
Two Ways To Give Thanks.

At Thanksgiving you naturally think of the Puritan. Of course, you think of roast turkey, too.

Back in 1621, when the harvest was good, Governor Bradford told his Plymouth colonists to thank God and a special day was set aside.

Four men were despatched for game. That's where the turkey came in. But there was a second reason for turkey.

In the "olde countrie" Catholics made much of Christmas-- boar's head, plum-pudding, mince pie. None of that, then, in Flymouth.

Puritanic hate preferred New England turkey, Indian pudding, pumpkin pie. And so Thanksgiving would smother Christmas.

On the day of Christ's birth, the Puritans chopped down trees. They chopped Christ from Thanksgiving.

"I GIVE THEE THANKS"

Catholics have never done that. Since the Last Supper they have been following Christ. They remember how He gave thanks.

When Christ took bread at the Holy Table, "He gave thanks and broke and gave to His disciples, saying: This is My Body."

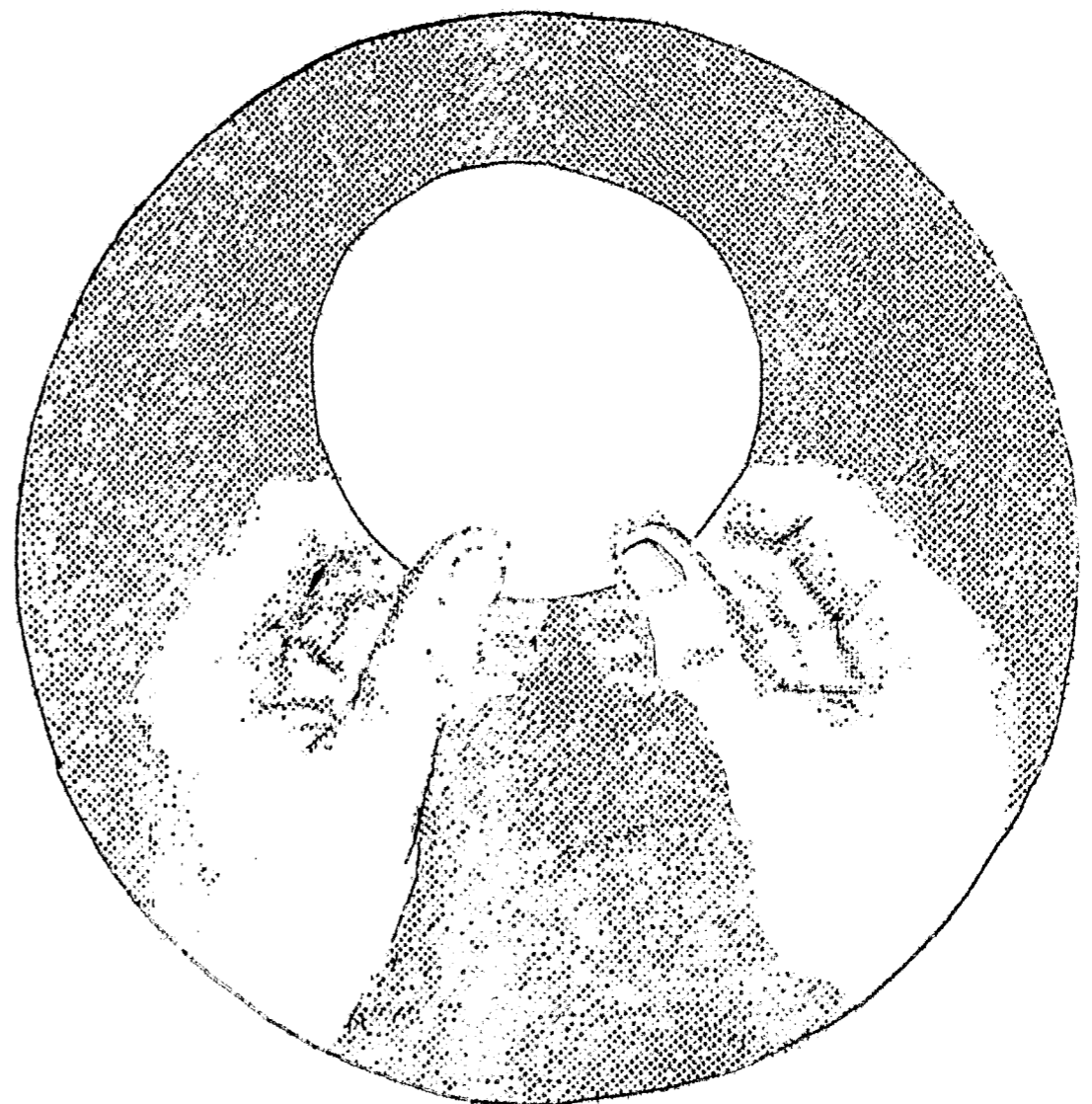
The Christian way to give thanks is Christ's way. "Without Me you can do nothing . . . Do this in commemoration of Me. . . . Giving thanks, break bread and say: This is My Body."

That is the Mass. And "Eucharist" means Thanksgiving.

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Thanksgiving Mass tomorrow in Sacred Heart Church at 8:30.

Be there to thank God. Turkey at twelve.



"TIBI GRATIAS AGENS."