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GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18

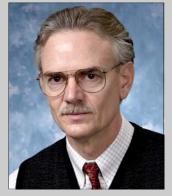
St. James Cathedral observes the traditional Good Friday devotion of TRE ORE ("Three Hours") with music and homilies focused on the words of Christ from the cross.

This year, Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon will offer meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Father Michael G. Ryan will preside. The women of the Cathedral Cantorei and the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra perform Pergolesi's sublime Stabat Mater

A free-will offering will be taken during the service.





THE REV. DR. MICHAEL KINNAMON, an internationally-recognized scholar and leader in the ecumenical movement, currently teaches at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. He is the immediate past General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and has also served as General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Union and as Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order. Dr. Kinnamon has been a seminary professor for more than 25 years, also serving as Dean of Lexington Theological Seminary from 1988-98. He has lectured and preached on ecumenical themes across the U.S. and in numerous countries overseas, especially in India and the Middle East. He is widely published in the field of ecumenical studies. He holds ordained ministerial standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has been active in the mission and ministries of that denomination and a frequent speaker at Disciples events. He is married to Mardine Davis, an art consultant, and has two grown daughters.

### ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SOLEMN BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF PALMS begins at O'Dea Gym 10:00

The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, Presider

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION OF PALMS All children are invited to gather in the Chapel Noon

> and join the procession to the font for the Blessing of Palms. After the blessing of palms, children will go directly to the Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word, rejoining their families during the Creed.

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral, Presider

### BLESSING OF PALMS

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION OF PALMS (Noon)

Hosanna in excelsis

Berthier



PROCESSION TO THE FONT All stand

**GREETING** 

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SPRINKLING OF THE PALMS WITH HOLY WATER

Pueri Hebraorum (The Children of Jerusalem)

chant, adapt. Stratman

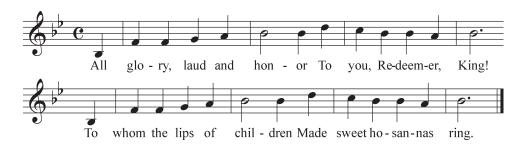
GOSPEL OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

**ENTRANCE** 

ST. THEODULPH

Kreutz

chant



**COLLECT** 

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 22



SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

Christus factus est

For our sake Christ became obedient even to death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

### READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

**HOMILY** 

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain (10:00) Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT (10:00)

Psalm 91 Stratman

Cantor: I give them life long and full,

ALL:



and I show them my power to save, says the Lord.

CREED chanted on one tone

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Berthier



### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

(10:00) Lord, remember me/You will be with me in Paradise (Sunday evening) Ego dixi

Dubois Marier

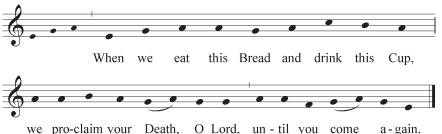
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**SANCTUS** 



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal



AMEN

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVII



**COMMUNION** 

Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, thy will be done.

(10:00)Stabat Mater/We adore you, O ChristDubois(Noon)Were you there?trad. Spiritual(Sunday Evening)Stabat MaterTartini

When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please **KNEEL OR BE SEATED**. Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING (10:00) Archbishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord. All: Now and forever.

Archbishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord. All: Who made heaven and earth.

### **PROCESSION**

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### CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

### **MASS**

8 - 10 - 12 & 5:30 pm

Sundays Weekdays

8:15 & 5:30 pm 8:15 & "Vigil" 5:30 pm

Saturdays 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. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

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 regularly. In other situations (anticipated surgery, emergency) please call the parish office.

### "TAIZÉ" ECUMENICAL PRAYER, Fridays at 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, 206-622-3559

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

**ELCOME!** *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. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the Church's liturgy here in a fitting and beautiful way. We are also able to offer a wide range of services to needy people living in the central district of our city.

**IN THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE** Now in stock: Jesus: A Pilgrimage, a new book by Father James Martin, SJ. Also, a new book by our own Archbishop Sartain: A Journey to the Heart of Jesus. And don't miss Journey of Faith, a brand-new retelling of the history of the Church in Western Washington, from the days when native peoples called this place holy ground, right up to the present day. This short history (told in "comic book" or graphic novel format) includes key moments in the life of our Cathedral.

