



25 September 2018, 6.30 a.m. | (Tuesday, 25th Week, Year II)
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 | Psalm 119 | Luke 8:19-21
Thanksgiving Eucharist – Fr Cleophas' 71st birthday

JESUS' FAMILY

This Mass is a thanksgiving Mass. Let us together thank the Lord for all his blessings in our lives.

Thank you to the concelebrants, and thank you to all of you for coming together to celebrate this Eucharist of thanksgiving. I join you in thanking God for all the blessings that we receive in life.

In today's gospel, Jesus encounters his own blood relatives, his family members who come seeking for him, to get close to him, to have a word with him. And Jesus uses this occasion to tell the people that they need not be blood relatives, but by hearing the word of God and putting it into practice, we become the family members of Jesus. Family members must be in some way similar, and when we hear the word of God, we become similar to the family members of Jesus – we become family with Jesus.

Each one of us can lay claim, not just to be connected with Jesus, but to even grow in the intimacy of family members. Let us, everyday, read the word of God, listen to it and make an effort to put it into practice. Amen.

As we pray the Lord's Prayer, let us listen to the word of God and put it into practice. As members of Jesus' family, we join with him in thanking the Father. Our Father...



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