Dear Friends,

Next Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This is always a happy time of the year. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 am. Fr. Joe Mitchell will again be celebrating for our community. I will be down in Vancouver with my family and will celebrate Mass at his parish down there.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Maybe it is because I need it so much. I can easily focus on the things that go wrong rather than being grateful for my blessings. And when things are going well, I can start to take it for granted; even imagine that I have a right to the blessings I have received.

A 4-year-old boy was asked to return thanks before thanksgiving dinner. His family bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

Sometimes people have enormous gifts, but are unhappy because they do not have grateful hearts. This was the story of Howard Hughes. Practically the richest man in the world, you would think he had every reason to be happy. But he seemed to look at life not as a gift, but as something he could control. His fear of other people – and his morbid fear of germs – caused him to completely isolate himself. He died alone and miserable. Let’s not allow ourselves to be miserable. Life is a great gift, and is filled with so many beautiful people and things.

Whatever our situation, whatever our trials, we want to recognize our lives not as our right, but as a gift. On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge that our gifts do not belong to us, but are meant to be shared. Perhaps we do not have that much, but what we have, we want to share.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Father Raymond Cleaveland

Christ the King Parish would like to wish our parishioners a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.

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**GRATEFUL GIVING 2014 – UPDATE**

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Campaign for 2014: *Sharing our Blessings Together*

Last weekend we received 171 pledge cards totaling $249,274 in annual giving.

Our current budgeted amount for 2014 is $563,000.

If you haven’t filled out a stewardship card, please do so. You can place it in the Sunday collection basket, drop it by the office or mail it in. Please fill out a card even if you intend to give online. To sign up for online giving, please go to our parish website, [www.ckseattle.org](http://www.ckseattle.org), and follow the link to online giving. It is safe, convenient and easy. Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ the King!
Altar Server Schedule

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**Women’s Book Club and Faith Sharing Group!**

Have you read a good book lately?

We meet every other Monday in the DeLong Library – Our next meeting is Dec. 2nd at 7PM in the parish office. We are finishing the book, “7 Secrets of the Eucharist” but our next book will be “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis. This is a great time to join us! For more details, or to get a copy of the book, please contact Marti Lundberg, 206-859-5105.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):**

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us for our preparation courses on Wednesdays, 7-9pm, at the parish office. Contact Lauren White with questions and to learn more about the full program.

**Save the date – Parish Advent Mission December 9 – 11**

With Father Emmerich Vogt, O.P.

Father Vogt will be preaching at all Masses December 7th and 8th and then presenting our mission talks Monday – Wednesday at 9am and 7pm. Details to follow!

**St. Luke Parish in Shoreline invites you to The Advent Story**

- Live outdoor nativity scenes
- Cocoa, cider and lattes.
- Caroling around a bonfire

Walk with your family through live scenes that tell the story of Advent, join us for caroling and make an Advent Wreath for your family. Suggested donation $15.

**Sunday, December 1st, 5 – 8 pm**

**CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS**

**Fall Conferences – No School**

Nov. 25th-27th

Class will not be in session on November 25-27th for Fall Conferences. Please keep the CKS teachers and families in your prayers as they reflect upon the education and learning process of our students. Please also remember that CKS will be closed in celebration of Thanksgiving on November 28th and 29th.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

The CKS students, faculty and staff would like to wish everyone at Christ the King a Happy Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on Dec. 2nd.

**Advent Concert**

The CKS students, faculty and staff would like to extend an invitation to all Parishioners to our Advent Concert on December 5th at 7pm at Christ the King Church. It promises to be a beautiful event.