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS Please note that on Palm Sunday, April 13, there will be no Coffee Hour following the 10:00am Mass. On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will not be hosting Coffee Hour after any Masses.

NOTES FOR ELECT PRAYER PARTNERS Did you "adopt" one of our Elect preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil as a prayer partner this Lent? Please drop off notes and cards in the designated receptacle in the north aisle, or you can drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours.

HOLY THURSDAY RICE BOWL PROCESSION A reminder to bring your Rice Bowl with you this Thursday evening at 6:00pm for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. You will be invited to bring it forward to the altar in the gifts procession during the solemn Holy Thursday Mass.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION** Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday. This year, we will have special reason to celebrate God's mercy as we mark the canonization of two Popes of recent times: John XXIII and John Paul II. Following the 12 Noon Mass, Cathedral young people will lead the Divine Mercy chaplet, a favorite devotion of John Paul II. Mass will be followed by a special reception in Cathedral Place Hall, with foods from around the world, and egg decorating and games for kids. All are welcome.

ST. JAMES KNITTERS GROUP meets Monday, April 14 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Fireside Room, Pastoral Outreach Center. We get together the second Monday of the month to knit or crochet hats and scarfs for the homeless. Newcomers are always welcome. We've taught others to knit, and will help you, too. This month, expert knitter Connie Carlson will show us how to knit in the round with two circular needles. Bring two circulars, both the same size, and some yarn for practice. Or just bring your knitting and join the fun. Information, Connie Carlson, 206-518-1623.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCES of St. James thank cathedral parishioners for their generous donations last month. During March we made 61 home visits to our low income neighbors. Your contributions allowed us to help 28 individuals and families pay their rent and stay safely in their homes. In addition, we provided food for 32 families, beds and furniture for 15 households, clothes for 6 people, and transportation assistance for 11 individuals. Our priority is preventing homelessness. This makes your contributions go a long way. Helping our neighbors pay their rent is far cheaper than picking up the pieces after they lose their homes. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society follow Jesus through service to those in need. Bearing witness to Christ's compassionate and liberating love, we show our commitment through person-to-person contact, making our home visits in pairs. Please consider joining our ministry to the poor among us. *Information*, Rob Millar, 206-954-8902 and Tammy Bendix, 206-595-

**GALLAGHER CENTER MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE ROOM** open every Sunday 9am-2 pm. Enjoy refreshments while you browse through literature, talk with nurse and volunteers, and connect with others. *Note that the resource room will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 20.* 

**CATHEDRAL KITCHEN GARDEN** Spring is here, and we're underway with planting in our new Cathedral Kitchen Garden. We are still looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding, watering, and other tasks. No gardening experience necessary. It's a lot of fun, and a great way to meet people. To volunteer, contact garden@stjames-cathedral.org.

THINKING OF BEING MARRIED AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL? Parishioners are able to schedule a wedding at St. James Cathedral 14 months in advance; non- parishioners are able to schedule 12 months in advance. We do require at least six months preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. *Information*, Margaret Lynch, mlynch@stjames-cathedral.org or 206 -382-4288

babysitting is available for children up to four years of age on Sundays during the 10:00am and Noon Masses, during baptism preparation classes, and during special events for parents and families. The program is located in the Mother Cabrini Room on the first floor of the Pastoral Outreach Center; enter through the courtyard at Ninth and Columbia. *Information*, Margaret Lynch, mlynch@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4288.

**REMEMBER THE CATHEDRAL IN YOUR WILL** The generous bequests of parishioners and friends is critical to fulfilling the mission of St James Cathedral. Each year, we rely on bequests to help us carry out our mission of prayer and outreach here on First Hill. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or e-mail mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**THE YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAM** Every Sunday evening from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Pastoral Outreach Center. Now open to ALL youth in grades 7-12. Youth Nights will help you apply your faith to everyday life.

