



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

The Second Sunday of Lent

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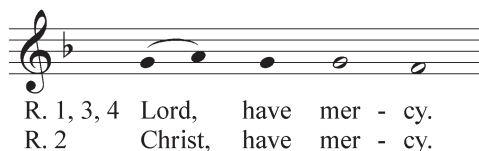


GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

chant, Vatican XVII

Priest Have mercy on us, O Lord.
ALL **For we have sinned against you.**
Priest Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
ALL **And grant us your salvation.**



DISMISSAL TO THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Noon)

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 33
Proulx

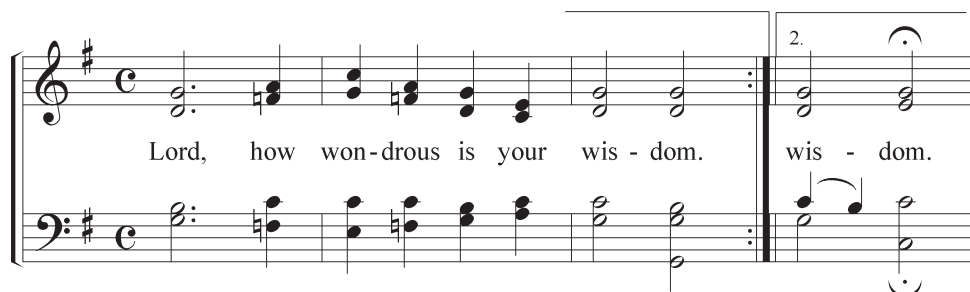


SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

TRACT

Stratman



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

HOMILY

Father David A. Brant (Saturday 5:30pm)
Father Ryan Rallanka, SJ (Sunday morning)
Father Bill Heric (Sunday evening)

DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT, CATECHUMENS, AND CANDIDATES (10:00)

Stratman

Choir "I give them life long and full,
ALL and I show them my power to save," says the Lord.

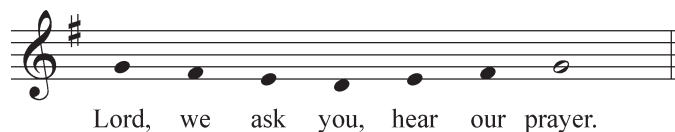
PROFESSION OF FAITH *This Lent, we pray the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Litany of Saints



Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

Christus Jesus splendor Patris

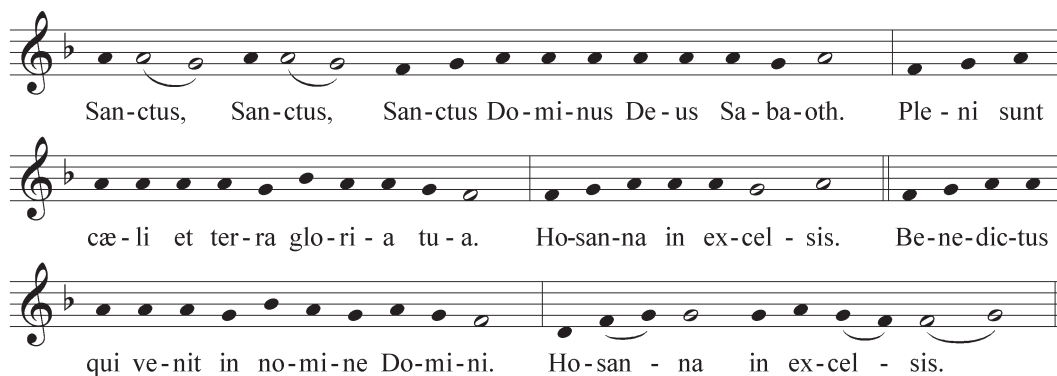
Jesus Christ, radiance of the Father, and the exact representation of his person,
upholding all things by the Word of his power, as he was purging our sins,
was pleased to manifest his glory upon a high mountain.

