

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

The Baptism of the Lord

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Noon)

PRELUDE

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

Bach

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

Krebs

ENTRANCE No. 412 in red Worship hymnal

When John baptized by Jordan's river
RENDEZ A DIEU

PENITENTIAL ACT

St. James Mass for Peace
Herbolzheimer

1, 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

WELCOMING OF THE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED (Noon)

GLORIA

New Mass for Congregations
Andrews

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

Cantor or Choir:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

OPENING PRAYER (COLLECT)

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 29
Proulx



SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

ALLELUIA

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GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES All respond: **I do.**

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Hurd

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Litany of Saints

The Rite of Baptism (Noon)

INTERCESSIONS AND LITANY OF SAINTS **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

PROFESSION OF FAITH *All join in the response, I do.*

ACCLAMATION FOLLOWING EACH BAPTISM

Herbolsheimer

Please, no applause following the baptisms.

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

Hurd

ENTRANCE OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED *Please remain seated*

EXPLANATORY RITES

Anointing with Chrism, White Garment Prayer, Presentation of a Lighted Candle

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00)

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Spirit descended with grace;
The Father's voice was heard in the place:
This is my beloved Son: Hear him.

Jesus autem hodie
Hallock

(5:30pm)

Blessed
Herbolsheimer

SANCTUS

St. James Mass for Peace
Herbolsheimer

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Herbolsheimer

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

AMEN

Herbolsheimer

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

St. James Mass for Peace
Herbolsheimer

Response 1, 2

Have mer - cy on us.

Response 3

Grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Omnes qui in Christo

Mode II

(10:00)

As for all of you who have been baptised in Christ,
you have put on Christ, alleluia.

Tribus miraculis

Marenzio

We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles:

Today a star led the Magi to the manger;

Today wine was made from water at the wedding;

Today in the Jordan Christ desired to be baptised by John, so that He might save us, Alleluia.

(Sunday evening)

Inclina Domini

Rheinberger

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

When you return to your place, please kneel or be seated.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

1. Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest and
 3. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your

you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the
 King su-preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, In your
 ho - ly word; May we im - i - tate you now, And on

sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al Da-vid's stem
 God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in power di-vine,
 us your grace en - dow; That we like to you may be

In your birth at Beth - le - hem; An - them be to
 Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; An - them be to
 At your great e - piph - a - ny; And may praise you

you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

PROCESSION

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Bach

Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

Bach

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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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 A formal program of marriage preparation over a period of several months is required, however, registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process 14 months in advance.

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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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.

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ON THE COVER Jesus is baptized by John in the river Jordan. Central East Apse stained glass window (detail). Hans Gottfried von Stockhausen, artist, 1994.

CATHEDRAL ESPRESSO This month, all proceeds benefit our Mental Health and Wellness Ministry. The espresso cart is open at coffee hour after 10:00am Mass.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER RYAN My thanks to all of you who sent Christmas gifts. My intention is to acknowledge them all but a few have come in with no last names, or the gift got separated from the gift tag! If you don't hear from me, please still know how grateful I am. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT THIRD SUNDAY MASS AND SOCIAL

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us next Sunday, January 20 for the Sunday evening Mass followed by wine and cheese in the Rectory Parlors. If you're new to Seattle or to St. James Cathedral, don't miss this casual chance to meet other young Catholics! Information, Curtis Leighton, cleighton@stjames-cathedral.org.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or give thanks for a prayer that has been answered. We currently have many weekends open for floral offerings, including January 26, February 9, 16, and 24, and May 3, 10, and 17. Information, Micki-Jo Palmer, mpalmer@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-654-4650.

EVENT CANCELLATION Please note that the Safetalk Suicide Prevention Training scheduled for Friday, January 17, has been canceled due to low attendance. We hope to reschedule at a later date. Information, Nancy Granger, RN, 206-382-4269.

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 Holy Redeemer in Vancouver, and Sacred Heart in LaConner and Winlock.

COUNT US IN 2020 Mark your calendars: King County's Annual Point in Time Count (PIT), will be happening January 24, 2020! The core purpose of the annual PIT Count is to collect data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our community. The count also provides an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of homelessness and to spark action. To learn more or to register to be a part of the St. James Cathedral team, contact Patrick Barredo: pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4515.

CONSIDERING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Wait!