**WEEKEND RETREAT** April 26 and 27 at Camp Killoqua in Stanwood. Open to Grades 7-12. Please join us!

questions? Joe Cotton, 206-264-2082 jcotton@stjames-cathedral.org www.stjames-cathedral.org/youthministry

### ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST.

JAMES? Many who attend St. James regularly and consider the Cathedral their parish have never officially registered. We strongly encourage you to register. Registered parishioners receive important mailings from the Cathedral (including offering envelopes!), are regular recipients of the Cathedral's quarterly journal In Your Midst, are able to celebrate their wedding at the Cathedral, and their children may attend any of the five Catholic Rainbow Schools at parishioner rates. Registration cards can be found in the vestibule. If you are not sure whether or not you're registered, call the Parish Office, 206-622-3559.

FREE CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP Every other Saturday, 10 am–12 Noon in the Gallagher Center. Open to all. No experience necessary! Next session: Saturday, April 19. *Information*, Nancy Granger, Parish Mental Health Nurse, 206-382-4269 or ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP A place where those experiencing loss can find support and understanding. Wednesdays 10:30–12 Noon, Fireside Room, Pastoral Outreach Center. *Information*, contact Nancy Granger, RN 206-382-4269 *Please note: there will not be a session on Wednesday, April 23 due to the Easter Holiday*.

screening for Memory Loss This program is designed to provide information about memory, how it changes as we age, and how to recognize changes that may signal a problem. The more you know about memory and how it works, the better equipped you'll be to recognize a problem if it arises. Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00, Cathedral Place. *Information*, John Simpson, jsimpson@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-274-3173.

ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT IN YOUR 20s OR 30s? We are a community of Cathedral Young Adults who gather for spirituality, social, and service events. We'd love to have you join us! *Information*, Caitlin Lanigan, 206-382-4235.

# Holy Week & Easter 2014

# at ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral



# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 12-13, 2014

Masses Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00, 10:00, Noon, and 5:30pm

10:00am Solemn Procession of the Palms Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider and homilist

> Cathedral Choir of St. James, Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Piper Tyrone Heade Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns; Christus factus est, chant; Stabat Mater & Consummatum est/Adoramus te from Seven Last Words (Dubois)

### 12:00 Noon Children's Procession of the Palms Father Michael G. Ryan, presider and homilist

The Youth Choirs of St. James Cathedral Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns; Christus factus est (chant), Were you there (African American arr. Burleigh), Inflammatus et accensus (Pergolesi)

### 4:00pm Vespers of Palm Sunday with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider

Jubilate! Young Women's Ensemble Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns Psalm Antiphons (Kraus)

### 5:30pm Evening Blessing of Palms

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider and homilist

Women of St. James Schola Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns; Christus factus est (chant); Stabat Mater (Tartini); Ego dixi (Marier)

# Monday & Tuesday, April 14 & 15 Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm

## Wednesday, April 16 Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm

### 7:30pm OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider

Cathedral Men's Chant Choir Sopranos Lisa Cardwell Pontén, Linda Strandberg, Stacev Sunde, Rebekah Gilmore, Christine Knackstedt; Margriet Tindemans, viola da gamba: Joseph Adam, Organ Traditional chants; Christus factus est (chant); Lecons de Ténèbres (Couperin): In monte oliveti (Charpentier); Miserere (Allegri); Instrumental responsories by Bach and Marais

# Holy Thursday, April 17

### 8:30am MORNING PRAISE

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider

Cathedral Cantorei Congregational hymns and responses; Psalmody (Stratman, Marier, anon.)

### 6:00pm EVENING MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider Father Michael G. Ryan, homilist

Offertory Procession will include presentation of Rice Bowls

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Women of St. James Schola; Joseph Adam, organ; Cathedral Bellringers

Congregational chants, acclamations, hymns (Haugen, Proulx, Latona, Berthier); Prelude on the name of Alain (Duruflé); Mass Ordinary Mass of Angels (chant); St. James Mass for Peace (Herbolsheimer); Verily I say unto you (Tallis); Tantum ergo (Duruflé); Ubi Caritas (Duruflé)

YOUNG ADULTS ages 18-30 are invited to join Archbishop Sartain on a Holy Thursday pilgrimage to several churches in the First Hill/Capitol Hill area following the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Gather on the west steps of the Cathedral.

### 9:45pm COMPLINE

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider

Women of St. James Schola; Congregational chants; Stabat Mater (Tartini)

### To 12 Midnight

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



# Good Friday, April 18

8:30am MORNING PRAISE Father Michael G. Ryan, presider



Cathedral Men's Chant Choir Congregational hymns and responses; Psalmody (Stratman, Marier, anon.)