Marenzio

SANCTUS

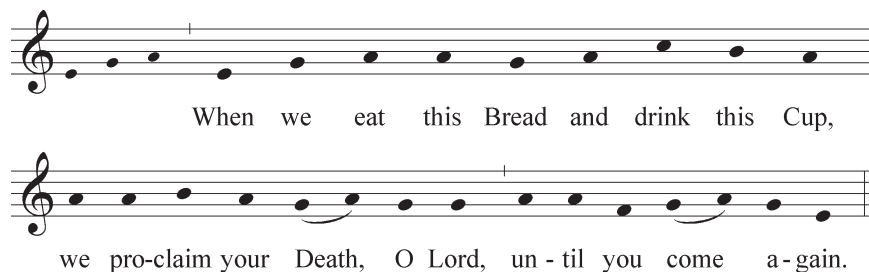
Missa Deus genitor alme

Vatican XVIII



MYSTERY OF FAITH

Roman Missal



AMEN

Christus vincit



The Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII



COMMUNION

Visionem quam vidistis

Mode I

Tell no one about the vision you have seen
until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

(10:00am)

O nata lux

Tallis

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Upon returning to your place after Holy Communion, please kneel or be seated.

Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the presider's chair.

HYMN OF PRAISE

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

SWABIA



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

IN RESIDENCE Reverend David A. Brant

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CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm
Weekdays 8:15 & 5:30 pm
Saturdays 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm

LITURGY of the HOURS Weekdays at 12:10 pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00 pm.

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Julianna Castro for information, 206-619-0816.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated four times yearly in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Margaret Lynch, 206-382-4288 or mlynch@stjames-cathedral.org.

ANointing of the SICK A communal celebration is held twice yearly. In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death. Call the parish office for information.

FUNERALS for parishioners, contact Suzanne Lee, 206-654-4640.

CONTEMPLATIVE ECUMENICAL PRAYER, First Fridays, 6:30 pm

TOURS of the CATHEDRAL Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Groups of 4 or more may arrange a tour by calling Corinna Laughlin, 206-264-2086.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays, after Masses on weekends. Call 206-382-4500 for information

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

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Website: www.stjames-cathedral.org

WELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our **Sunday Help Desk** at Coffee Hour. A Cathedral staff person will be on hand to assist you. Be sure to stop by the **Cathedral Bookstore** after Mass for a wide selection of Cathedral souvenirs as well as Catholic books and gifts.*

FOR YOUR SAFETY At each of the weekend Masses a Seattle police officer or uniformed security guard is present on the Cathedral campus.

The Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

ON THE COVER Icon of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Joan Brand-Landkamer, Cathedral iconographer.

RESPONDING TO THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS

In response to the outbreak of Coronavirus in King County, Archbishop Etienne has asked all Catholics in the Archdiocese to observe the following:

- If you are sick or feel you are getting sick, stay at home and do NOT attend Mass. Missing Mass due to illness is not sinful; it is prudent and shows care for your brothers and sisters.
- During Mass, at the Sign of Peace, simply say, "Peace be with you," instead of offering your hand.
- During Communion, the Eucharist will only be offered in the hand, not on the tongue. Additionally, we will refrain from offering the Precious Blood from the chalice at this time.
- You will notice that we have drained the holy water in the church, until further notice. Please simply bless yourself with the sign of the cross as you enter and exit the church.

JOURNEY OF THE ELECT Lent is a time of intensive prayer and preparation for our Elect. This final period of purification and enlightenment, which, since the beginnings of the Church, is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the Elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is also intended to enlighten their minds and hearts with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior. Please pray for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil: Alex Bratt ▪ Lisa Finch ▪ Christine Flogel ▪ Brian Igleheart ▪ Marcos Olazabal ▪ Linda Ta ▪ Obed Torres ▪ Allie Vincent ▪ And for our youth elect: Samuel Sproule ▪ Brielle Oh ▪ Joella Oh. Visit the Cathedral website to watch a short video introducing our Elect to you. Please pray for our Elect each day during this season of Lent. As Easter draws near, you will be invited to write a note telling our Elect of your prayerful support.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *Throughout the year, because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each of the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Seattle on a Sunday near their feast day. This week we pray for the parishes of St. Joseph in Seattle, Tacoma, and Lynden and St. Joseph Mission in Kalama.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