There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. Confidential information and registration for upcoming program on February 21-23, 2020, 206-706-2608 or www.helpourmarriage.org.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP Consider ways that your household can decrease the amount of pollution that is produced. Recently, the Annals of the American Thoracic Society reported that within weeks of a source of pollution being removed, many respiratory symptoms experienced by the surrounding community disappear.

ADVOCACY DAYS IN OLYMPIA Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, Monday, February 3. Join advocates from around Washington State to talk to your lawmakers about key housing and homelessness policies. You'll also participate in workshops to build skills in advocating for equitable housing policy. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, Director of Social Outreach and Advocacy, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4515.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 Join with hundreds of Catholics as we put our faith in action to advocate for our sisters and brothers in need. The day will include briefings on legislative issues, advocacy tips and appointments with legislators. Register at www.ipjc.org by February 7. Sponsored by the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, with support from Washington State Catholic Conference and Catholic Community/Housing Services.

WINTER SHELTER During these cold, wet months, St. James Cathedral provides emergency shelter for homeless men over the age of 50. To learn how you can become an overnight volunteer or provide a hot breakfast, contact Patrick Barredo: pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4515. If you cannot volunteer but still want to support the Winter Shelter, consider donating men's razors, spray deodorant and toothbrushes. Items can be dropped off or delivered to the Parish Office or Sunday Coffee Hour. Thank you!

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH Three evenings a month, St. James parishioners and friends prepare or serve meals for people experiencing homelessness at Operation Nightwatch, an organization that helps them with food and shelter. Are you currently looking for ways to make an impact? There are opportunities to help buy groceries, cook, make sandwiches, and serve dinner. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515 or pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH NIGHT THIS SUNDAY Join us for a fun Youth Night as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season and think of ways to bring our Baptismal promises alive in the new year. We meet this Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center.

NO YOUTH NIGHT NEXT SUNDAY We will not have a Youth Night next Sunday, January 20. Enjoy the long weekend as we honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVENTION is an annual event for youth from all over the Archdiocese to come together for prayer, song, games and learning about your Catholic faith around this year's theme "You Are the Now of God." CYC will take place at the Lynnwood Convention Center on January 25 and 26. If you are interested in going, the deadline to register is Jan. 19. Email Curtis for more information or visit the website: <https://seattlearchymya.weebly.com/catholic-youth-convention.html>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU We visited a middle-aged woman who used to have a good job and ample earned income while living in a nice home in one of Seattle's best neighborhoods. Then a fire destroyed her home, and she lost almost all her possessions. Traumatized by the fire, she soon developed mental issues. Although she was granted a modest disability income, she wound up homeless for over a year before finding a tiny apartment where the rent eats up most of her income. Unfortunately, she was still paying off an old student loan. The lender threatened to garnish her disability benefits. At her request, we paid enough on her rent to keep a roof over her head while she worked with an attorney to resolve the threatened garnishment. So many people in our parish are going through hard times, and your support to SVdP helps so much – thank you! *Information*, Bob Clifford, 206-718-4158 or bobclifford53@gmail.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Are you grieving the death of someone close to you? Grief and loss can have a significant impact on our lives long after the death of the person we love. The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual, but meeting with others who are going through a similar experience can provide support and help us cope. You are invited to join this 8-week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral staff. Wednesdays, January 22 through March 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Gallagher Center. *Information and registration*, Rosanne Michaels, 206-654-4658 or rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org.

Sacred Steps

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Andre De Klaver* and *Dick Mueller*.

*You are FELLOW CITIZENS with the SAINTS
Θ MEMBERS of the HOUSEHOLD OF GOD*

EPHESIANS 2:19



SUNDAY GIVING AT ST JAMES CATHEDRAL

RESULTS THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2020

Total pledges received	809
Average pledge	\$47 weekly
% participation so far (out of 2,639 households)	26%
Participation goal.....	1,000 pledges
Pledges still needed to reach goal	191

A huge THANK YOU to the 809 households who have turned in a pledge! If you haven't already done so, please remember to drop your commitment card for 2020 in the offering basket this weekend or make your pledge online. If you donate via *Our Sunday Visitor*, be sure to login and update your giving preferences there. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

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SUNDAY GIVING AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL 2020

**TOGETHER, WE WILL PRAY AND STAND
FOR A CULTURE OF LIFE AND LOVE.**

JANUARY 21, 2020 MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE



The Archdiocese of Seattle
invites you to participate in the
MASS FOR LIFE

Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed, “a great prayer for life
is urgently needed...” (*Evangelium Vitae* 100).

