

Devotion, Week of November 02, 2025
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Thanksgiving – a time of feasting and feeling so full afterwards all we want to do is nap. It's the tryptophan in the turkey and nuts and pumpkin that helps make us get drowsy. It's also a time of family. If you don't have family coming to you, or you're not going to family, FIND some family so you can have some turkey and take a nap.

Our days are now shorter, it's daylight when we wake up but dark at dinner time, and the leaves at the moment are at a peak. The red sumac and maples in the mountains are outstanding this year, as well as the orange and yellow trees. I drove back from the lake in a riot of color and could hardly keep my eyes on the road for the richness of it all. I just had to keep thanking God for sending us this beauty. I wonder sometimes how and why God planned out the changing of leaf color. I think he just didn't want to look at a world of just brown.

We traditionally count our blessings at Thanksgiving – the blessings of each season, of family and friends, of seeing former members at our homecoming celebration, and for life. This year we also remember the saints that went before us – Ruth Gettys, Jim Simpson, and Pam Langley. While we continue to mourn, we are thankful that they are now with God in heaven and greeting Jesus and the beloved saints who went before them to lead the way.

So as you gather and eat some good food, I hope you remember your blessings, and the grace that God continues to bestow on us all, even when we don't deserve it. And once you do that, get ready for Advent, because it starts November 30!

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