- **TONIGHT! Sunday, March 8:** Youth Night with Luke Henkel on how we can care for creation, 6:30pm, Pastoral Outreach Center
- **Saturday March 14:** Hope Festival, Bellevue (details TBA!)
- **Sunday, March 22:** Youth Night: Exploded Prayer! 6:30pm, Pastoral Outreach Center
- **Saturday, March 28:** Youth Ministry activity (details TBA!)
- **Sunday, April 5:** Youth Night, 6:30pm, Pastoral Outreach Center

THE WAY OF THE CROSS is a wonderful Lenten tradition in the Church. There are three opportunities to pray the Stations each week: on Mondays following 12:10pm Midday Prayer, Wednesdays following the 5:30pm Mass, and Fridays following the 8:15am Mass (except March 6). The Cathedral Stations of the Cross are the work of Joan Brand-Landkamer, inspired by 20th-century French artist Georges Rouault.

MATT TALBOT CENTER ST. PATRICK'S DINNER St. James Cathedral is pleased to host this annual dinner, which will be held on Sunday, March 15 in the Cathedral Hall. It will feature Irish cultural performances, former Prime Minister of Ireland Enda Kenny, current Mayor of Galway Mike Cubbard, a program member featured speaker, good food, and good company! Online registration is open at <https://www.mtcenter.org/event-info/st-patricks-dinner-1>. Doors open at 5:45pm; program begins at 6:30pm; dinner is from 7pm-9pm. Established in 1985, the Matt Talbot Center is a recovery program and treatment center for the addicted, the homeless and mentally ill. *Information*, Zelda Buck, zeldab@ccsww.org or 206-707-6228.

REMEMBERING ST. OSCAR ROMERO This year marks the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero, the heroic Archbishop of El Salvador who was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018. All are invited to honor him at a special Archdiocesan celebration on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00am. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to attend a short presentation on the life and witness of the new saint. Saint Oscar Romero, pray for us!

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS Join us on Wednesday, March 25, for the Way of the Cross in support of refugees and immigrants, at St. James Cathedral following 5:30pm Mass. *Information*, Caroline Okello at cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

SUPPORT A REFUGEE OR IMMIGRANT We are urgently seeking volunteers to tutor citizenship and/or English. No prior tutoring or teaching experience necessary. Candidates will be required to attend a Community Volunteer Training scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020. *Information*, Caroline Okello, cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

REMEMBER ASYLUM SEEKER, JOSE ALBERTO ROBLES-MARTÍNEZ? Jose was in sanctuary a while ago. Unfortunately, his bond was recently denied and he was detained awaiting adjudication of his U-Visa. Hopes have been high that Jose might return to family, work, and community. You can continue to show support for Jose by sending him a note in mail and address it to: Jose Alberto Robles- Martínez – 6160 Northwest Detention Center, 1623 E J Street, Suite 2, Tacoma, WA 98421 – 1615. *Information*, Caroline Okello at cokello@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4511.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP From *The New York Times*. In the past month, there has been a remarkable drop in CO2 emissions, the main driver of global warming. The coronavirus outbreak in China, which has sickened at least 80,000 people, has shut down factories, refineries and flights. China's carbon dioxide emissions over the past 3 weeks have been about 25% lower than the same period last year, according to Lauri Myllyvirta, an analyst at the Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air. The numbers offer a sobering reminder of how deeply the modern economy still depends on fossil fuels. Whenever industrial activity declines, climate pollution tends to plummet, too.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASKS you to please take time during Lent to select and set aside a few treasures you can part with at our annual "Stuff the Truck" event on Sunday, March 15 in the O'Dea parking lot, from 7:30am to 1:30pm. Big sellers in our thrift stores include clothes, books, DVDs, dishes, pots, pans and other kitchen items. Money raised from SVdP store sales supports SVdP efforts to help low income residents throughout King County. For more details, see Stuff the Truck flyer posted on St James website. Thank you! *Information*, Ken Goddard, 206-981-7185.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS St. James has SIX Catholic Elementary Schools in Seattle: St. Therese, St. Paul, St. Edward, St. George, St. Joseph and Holy Family Bilingual. These schools provide in-parish tuition rates for registered St. James parishioners. We also support FOUR Catholic High Schools (O'Dea, Holy Names, Bishop Blanchet, and Kennedy Catholic) through the Simperman Scholar program. Please contact Theresa Van de Ven at 206-219-5822 or tvandeven@stjames-cathedral.org for requirements and an application packet for the 2020-2021 school year. Completed applications must be submitted by April 30, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE : THE SPIRITUALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS: CARE FOR YOURSELF WHILE YOU CARE FOR OTHERS. May 9, Pastoral Outreach Center, 9:00am-4:00pm. Discover how our relationship with God impacts our relationship with others. Reflect in a peaceful, quiet setting and explore how to transform and heal relationships with others. Presented by Joe Stevens, long time facilitator of NAMI's Spirituality Support Group for those living with Mental Illness and member of NAMI National Hall of Fame. Limited capacity. *Information and registration*, Nancy Granger 206-382-4269, ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org.

