-19, let us give thanks to God for hearing our prayers and answering them. I am thankful each day to our Lord Jesus for our miracle, Elizabeth, as He saved this special granddaughter’s life by blessing her with a very skilled pediatric thoracic cardio surgeon that, with God guiding his hands, performed a life saving operation on her little 5 day old heart on October 10, 2018. Thank you, Jesus! She is as normal as any other two old! Of course, God does not always answer our prayers as we would anticipate. However, He has His Plan. But we still need to give thanks to God. For everything!

God is Good....All the Time!

