27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
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Thanksgiving is fast approaching. As Catholics, the word Eucharist is the Greek word for thanksgiving. Therefore our most consequential attitude is to give thanks for all that we have and all that we are.

The theme of the vineyard is the thread through our Scripture readings this weekend. From our first reading:

'Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard.' (Is.5:1)

The vineyard is the Kingdom, the concrete reality of God's presence, God's love for us all. In our lives, we are invited to participate in the building of this Kingdom and we give thanks for it.

From our second reading, Paul, ever the advice giver, provides instruction regarding prayer:

'Brothers and sisters: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.' (Phil.4:6)

In our Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that a faithful and faith-filled relationship with God, our vocation, will produce "good fruits", fruits of the Kingdom; fruits of compassion, justice, reconciliation and love. Each of us, with our unique gifts and person build the vineyard. We give thanks for this vocation.

St. Peter Julian Eymard (Feb. 4, 1811 – Aug. 1, 1868), a French Catholic priest who is revered for his contributions to the Catholic Doctrine of Eucharistic Adoration, said:

"The Eucharist! That is your centre, your life, your death.
It is God with us In person."

In Thanksgiving for all!

Blessings of peace and reconciliation!

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