OUR LENTEN SERIES 2020



New heart, new spirit

**A FOUR-WEEK STUDY, REFLECTION, AND PRAYER
WITH THE SCRIPTURES OF LENT**

Ron Ryan, D.Min., presenter

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23

7:00–8:30pm | Holy Names Room

Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street

This year, our Lenten series focuses on the scriptures for the Sundays of Lent, including the stories of the transfiguration of the Lord, the woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. How are we being called to allow the living water, light, and life, to break through in our journey of life? Time will be provided for quiet reflection and conversation in small groups. All are welcome.

*Information, Maria Laughlin, mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org
or 206-382-4284*



About our Presenter

Ron Ryan, D. Min., has served in full-time lay ecclesial ministry in various parish and catechetical roles for 43 years. He is currently Special Projects Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Seattle.

DE-ESCALATION AND PERSONAL SAFETY THROUGH A TRAUMA-INFORMED LENS



Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30pm—8:30 pm

St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center

907 Columbia Street

Drawing from over 25 years of experience in professional behavioral health and integrated care settings, **Martin Reinsel, MA, LMHC** will lead a two-hour course with the following goals:




- To identify preventative approaches to avoid problematic situations,
- To identify intervention approaches to manage challenging behavioral situations
- To prepare for the psychological/emotional impact of challenging behavioral situations & how to maintain composure,
- To prepare for effective verbal approaches to difficult behavioral situations,
- To enhance your physical and/or environmental safety.

This workshop is free for Cathedral parishioners and volunteers.
Suggested donation of \$10 for the public.

Registration for this presentation is required.

Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org



Adult Confirmation at St. James Cathedral

A 10-week preparation series for adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your faith, have your questions answered, and become part of a small community of other adults seeking Confirmation.

Sessions begin Wednesday, March 18, 6:30–8:30 pm in Cathedral Place, and continue each Wednesday evening through early June.

For more information, or to register, Rosanne Michaels, 206-654-4658, or email rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org.

www.stjames-cathedral.org

BLOOD DRIVE

📍 Bettering our community, drop by drop.

Wednesday, March 18
12:30 pm to 6:30 pm

(closed 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm)

ST JAMES CATHEDRAL
BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Names Room,
Pastoral Outreach Center

Sign up at Coffee Hour on Sunday or

Schedule an appointment at www.bloodworksnw.org/drives

Reference Sponsor Code 2909 or Call 1-800-398-7888



ST. JAMES ECOLOGY FAIR

EARTH DAY AT 50:

INCLUDING EVERYONE IN CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Sunday, March 29, 2020 after the 10am and 12 Noon Masses

Cathedral Hall, 803 Terry Avenue, Seattle

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day will draw millions around the world together in solidarity and celebration of this planet. Later this spring, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, celebrates its 5th anniversary. Come to the Fair to learn:

- The importance of acting urgently to address a climate crisis that is adversely and disproportionately affecting those on the margins of society,
- How various organizations around western Washington are engaging in community building in their environmental efforts, so as to involve all sectors,
- What the "average" person can do to engage on climate action.