9:30 am

Sacred Heart, Lacey
with Archbishop Etienne

We encourage those coming from north of Sacred
Heart (Lacey to Blaine) come to this location.

MARCH FOR LIFE

12 noon

Washington State Capitol

For information about the march,
go to <https://washingtonmarchforlife.com>.

**Carpools leaving from
St. James Cathedral are
being organized.**

Contact Suzanne Lee at 206-654-4640
or slee@stjames-cathedral.org
if you need a ride or can provide transportation
for fellow parishioners.

MUSIC AT
ST. JAMES
CATHEDRAL
2019-2020 SEASON

2020 Vierne Complete Organ Works

SATURDAY, January 25 • 7:30pm

Organiste de Chœur, Notre-Dame de Paris

Johann Vexo

Vierne: *Symphony No. 1*

Bach: *Fantasia and Fugue in G minor*

Mendelssohn: *Variations sérieuses*

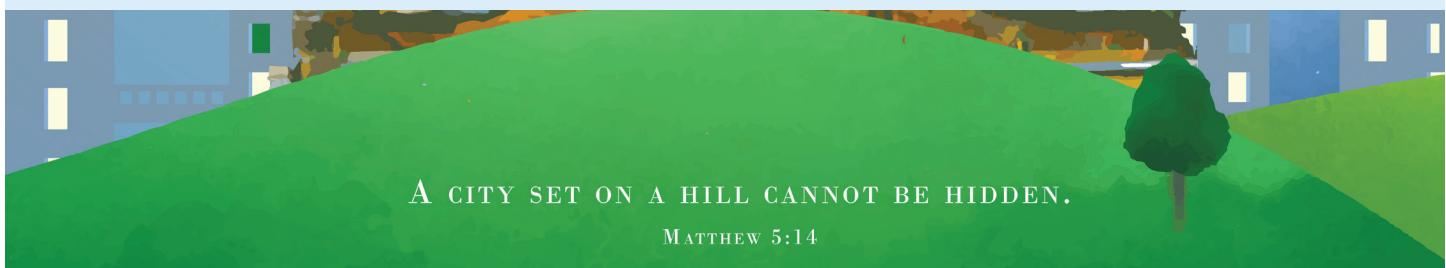
Franck: *Choral No. 3 in A minor*

Throughout 2020, Music at St. James Cathedral presents the complete organ works of composer Louis Vierne (1870–1937), the principal organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral from 1900–1937, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of his birth. For our first concert in this celebration, we are honored to welcome Johann Vexo, the current Choir Organist of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame.



Suggested donation \$18

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Stained glass window, Seattle University

Take time to pray...

The First Spiritual Exercises

a classic retreat in Catholic spirituality

As originally conceived by St. Ignatius and adapted by Michael Hansen, S.J.

Five Mondays: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Cathedral Place, Room 411, 803 Terry Avenue
Retreat guide: Rosanne Michaels

Inner Peace in Darkness and Light

**A guided retreat, given in the context of everyday life,
focusing on different expressions of God's love for you.
(This is the second of four retreats in this series; each can stand alone.)**

Requirements

- 30 minutes of prayer each day, guided by Michael Hansen's text (available for purchase in the Cathedral Bookstore and during the first class)
- Weekly gatherings for spiritual listening, small group conversation and guidance

Registration for this retreat is required.

Rosanne Michaels, 206-654-4658 or rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org



Photo: Sister Anne Herkenrath with her great-uncle, Solanus Casey

Blessed Solanus Casey

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | 7:00-8:30pm

Holy Names Room, Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street

Learn about the legendary Blessed Solanus Casey, a Capuchin friar who is one miracle away from Catholic sainthood. The late friar's family has descendants here in the Pacific Northwest, including his great-niece and our great friend, Sister Anne Herkenrath!

Detroit-based author Patricia Montemurri, an award-winning journalist, will give a slide show presentation about Blessed Solanus. She'll also be selling and signing her book, *Blessed Solanus Casey*, which is filled with 200 photos chronicling the life and legacy of the beloved Capuchin. The presentation illustrates the impact of Blessed Solanus, who died in 1957 and who was known for working wonders in his Capuchin ministry. Nearly 70,000 people attended his beatification ceremony in Detroit in November, 2017. Blessed Solanus Casey could become the first American-born male Catholic saint. All are welcome!

