



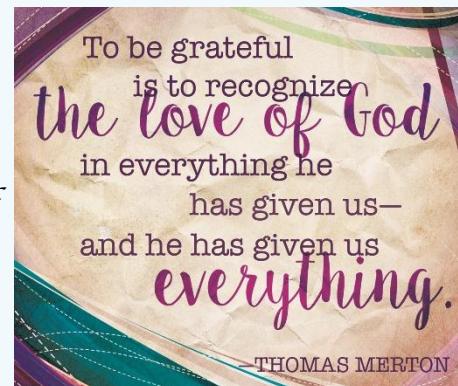
From the Desk of Father Peter

The Heart of Gratitude

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the boy's hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going for the boy. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who had changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

You see, both signs simply said the boy was blind. The first sign said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Moral of the story is: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When a situation in life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1,000 more reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. These are among



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the many human reasons why we come to God in Church. In Church, the faithful find a spiritual home filled with love, encouragement, and support. The Church is where we are called to experience the strong sacramental life that empowers us to go forth as witnesses of the Gospel.

By the virtue of our Baptism, each one is called to be a vibrant and active member of Christ's Body, the Church. No one is exempt. Everyone has something to give; no gift or talent is too small or insignificant. Let us pray that the worship and ministries of our faith community may always give glory to God and genuinely bring Christ's light and love to others in hope, spirituality, education, integrity, and love. Even more important is to know that you are the reason behind the growth and then you can enjoy your day with a heart of gratitude.



*Peace and Love to all,
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*