May we answer the call *"for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone"* (*Laudato Si'*, 14)

Exhibitors include:



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MUSIC AT
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CATHEDRAL
2019-2020 SEASON

SUNDAY, March 29 ♦ 8:00pm

The **Choir of St John's
College, Cambridge**



directed by **Andrew Nethsingha**

Spring USA Tour



photo: Nick Rutter

The Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, founded in the 1670s, is one of the finest collegiate choirs of men and boys in the world, known for its rich, warm and distinctive sound; expressive interpretations; and ability to sing in a variety of styles. In its first visit to the USA since 2016, the Choir brings its trademark 'St John's Sound' to Puget Sound!

Suggested donation \$30

Advance passes online at www.stjames-cathedral.org/music/concerts/sjcchoir.aspx or donate at the door. More info: musicooffice@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4874

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A CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

MATTHEW 5:14

Holy Ground

Exploring Catholic history in the Pacific Northwest

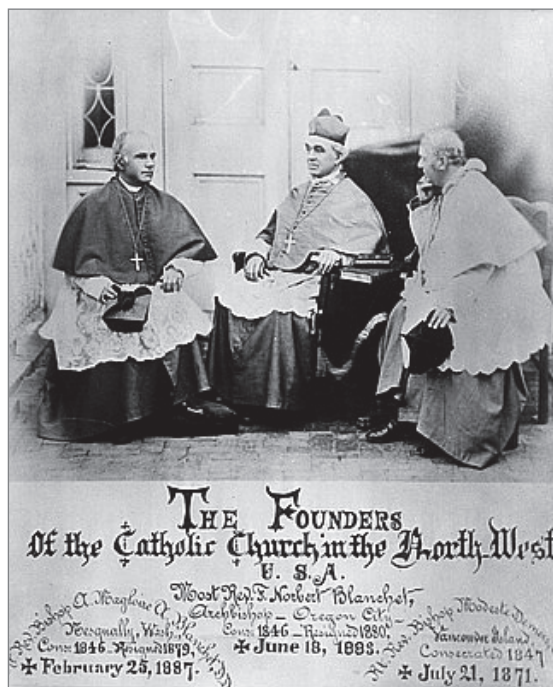
PART 6: BLANCHET A BISHOP

MARCH 8, 2020

Father F. N. Blanchet was certain of two things: that the Oregon country needed a bishop, and that he was not the right person for the job. In his view, the failure of the California missions was attributable to a lack of bishops (a questionable reading of history, at best!) and thus the Church would not thrive in Oregon without a resident bishop. In urging his case to Archbishop Signay of Quebec, Blanchet also made it clear that he did not consider himself a candidate. "I am already old," he wrote (Blanchet was 44 at the time). "My powers diminish; I am slow at business and it is only by close application that I arrive at a knowledge of anything; I have a treacherous memory; my vigor is gone; I do not know English; I have never had a time to study due to the demands of the ministry where I have always been busy."

Archbishop Signay agreed that Oregon needed a bishop. Father DeSmet seemed to be the most likely candidate, and his name appeared at the head of the *terna* (a list of three potential candidates for episcopal office). The American bishops, who took up the subject of the Oregon country at the Fifth Provincial Council of Baltimore, agreed. They preferred an American—even if he was a Jesuit!—to a Canadian like Blanchet. But when their request went to Rome, the Jesuits' Father General flatly refused the appointment of any Jesuit priest as bishop. All eyes then turned to Blanchet. On December 1, 1843, Pope Gregory XVI appointed Blanchet 'vicar apostolic' of the Oregon territory. Signay forwarded the news to Blanchet, telling him that if anyone was to blame, it was DeSmet, for "the good Father... has worked harder than myself to have [this dignity] conferred on you.... You can show your resentment over it at your convenience."