Information, Maria Laughlin, mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org

Holy Ground

Exploring Catholic history in the Pacific Northwest

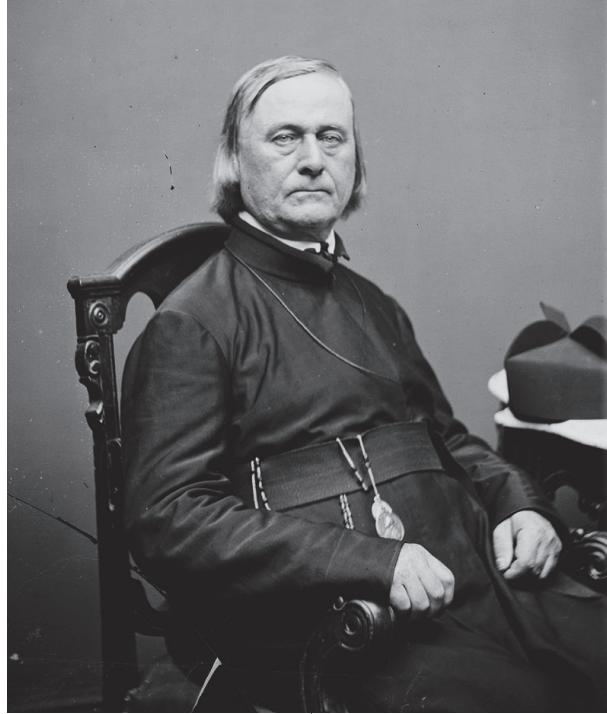
PART 5: FATHER DE SMET GOES TO VANCOUVER

JANUARY 12, 2020

From the time of their arrival in Vancouver at the end of 1838, Father Blanchet and Father Demers had been on their own. They traveled incessantly through their vast territory, settling down at most for a few months at a time to preach, teach, and set up missions. They knew that to establish the Church in the west would require stability—and that meant they needed help. Blanchet appealed to Archbishop Signay of Quebec, who agreed to send a couple of young priests, but found no way to get them there—the Hudson's Bay Company was not interested in providing transportation for any more Catholic priests, for reasons both practical and political.

In the summer of 1840, word reached the missionaries of a new Jesuit mission in the Rocky Mountains. Father Demers immediately reached out, addressing a letter to the "Catholic Missionaries with the Flatheads": "Though I have not as yet the pleasure of knowing your names, I eagerly take the opportunity which is presented to send you news of the two poor missionaries of the Columbia... with what joy and contentment have I learned of your arrival among the Flatheads!" Demers' letter landed in the hands of a Jesuit by the name of Pierre-Jean De Smet, who would become one of the most influential figures in the early history of the Church in the west.

De Smet, a native of Termonde in Flanders (present-day Dendermonde, Belgium), was an impetuous young man of twenty when he heard an appeal by Father Charles Nerinckx for priests to serve in America. Swept away with enthusiasm, De Smet left for America without telling anyone, because, as he later wrote, "to have asked the consent of our parents would have been to court a certain and absolute refusal." He entered the Jesuits and his preparations for the priesthood were made on the frontier,



Father DeSmet photographed by Matthew Brady. From Wikimedia Commons.

in Florissant, Missouri. He struggled with his calling, and even left the Jesuits for a time to serve as a diocesan priest back in Belgium. Ultimately De Smet returned to the Jesuits and to the United States. He found his life's work among the Native Americans. He was also an extraordinary promoter of the missions, and crisscrossed the Atlantic many times, collecting money and recruiting personnel to help build up the Church in the West.

With his stocky build, DeSmet had been nicknamed "Samson" in his younger days. He was strong, fearless, and romantic—the perfect combination for a missionary.

He was also a prolific writer, and

his many books about his experiences in the west were widely read. Unlike Blanchet and Demers, DeSmet embraced the American way of life. He loved his adopted country, although he was clear-eyed with regards to its failures: "Since the discovery of America a system of extermination, of moving the Indians, thrusting them further back, has been pursued and practiced by the whites, little by little at first, more and more as European settlers multiplied and gained strength. At this day this same policy is marching with giant strides." (Eventually, De Smet would be called upon to intercede with Sitting Bull and was instrumental in convincing him to sign the Treaty of Fort Laramie in 1868.)