### 12:00 Noon, TRE ORE

Father Michael G. Ryan, *presider*; Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon will offer reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ

The Women of the Cathedral Cantorei, Cathedral Chamber Orchestra, Dr. James Savage, conductor; Joseph Adam, continuo organ Stabat Mater (Pergolesi); Earthquake (Dupré)

### 6:00pm GOOD FRIDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider & homilist

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Women of St. James Schola

Congregational hymns, responses (chant); Christus factus est (chant); Crucifixus a8 (Lotti); Trisagion (trad. adapt. Stratman); Crux fidelis (chant/Palestrina, José Garcia); Vexilla Regis (chant); And at the ninth hour (Kingsley); Miserere (Allegri); Stabat Mater (Tartini); Were you there (arr. Burleigh)

# Holy Saturday, April 19

# 8:30am MORNING PRAISE

Father David A. Brant, presider

The Women of St. James Schola Congregational hymns and responses; Psalmody (Stratman, Marier, anon.)



### 8:30pm EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider & homilist

> Cathedral Choir of St. James, Women of St. James Schola, Men's Chant Choir, Cathedral Bell Ringers

> Congregational hymns, chants, and responses; Psalmody (Jinguji); Mass Ordinary (Haydn, Heilig Messe (adapt.); Easter hymns for congregation and brass (arr. Herbolsheimer); Antiphon and Acclamations for the Procession of the Elect at the Easter Vigil (Proulx); Vidi aquam (Hurd); Haec dies quam fecit (Palestrina); "Easter" from Five Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams)

# Easter Sunday, April 20

### 8:00am MASS

Father David A. Brant, presider Father Michael G. Ryan, homilist



Joseph Adam, organ

"Andante Sostenuto" from Symphony No. 10 (Widor); "I know that my redeemer liveth" from Messiah (Handel); Congregational hymns and responses

### 10:00am MASS & 12 Noon MASS

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider and homilist (10:00am) Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, presider and homilist (Noon)

Cathedral Choir of St. James, Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Soloists, Joseph Adam, organ Carillon de Westminster (Vierne); Congregational hymns, chants, and responses; Mass Ordinary (Haydn Heilig Messe, adapt.); Easter Hymns for congregation and brass (arr. Herbolsheimer), Victimae pascahli laudes (chant); Vidi aquam (Hurd); "Worthy is the Lamb" and "Hallelujah" from Messiah (Handel); "Toccata in F" from Symphony No. 5 (Widor)

### 4:00pm SOLEMN VESPERS OF EASTER

Procession to the Baptismal Font with the Newly Baptized Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Father Michael G. Ryan, presider

> Women of St. James Schola, Dr. Clint Kraus, Organ Congregational hymns, chants, and responses; Easter Antiphons (Stratman)

## 5:30pm EVENING MASS OF EASTER SUNDAY

Father Michael G. Ryan, presider and homilist

Women of St. James Schola, Cathedral Cantors, Dr. Clint Kraus, organ

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 (Bach); Congregational Hymns and Responses; the great Magnificat Antiphon for Easter, Haec Dies, Linda Strandberg, cantor; Easter Antiphons (Stratman)

# Octave of Easter

Monday, April 21 through Saturday, April 26 Masses at 8:15am and 5:30pm; Midday Prayer at 12:10pm. Saturday, April 6, Mass at 8:15am. All daily Masses during the Octave of Easter will be celebrated with music. Cathedral cantors and organists will support the assembly's prayer with traditional chants, hymns, and acclamations for Easter Week.

# Holy Things, Holy People

Exploring Catholic history in the Northwest through treasures from the past

### PART 7: THURIBLE OF FATHER CHIROUSE

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ne of the treasures of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Seattle is the thurible of Father Eugene Casimir Chirouse, OMI, a missionary priest who was among the first to minister to the Yakima, Tulalip, and Lummi peoples, earning the title "apostle of Puget Sound." The thurible is made out of a tin can, some rope, and wood, in places blackened with much use. The thurible is a tangible witness to the ingenuity—and the poverty—of Father Chirouse and the Native peoples among whom he lived and worked.