It was not until November 4, 1844 that word of his promotion reached Blanchet in Oregon. He did not even need to open the letter to realize what had happened: the letter came addressed to the "bishop elect"! Though he had resisted the appointment, now that it was done, Blanchet



Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet (center), first Archbishop of Oregon City. On the left is his brother, A. M. A. Blanchet, first Bishop of Walla Walla, and on the right is Modeste Demers, first Bishop of Vancouver Island. Photo from oregonencyclopedia.org.

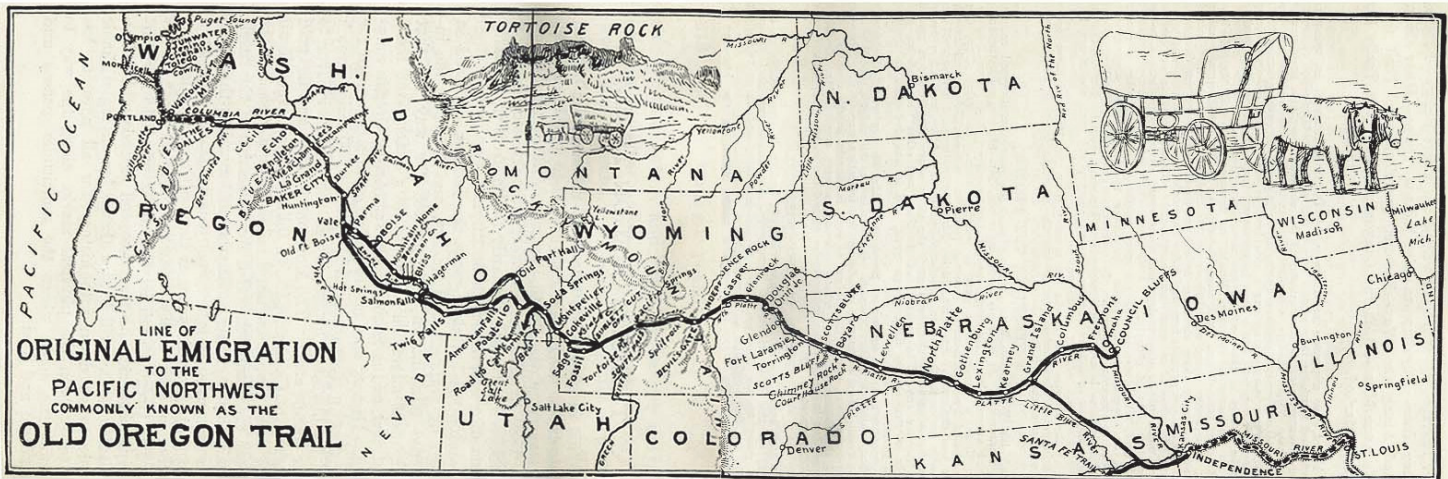
embraced it. He wrote his first pastoral letter and then departed for Canada to receive episcopal consecration from Bishop Signay.

To us, Blanchet's route to Quebec seems fantastically roundabout, but at the time it was both the fastest and the safest route. He travelled by ship, sailing on the *Columbia* from Astoria in Oregon on December 5. The ship stopped in Honolulu where Blanchet was able to spend a few days with the Picpus Fathers and marvel at their "splendid stone church measuring 150 feet." Departing Honolulu, the ship rounded Cape Horn on March 5 and arrived in England on May 22. Blanchet spent a few days in London, then embarked from Liverpool to Boston and from there to Montreal. When he finally reached Quebec at the end of June, he found that Archbishop Signay was away on a visitation of his diocese, and not due

to return to Quebec for some months. Blanchet was in a quandary—who would ordain him a bishop now? Fortunately, a coadjutor Archbishop had just been appointed in Montreal, and so Blanchet was ordained alongside him in Montreal's St. James Cathedral on July 25.