In 1841, De Smet returned to the Rocky Mountains to establish St. Mary's Mission in what is now Stevensville, Montana. When Blanchet heard that there were no fewer than three Jesuit priests stationed there, along with three brothers, he wrote to De Smet and begged him to send some of this abundance of Jesuits to the Willamette valley and establish a school. De Smet agreed to come and confer with Blanchet and Demers. He would also take advantage of the opportunity to purchase some much-needed supplies

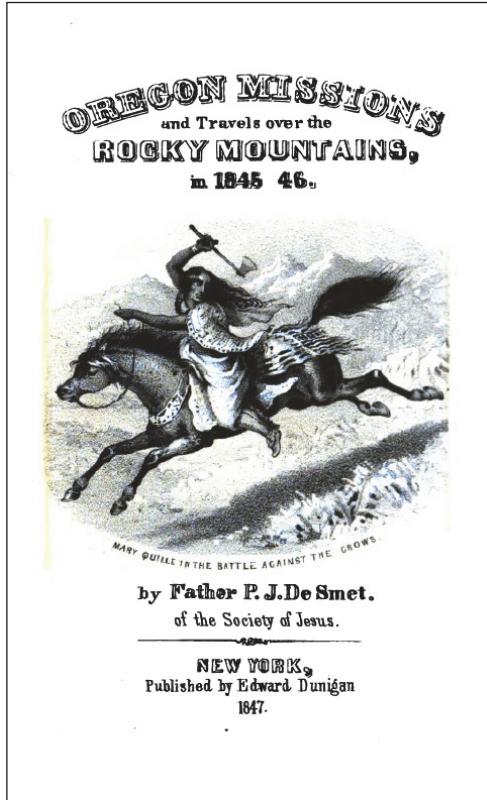
for St. Mary's at Fort Vancouver.

The journey down the Columbia was difficult and dangerous. At the Little Dalles outside of Fort Colville, De Smet decided to leave the barge and walk along the banks of the Columbia, a decision that probably saved his life. The barge was caught in the rapids and vanished into the water: "All were gone, and yet upon the river's breast there was not the faintest trace of their melancholy fate. Soon after the whirlpool threw up, in various directions, the oars, poles, the barge capsized, and every lighter article it had contained. Here and there I beheld the unhappy bargemen vainly struggling in the midst of the vortex. Five of them sunk never to rise again."

De Smet finally reached Vancouver on June 8, 1842 and was met by a joyful Father Demers. The two proceeded to St. Paul in Oregon, where they spent eight days with

Blanchet, discussing the future of the Church in the Pacific Northwest. De Smet was enthusiastic about the Catholic Ladder, declaring, "That plan will be adopted by the missions of the whole world." Their informal council resulted in significant decisions. Demers headed north to minister to native peoples in New Caledonia (in present-day British Columbia). Blanchet stayed to serve the missions near the Columbia River. And De Smet returned to St. Louis and from there to Europe, to recruit priests, sisters, and funds for the Church in the Pacific Northwest. They all agreed that what the Oregon Country needed was a bishop of its own.

Though their meetings were undoubtedly conducted in French, the encounter of the missionaries was really a meeting of two nations. Blanchet and Demers were



Title page of Father DeSmet's account of his travels. From www.archive.org.

Canadians, who reported to the Archbishop of Quebec. De Smet, on the other hand, was an American citizen whose superiors were in St. Louis, Missouri. The Oregon Country, where they all served, was disputed territory, claimed by Britain and the United States, but American claims were beginning to dominate. Within a few months of the missionaries' council, the Hudson's Bay Company would move their headquarters to Fort Victoria, and the annexation of Oregon Country would be a major theme in the 1844 U. S. presidential election. These changing political realities would come into play in the appointment of the first bishop for Oregon Country.

—Corinna Laughlin,
Director of Liturgy

Works Consulted

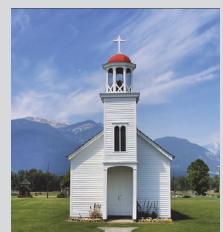
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St. Paul Church, Oregon | 20217 Christie St | St Paul, OR 97137

St. Paul's was the first Catholic church in Oregon Country, built by French Canadian trappers in 1836, several years before the arrival of Blanchet and Demers. It was replaced in 1846 with the present building, the first brick church in Oregon.



St. Mary Mission, Montana | <https://www.saintmarysmission.org/>

St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville, Montana, located about a mile south of Father De Smet's first St. Mary's Mission, is open April 15-October 12. Several historic buildings survive, including the Chapel built and decorated by Father Antonio Ravalli, SJ, one of the priests recruited by De Smet on his European tour in 1843.