Chirouse was born near Lyons, France in 1821. His mother died

on the day he was born, and he was raised by a grandmother. As a boy, he read an article by Bishop Rosati of St. Louis, describing how a delegation of four Indians from the west came to him asking for priests. Two of them died before reaching him, and the others never made it home again. This story made a profound impression on the boy. In 1844, at the age of 23, he took perpetual vows as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, a new missionary order established by the saintly Eugene de Mazenod.

Chirouse, along with his fellow Oblate Charles Pandosy, accompanied Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet to Walla Walla in 1847. They were ordained to the priesthood in the tense days following the Whitman massacre. There was no cathedral in which to celebrate the rite, so they were ordained in the room that served them as dining room, dormitory, and parlor. Chirouse had to borrow a long nightgown from an officer at Fort Walla Walla to supply the place of an alb for his ordination! Within a few hours, he was on the road, bound for his first mission among the Yakama Indians.

An early biography gives us a vivid picture of the young missionary: "Father Chirouse was small in stature, but robust and well built.... He was known to be a man of considerable strength, but this was tempered by his kindness. The kind expression of his brown eyes and the charm in his smile were the marks of his most pleasing personality."

Writing back home to his religious superiors in France in 1851, Father Chirouse described a typical day at the Yakama mission: "At five in the morning I call them with the blast of my oxhorn which takes the place of a bell... and everyone comes promptly to prayer. Next I go over the Catechism at this time, but only for half an hour in order not to fatigue them too much. They leave after this for an hour, and then return to assist at Mass. At noon, the oxhorn reminds them all to recite the Angelus. About two o'clock, instruction for all who desire to receive Baptism. At six, a detailed explanation of the Catechism lesson recited in the morning; then a class of Scripture reading for the children, some hymns, and night prayers, after which each retires.... After my frugal supper I play some tunes on my accordion to keep up my spirit, prepare my



Father Chirouse made this thurible out of a tin can, and used it in celebrations of the liturgy at the Lummi and Tulalip missions. Courtesy of the Archives of the Archives of Seattle.

meditation, examine my conscience, and take my rest in the peace of the Lord."

Chirouse's capacity for work was phenomenal. When told to rest, he replied: "I must do my work." When encouraged to ask for an easier assignment among the whites, he would say, "The Indians need me; the whites do not. This is my life; I wish to die among the Indians." Chirouse was devastated when the Yakama Indian War forced him away from his first mission: "All of the country is on fire," he wrote. "One only hears of battles, murders, plundering, burnings... For fifteen days I have not slept.... Pray for us."

In 1856, Chirouse headed west, to take up ministry in the more peaceful region of Puget Sound. Here he would remain for more than twenty years, ministering to the Snohomish, Lummi, and Muckleshoot tribes, among others. Fascinated by languages, Chirouse learned to speak the dialect of each tribe among whom he ministered. He translated the psalms, the catechism, and various hymns, and preached and taught the people in their native languages. He authored the first grammar and dictionary of the Salish language.

As a missionary, Chirouse was phenomenally effective. In just one month—May, 1859—he baptized four hundred people and convinced 2,000 more to commit themselves to a new way of life without gambling, fighting, or killing. His secret, according to an early biographer, was his close identification with the people he served: "When he went to his mission he went to it body, mind, and spirit, and lived the life of his people with his people. If they lived on fish, he lived on fish." Chirouse shared their poverty, and served not only as spiritual guide, but as teacher and doctor. During an 1863 smallpox epidemic which decimated the tribes up and down Puget Sound, Father Chirouse vaccinated several thousand people, saving many lives. No wonder it was said that on the Tulalip Reservation, time was measured as "before Father Chirouse came," and "after Father Chirouse came."

When Father Chirouse was reassigned to British Columbia in 1878, thirty Native American elders wrote to Bishop Blanchet begging him not to take the priest away from them. "We hear that you are going to remove our beloved Father Chirouse that what makes us very sorry and feel bad because we call him he is our beloved father and best protector for that reason we all wishing your kindness to let our beloved father stay long with us till he saves the souls he want save." The elders later appealed to the superior of the Oblates and to Pope Pius IX, but without success. Father Chirouse left Puget Sound for Canada. The beloved missionary made many return visits to the Lummi and Tulalip missions before his death at St. Mary Mission in Westminster, BC, in 1892.

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