Duly ordained, Blanchet spent a few weeks visiting family in Canada before departing for Europe to raise funds and personnel for his new diocese. By the time he arrived in Rome, where he had several meetings with Pope Gregory XVI, Blanchet had conceived a plan for the Oregon country. It was only a vicariate apostolic, not a diocese, but Blanchet envisioned an archdiocese, centered in the Willamette Valley, with seven suffragan sees—all this in spite of the fact that his territory was "a wilderness" with "not a single city... no road, no postal service, not even a sovereign government" (Schoenberg).

And yet, in what Wilfrid Schoenberg, SJ describes as "one of the most amazing decisions in the history of the church," the Holy Father agreed with Blanchet. On July 24, 1846, he created the Archdiocese of Oregon City—only the second Archdiocese in the United States, which until then had had just one Archbishop, in Baltimore. Blanchet did not get his



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seven suffragan sees, but he did get two: Vancouver Island and Walla Walla.

It would be nearly a year before Archbishop Blanchet turned towards home. He had to collect funds and, even more important, personnel. When he did return to Oregon, he did not go alone: with him were seven Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, eight priests (three Jesuits and five other priests), along with some Jesuit brothers and some young men in various stages of priestly formation—twenty-two people in all. They got a slow start—after loading themselves and their supplies into *L'Étoile du Matin*, there was a dead calm and they were forced to disembark. They spent a week in Brest, working on their English and waiting for wind. At last, on February 22, 1847, they got underway, reaching Oregon seven months later.

Who would lead the other new Northwest dioceses of Vancouver Island and Walla Walla? Father Modeste Demers, who had labored alongside Blanchet from the beginning, was an obvious choice for Vancouver Island. But the appointment of Augustin Magloire Alexandre Blanchet, F. N. Blanchet's younger brother, as the first Bishop of Walla Walla, came as a complete surprise. Unlike F. N. Blanchet, A. M. A. Blanchet had very little missionary experience—in fact, at the time of his appointment, he was serving as a canon in Montreal's St. James Cathedral, a very far cry from the wilds of Oregon country. But, at the age of fifty, he was a seasoned pastor with a range of experience, a stern man of faith who proved an excellent leader for what would, through considerable difficulties, eventually become the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Times had changed since F. N. Blanchet and Modeste Demers had gone west via the Hudson's Bay Company

roundabout "Express" nine years before. A. M. A. Blanchet traveled via the Oregon Trail, by this time a well-established route to the Willamette Valley. He later wrote to the Bishop of Toronto with some helpful pointers for other priests who might be thinking about traveling west: "if he has baggage, it will be necessary to purchase a wagon at St. Louis and to buy some oxen, five or six years old, not too fat; if the load does not weigh more than 1200 to 1500 pounds, three pair will be sufficient for the wagon but it is necessary to have one or two extra pair in case of accidents, which are likely to happen." The increasing numbers of wagons on the Oregon Trail meant that there was often nowhere for the oxen to graze: "from Fort Hall to Walla Walla there were no less than a hundred wagons abandoned because there were no more beasts to pull them.... My wagons are still usable but the oxen are so worn with fatigue, hunger and thirst that it was necessary to leave along the way some of the supplies carried from St. Louis, such as the plow." Even more concerning, the trip had cost more than twice what Blanchet had anticipated: "Farewell, then, to the hope of beginning the episcopal establishment with the money subscribed by Quebec and Montreal." Little did Blanchet know how many more dangers awaited him after his arrival at Walla Walla.

—Corinna Laughlin, *Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy*

Works consulted

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- Roberta Stringham Brown and Patricia O'Connell Killen, *Selected Letters of A. M. A. Blanchet, Bishop of Walla Walla and Nesqually, 1846-1879* (2013)

MAKE A VISIT

There are historic sites all along the old Oregon Trail, starting from St. Louis, Missouri. The closest one to us is the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon. "Using life-size displays, films and live theater presentations, this Center tells the story of Oregon Trail pioneers, explorers, miners and settlers of the frontier west. The 500 acre site includes remnants of the historic Flagstaff Gold Mine, actual ruts carved by pioneer wagons, and magnificent vistas of the historic trail route."

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 22267 Highway 86, Baker City, Oregon 97814
<https://www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/national-historic-oregon-trail-interpretive-center>